

May 14, 2012

School Notes 🎵

Ascension Thursday Mass- Students will attend Ascension Thursday mass this week at 9:15a.m. The students in 6A have planned the mass. We encourage families to attend. Students should be in formal attire unless it is gym day.

Sign Language Club- ASL Club meets on Tuesday at 8:15a.m.

Tuition Deposits Due- As a reminder your 2012-13 tuition deposit is due May 15th. If your balance from 2011-12 wasn't paid in full, you didn't receive a bill and we cannot reserve your child's seat.

Running Club- Students in grades 4-8 will meet today until 4:30p.m. pick up is at SMS gym today. Grades 1-3 will meet on Friday until 4:30p.m.

Math Club- Math Club for grades 1-2 runs in 3A at 8:15a.m. on Thursday and Friday. Please arrive on time on the day you signed up for.

Basement Update- We signed a contract and are ready to begin construction of our Fine Arts Center in June. We are still looking for 100% participation from ALL families and would love to continue receiving pledges. Please consider making a prayerful and thoughtful two year pledge if you have not already done so. No amount is too small (or too large!).

Last Day of School- As a reminder, the last day of school for grades 1-7 is June 15th. We'll dismiss immediately following the 10:30a.m. Mass. Ext. Day after school is NOT available as it closes June 14th. Please make arrangements for your child.

End of Year BBQ- Don't forget to return your end of year BBQ RSVP and \$5.00 per family. Bouncy houses, face paint, dinner, a DJ and more! June 8th 5:30p.m.-7p.m.

2012-13 School Calendar- Students in K-8 will start back to school on Aug. 28th next year!

Field Trips-Grade 4 is on a field trip today to the N.E. Aquarium. Grade 6 travels to the Museum of Fine Arts on Wednesday, Grade 7 attends an orchestral concert on Thursday in Littleton and Grade 5 attends a walking tour of Boston on Friday. Students need official permission slips to attend. Many thanks to the generosity of the PTO. They paid for the bus expenses for all of these trips.

Grade 6-8 Dance- Students in grade 6-8 at SMS are invited to a spring dance on Friday, May 18th from 7-9:30p.m. Admission is \$5.00 and a canned good item for St. Vincent DePaul. Permission slips will go home this week.

Uniform Fittings for 2012-13- Representatives from the uniform company, JB Edward, will be in school on Thursday from 11a.m.-2p.m. to do uniform fittings. Parents are welcome to come to school to order for next year. We would be happy to get your child out of class to be fitted. There are no changes in uniform for next year. Students will still be required to wear formal attire from Nov. 1- March 31 and can wear informal attire during the other times of the year.

Food Drive- We are helping St. Vincent DePaul fill their pantry shelves for the summer. We'll collect through May 23rd. **Nursery & Pre-Kindergarten-** Baked beans, stuffing, bread crumbs or canned fruits,

Kindergarten- Canned meats, hams, hash, stews, canned vegetables, cereal, **Grade 1-** Condiments, ketchup, mustard, mayo, bar soap, toothpaste, **Grade 2-** Crackers, Tea, Coffee, **Grade 3-** Fruit juices, spaghetti sauces, Spaghettios, ravioli, **Grade 4-** Jams, jelly, rice, salad dressing, **Grade 5-** Macaroni & cheese, mashed potatoes, scalloped potatoes, **Grade 6-** Muffin mixes, pancake mixes, syrup, **Grade 7-** Pasta, sauce, tuna fish, **Grade 8-** Peanut butter, soups.

Protecting God's Children-The last PGC classes for this year are **Thursday, May 17 and Tuesday June 6, at 6:30 at the Parish Hall.** Register at Donna.Obrien@saintmichael.com. If you are hoping to attend a field trip, chaperone Cedarland, helping the classrooms, this is your last chance this year.

U Matter -We hope all the SMS Mom's had a Happy Mother's Day! Y-O-U MATTER so much and what you do for your families each and every day MATTERS!!!

U Matter Minute -The U Matter Minute will not run this week.

Thanks from NJHS – Thank you to all participants who took part in our Talent Show on Friday. Everyone was amazing, entertaining, and very talented! It was a fun night for the audience because of you. Thank you for your support! We hope you had fun too. Great job everyone!

PTO Notes 🎵

Thank you - to everyone who attended the Ladies Breakfast Buddies. A big thank you to the snack committee for our goodies, and to Nina Gaffny from Fisichelli's bakery who donated the bagels and muffins. And no event would ever be complete without the help of our wonderful volunteers and PTO chairs...THANK YOU! -Cheri and Leah :)

Thank you - to Karen Serafino for organizing another successful Fuddrucker's Night. We would also like to extend our thanks to everyone who stopped by Fuddrucker's for dinner to help support our school.

Thankyou – to Cheri Grassi and Leah Surette for organizing Breakfast Buddies for Girls this past Thursday. It was a tremendous success!

Thank you for the great response last week for Co-Chairs for next year's events. We are still looking for Co-Chairs for the following events: Boys Night Out, Breakfast Buddies Boys Edition, and Community Fundraisers. We are also looking for people to assist with Solicitation. These events can't happen without Co-Chairs! Please consider signing up to help with a friend. If you have any questions or are interested in the event, please contact Danielle Wolf at daniellew-29@comcast.net. Thank you!!

2012-2013 STUDENT DIRECTORY- The SMS Student Directory is compiled each summer by the PTO. To make this task easier, please take a moment to review your information in the current Student Directory which is available on the school website in the Parent Portal. Next year, in an effort to simplify our directory, we will only include two phone numbers and one e-mail address for each family. This applies to the STUDENT DIRECTORY ONLY. E-mail sent from the school via School Reach will still be sent to multiple family members. Please e-mail Danielle Wolf at daniellew-29@comcast.net with additions, changes, or questions. Thank you for your help!

Community Notes 🎵

3-Day Walk -Kathy Bodenrader, mother of Riley (Grade 3), Chace (K), Cameron (Pre-K) and Ryan (only 16 months) will be walking in Boston's Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk at the end of July. She must raise \$2,300 to enter the walk. If you would like to support her, please send a donation via backpack to Riley Bodenrader (Mrs. Quimby's class). Checks can be made directly to Susan G. Komen. Thank you so much for your support.

Catholic High School Admissions: A Road Map For Success - will be presented Wednesday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Presentation of Mary Academy in Methuen. Current 6th and 7th grade parents and students are invited to attend a workshop outlining the Catholic High School Admissions process. Topics will include: Open Houses, Shadow Days, Placement Exams, Scholarships and more! Please RSVP by May 24 to Director of Admissions, Jane Danahy Foss by emailing jdanahyfoss@pmamethuen.org or by calling 978-682-9391 x 108. Please be sure to leave your name, your child's name, grade and school as well as the best way to reach you. We look forward to meeting you!

Hot Lunch Menu

Monday May 14:French toast sticks, sausage, fruit

Tuesday May 15: Pasta/sauce, carrots

Wednesday May 16: Pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, broccoli

Thursday May 17: Chicken breast nuggets, potato puffs, green beans

Friday May 18: Sal's pizza, garden salad, pretzels

Trumpet Submissions - Email theresapeterson@comcast.net by Saturday evening.