FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Academy Families,
Welcome to the 2015-2016 School Year...and to your weekly reception of The Knightly News! Please take the time to read through this newsletter (when you find time) since this is now our primary method of communication. We will deliver the news for academics, the arts, athletics, and all events through The Knightly News. I think we can agree we'd all appreciate a few less emails in our inboxes. With that in mind, we'll do our best to make The Knightly News a one-stop-shop for information. Please click here for more information.

MIDDLE & UPPER FORM ENRICHMENT

Students in grades 4 - 8 received their enrichment course paperwork today. During assembly this week, all of the students listened to Dr. Scott explain the enrichment course program options and expectations for their role in their own enrollment. Students in grades 4-8 choose one 38 minute elective each cycle day. Forms are due Monday. Students must deliver forms to the Registrar. Classes are held from 10:00-10:38am everyday and will begin September 21st.

S.E.A STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The S.E.A Student Council election process is under way. During Tuesday’s assembly, students heard about the offices that are available and what grade levels can run for each position. There are six student government offices available to students in grades 6-8. During Friday’s enrichment period, interested students met with Mr. Reichert to discuss, in detail, the role of the student council. In the coming weeks, students will give speeches, campaign then elect the 2015-16 SEA Student Council members. Please keep in mind the following dates as they
pertain to the election process. **September 11th** (*SEA Constitutions distributed*), **September 14th** (*Signed Constitutions due to Mr. Reichert, Introduction of roles to student body*) **September 18th** (*Speeches due to Mr. Reichert for approval*) **September 21st** (*Candidate Speeches during Monday meeting*) **September 28th** (*Election Day*)

**FALL 2015 LANCER ATHLETICS**

Saint Edmond's Academy has always been known for our amazing athletics programs. Fall Sports include Cross Country, Varsity Soccer, Junior Varsity Soccer and 3rd & 4th Grade Soccer. Click [here](#) to see which events you can attend in support of your favorite Lancer athlete. Also, please note that *Instructional Soccer Starts* today (9/11) and will continue on 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, and 10/16 from 3:20-4:20pm. Please contact our Athletic Director, Ryan Holsten '93 for info.

**NEW PARENT SOCIAL EVENT**

Please join us for a *New Parent Social* to be held on Tuesday, September 15th from 6-7pm (new Lower Form families) - or - Wednesday, September 16th, 6-7pm (new Middle |Upper Form families) Each night's social will precede *Meet the Teacher* Night, immediately following at 7pm. Hors d'Oeuvres and beverages will be served in the Academy Cafeteria in Andre Hall.

**FROM THE PARENTS' GUILD**

This year the Parents' Guild will continue to help with Uniform Resale, Academy dances, Basketball Tournaments, Bunco Night, Mother’s Day Mass, and many other school events. They will hold just one fundraiser during the 2015-2016 school year. The details of which will announced soon. Meetings take place in the *Thomas P. Sweeney Library* at 7:00pm. All are invited to attend meetings. The first meeting for the 2015-2016 school year will be on 10/8. This year's officers are *Vince Dills* (President), *Marianne Horgan* (Vice President), *Mercedes Migliore* (Treasurer), *Meghan Ebeid* (Secretary). They look forward to your willingness to volunteer for one event or even a few hours. Please stay tuned to learn how you can contribute your time or talent!

**LETTER DAYS**

- **Monday, 9/14** 'e'
- **Tuesday, 9/15** 'f'
- **Wednesday, 9/16** 'a'
- **Thursday, 9/17** 'b'
- **Friday, 9/18** 'c'

**HIGH SCHOOL TEST PREP**

Attention: Parents of students in Grade 8, be on the lookout today for a letter which outlines the details of a practice exam being held here this month.

**USERGUIDES**

Click [here](#) to access the portal userguide we provided on Book Day. This PDF will be helpful to both returning and new families. *Reach out* with any questions!

**LUNCH MENU**

**MONDAY, 9/14:**
- Nuggets ($3.25)
- Rice ($1.25)

**TUESDAY, 9/15:**
Please mark your calendars for the annual S.E.A Grandparents’ Day! Your son’s grandparents (or other special guests) will be invited to join us for as much fun as they can comfortably manage. We’ll have refreshments at 9am registration, a prayer service, student performances, classroom visits, school tours, and a scrumptious lunch for adults (while kids play and eat in their rooms). The day will culminate with a raucous student tug-of-war; the only thing adults are expected to do is Cheer! If you are new to the Academy, or if guests you would like to have invited need contact information updated, please click here. Invitations are due to go out on 9/15. Thanks for your help in making sure the people your son wants to see at the Academy on Grandparents’ Day 2015 are on the mailing list.

EXTENDED DAY OPPORTUNITIES

Families who use the Academy’s Extended Day program know how much the students love spending time there. This year, Extended Day Coordinator, Joe Cincotta, has added even more to love. Please click here to visit the Extended Day webpage to check out all of the new enrichment offerings. Even if your son currently uses carline or bus, think ahead to Winter Sports. Several teams have a 5:30 practice. Students must be supervised after dismissal and before that practice. Check us out. Send questions to Joe.

CAFETERIA HELP REQUESTED!

If you haven't yet signed up to help in the cafeteria, please do so. We need at least 3 volunteers for each day, and we’re asking all families to sign up for at least one day! As of right now, we specifically need 2 parent or grandparent volunteers on Friday, 9/25, 1 on Thursday, 10/1 and 2 volunteers on Friday, 10/2.

French Fries ($1.50)

**WEDNESDAY, 9/16:**
Ravioli ($3.50)

**THURSDAY, 9/17:**
Italian Sub w/ Chips ($3.50)

**FRIDAY, 9/18:**
Pizza ($2.00) ($2.25)

EXTRA HELP

Stay tuned for the list of teachers offering 'extra help' at no cost after school.

DIRECTORIES

Did you know you can search for a student's or parent's contact info once you're logged into 'MY SEA'?

SCHOOL DANCE

There will be a Dance at Saint Ann’s School from 7-10pm on 9/12. It is open to students in grades 6, 7 & 8. The cost is $10 per student.