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Weekly Newsletter

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Thought for the week: "I think one of the unique aspects of Catholic school education is the opportunity to care for the material and intellectual needs of the child in a community atmosphere."

~Mark Foley

This Week in Review:

- We've had a great Catholic Schools Week! The children enjoyed the many activities, including ice cream treats
 and no homework on Monday, our Tuesday 100th Day Celebration with excitement as names were drawn for
 prizes every 100 minutes, Open House on Wednesday, our volleyball game of colorful 8th graders in their neon
 shirts and tutus vs. teachers in their contrasting black on Thursday, and our House Dance Competition on Friday.
- Thanks to our fabulous **PTO** for hosting our school's Open House on Wednesday! We had many families visit, and we now continue to receive daily inquiries for next school year.
- We enjoyed a delightful performance by our Grades 4-8 house members and Grades K-3 representatives during our House Dance Competition. The older students spent many hours choreographing and practicing their dances, a major undertaking involving creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving. Our younger students researched and presented information about items from the 1950's when our school first opened. The dance performances were judged with the following results: 5th Place—Theresa, 4th Place—Anastasia, 3rd Place—Esther, 2nd Place—Aquinas, 1st Place—Sebastian. We are glad that so many of our families could attend and see the fantastic work of our students!
- Thank you for taking the time to register your children for the 2017-18 school year! Students will enjoy their Free Dress Fridays for the month of February, and the enrollment information will be very beneficial as we budget for the new school year.
- The following students were recognized for January H.A.T. (Homework completion, perfect Attendance, and Tardy-free arrivals): Tarik C., Makenzie E., Ian F., Addison I., Emma L., Sarah R., Zachary S., AJ S., Sinclair F., Hank K., Charlie R., Anna W., Ryan W., Nelson C., Megan L., Tyler L., Elise M., Lucy P., Kate R., Michael R., Maddie S., Caiden S., Aidan W., Juliana W., Nadia L., Riley N., Anna O., Gaby S., Harper T., AJ Z., Frankie Y., Dia C., Sterling C., Corea M., Lilly P., Stella M., Zachary S., Reece C., Kaelyn D., Alaina L., Megan L., Grant G., Caroline D., Patrick L., Cedric S.
- S.T.A.R. STUDENTS: We are proud of all our S.T.A.R. ticket students! The following students were weekly winners: Finley C., Anna W., Alli R., Liam K., Tussa D., Corea M., Owen M., Nia G., Anthony M.

The Week Ahead:

Saturday-Sunday, 2/4-5 "Cheers to 60 Years" SLS Birthday Celebration after 4:30 pm and 10:00 am masses Monday, 2/6

- Reconciliation Service, Grades 6-8, 9:30
- Girl Scouts, 6:00-7:00

Tuesday, 2/7

- Yearbook Club, 3:15-4:15
- Quick Recall Practice, 3:15-4:15
- Daisy Scouts, 5:30-6:30
- Parish Council Meeting, Library, 6:00

Wednesday, 2/8

- 4-5 Quick Recall, 3:15
- Book Bee, 3:15-4:15

Thursday, 2/9

• Marketing Committee, 7:30-8:30 am

Friday, 2/10

• Ms. Natalie LFPL reads to PreK-K, Library, 9:30

Saturday, 2/11 Father-Daughter Dance, Cafeteria, 7:00-9:00 pm



Did you know??...Our students participate in the Wake2Walk/Rise2Run morning fitness program three days a week prior to the start of the school day. We average about 50-60 students each morning. For the month of January the following students attended all three mornings/week, averaging about 6 miles each for the month, and were treated to Fruit by the Foot for this accomplishment: Tarik C., Sarah R., Kaiden H., Hank K., Nelson C., Elise M., Nadia L., Cara M., Michael M., Harper T., Frankie Y., Dia C., Sterling C., Eliza D., Noah L., Cooper J., Stella M., Brooke M., Avery M.

SUPPORTING LIFELONG SCHOLARS

- Join us this weekend for our school's "Cheers to 60 Years" Birthday Celebration following the 4:30 pm and 10:00 masses on Saturday and Sunday! There will be appetizers and cupcakes on Saturday evening and a brunch on Sunday morning. Bring family, friends, and alums for food, fun, and a trip down memory lane! Tour the school and see what is happening now and our plans for the future.
- The PTO is hosting a "Father/Daughter Valentine's Dance" on Saturday, February 11th from 7:00-9:00 pm in the cafeteria. This event is free of charge for girls and their dads (or special adult male figure in their lives) to celebrate those relationships that are so important to our daughters. Please wear your Sunday best. There will be music, dancing, party games, door prizes, and a photo booth (for a nominal charge). Light refreshments will be served. The PTO needs volunteers to make this an extra special evening. Please sign up through Sign-up Genius at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044faba62caaf49-parent. Thank you!
- PTO is hosting a Skating Party at Champs Rollerdrome on Wednesday, February 15th from 5:30-8:00 pm.
- Please participate in our survey about the cafeteria options for the 2017-18 school year. The survey link is available in the email sent on Friday, February 3rd. Thank you!
- We will be administering new Catholic Identity Defining Characteristics and Program Effectiveness surveys through AdvancED for the weeks of February 27-March 10th. (The other AdvancED program surveys will be administered next year.) Parents, staff, elementary and middle school students will all be surveyed through individualized links. Please watch for the emails about the surveys the week of February 20th. Thanks!
- Conferences for the Second Trimester will be held on Thursday afternoon, February 16th and Friday morning, February 17th. Teachers will be contacting you with conference times. Please watch your email for this information and contact your child's teacher if you need to reschedule. All students must attend this conference with their parents. They will be marked absent on February 17th if they do not attend. There will be no school on Monday, February 20th.
- Please keep the 8th Grade students in your prayers as they make their final preparations for the sacrament of Confirmation during the 4:30 mass on Saturday, February 18th. Archbishop Kurtz will be conferring the sacrament.
- The following students represented their classes in the School Spelling Bees last week: Kaiden H., Hank K., Nelson C., Megan L., Michael R., Harper T., Liam W., Kayla Y., Kari S., Layla S., Sterling C., Kandace G., Mattingly C., Luke P., Kaelyn D., Caroline N., Kobe B., Alexander W. Congratulations to our Grades 1-3 winners: 1st—Liam W. and 2nd—Harper T. and Kayla Y., and our Grades 4-8 winners: 1st—Kandace G., 2nd—Alexander W., and 3rd—Sterling C. Good luck to Kandace as she represents SLS in the Archdiocesan Spelling Bee next week!
- Good luck to **Grant C., Claudia R., Evan P., and Owen M.** as they compete in Governor's Cup Regional Middle School Competition at Johnson Middle School this weekend!
- Well done to our **7-8**th **Grade Girls and Boys Basketball Teams** who finished their seasons during tournament play last weekend. These students worked hard weekly to give their best as they competed throughout the season. Good luck to our **5-6**th **and 3-4**th **Grade Teams** as they head to tournaments this weekend!
- Best of luck to 8th Grade students Anthony M. and Ryan M. who will be competing in the Middle School State Wrestling Championships and the Youth State Wrestling Championships this weekend! Both boys compete for the Shamrock Wrestling Club. Anthony finished 3rd in his weight class while Ryan finished 4th in his weight class in the District and Regional Championships last month. Way to go, gentlemen!

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- Congratulations to 7th Grade student **Andrew R.** who competed in nine events of the 2017 Speedo Eastern Swim Classic Championship with the Lakeside Swim Team in Atlanta recently. Lakeside took 2nd Place among 14 teams from Colorado, Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Awesome!
- Remember that registration for the 2017-18 school year is open through the online enrollment portal at https://app.sycamoreschool.com/admissions/index.php?schoolid=2494. (Please see the January 13th email for more information.) The \$50/per student non-refundable registration fee is payable through Sycamore's Pay lunction.
- Application for Tuition Assistance for K-8th Grade through the Catholic Education Foundation, Jochum Foundation, School Choice, the Archdiocese and Parish, Ulmer Foundation, and Community Catholic Center is now open online at https://online.factsmgt.com/aid. The Jochum Scholarship has an additional paper application which can be downloaded here. Applications must be submitted online completely by March 15th. Parents will be notified of award amounts by June 1st. Please see the email sent on January 13th. Call the school/parish office with questions about tuition assistance.
- The following former SLS students have been named to their High School Honor Roll for the First Semester:
 <u>Presentation Academy</u>: Cassie Jones, Marissa Lieras
 <u>Trinity High School</u>: Carl Grief, Zachary Root, Ephraim Stampley, Max Farmer, Trevor Ford, Dylan Lasley, Max Lyle, Campbell Coorssen, Jackson Ising, Skyler Jordan

SAFETY PATROL DUTIES

Week of February 6th

AM

Carpool Assist:

Anna G.

Lucy R.

Flag and Cones

Kaelyn D.

Jack L.

<u>PM</u>

Flag and Cones:

Cooper J.

Vince P.

February/March Calendar of Events

Feb 4-5 Cheers to 60 Years! Birthday Celebration

Feb 11 Father/Daughter Valentine's Dance

Feb 14 3rd Grade Prayer Partners

Feb 15 PTO Skating Party

Feb 16 1:00 Dismissal

Feb 16 4th Grade to Mt. Holly Nursing Home Feb 16 Trimester 2 Conferences—Beginning

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Feb 18 Confirmation—4:30 Mass

Feb 20 Presidents' Day-No School

Feb 22 First Eucharist Parent Meeting

Feb 27 SAC Meeting

Feb 28 NO School Mass

Mar 1 Ash Wednesday, 8:30 am School Mass

Mar 2 8th Grade to Dare to Care

Mar 6-17 Terra Nova Testing, Grades 3,5,7 Mar 10 LCM Mobile Museum, Grades PreK-5th



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