

Fall 2016

Grandparents' Club



LEDGERGRAM

FROM THE GRANDPARENTS' CLUB

CLUB UPDATES

Our Grandparents Club has been very active this year. To begin the year, we organized the Uniform Exchange which will be an annual activity before the start of the school year; hosted the annual Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner; and are assisting the faculty on the second Wednesday of each month at 9 am as GrandAides. To become a member, go to [Grandparents Club Volunteer form \(click here\)](#) or go to the SMSA website at www.smsacademy.org and visit the Grandparents **Club** page. Want more information? Contact Elaine Rebek (emrebek@hotmail.com). **NOTE:** Please join us at the next meeting on Wednesday, October 19 9 am, in the Lauby Room at our beautiful St. Mary Springs Academy.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Grand Aides, October 12, November 9 and December 14 —meet after the 8:30 prayer service at the North Campus office. Projects are varied but could be tracing, cutting, collating materials for learning centers or bulletin boards.

WELCOME BACK SPAGHETTI DINNER

Over 300 SMSA families, staff and grandparents gathered at the Third Annual Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner at Holy Family Parish Hall on a lovely Wednesday evening in September. Coordinated by Terry and Nancy Judkins, a team of Grandparent Club volunteers served homemade spaghetti and meatballs, rolls with veggies, apple slices and delicious cookies baked by our grandparent volunteers. The tables were decorated with beautiful flowers in hand-painted Springs vases and festive fall gourds to enhance the dining experience. High school student volunteers assisted guests and entertained the children outside while parents and grandparents socialized.

“Nancy and I are overwhelmed by the support of the grandparents and we all feel the gratification of those who attended our dinner,” said Terry Judkins, chairperson of the dinner. This was a successful event and the Grandparents Club is looking forward to a bigger event next year!

Grandparent's Prayer

Heavenly Father, the gift of being a grandparent is so amazing, yet complex.

I pray for insight as I seek to discover my role in my grandchild's life. Guide me in offering advice when needed, yet refraining from inappropriate interference. Please shield this precious child from all harm and give the grace needed to handle times of illness, stress and challenges. Help me be a source of wisdom, comfort and strength.

May I pass on the faith, share the bond of family traditions and provide unconditional love. Amen.

SCRIP

Reduce your grandchildren's tuition and support SMSA--Become a Scrip user! It's EASY and costs nothing additional...AND now conveniently located at the new campus with easy access. Great for vacations and gifts as well as daily shopping expenses. Want more information? Contact Chris Gilles, Scrip Coordinator (920-322-8059 or cgilles@smsademy.org) or go to www.ShopwithScrip.com.

Here are two **easy** ways to raise funds for SMSA:

Box Tops for Education - Clip the UPC label from **hundreds** of products see list at <http://www.boxtops4education.com/learn/participating>. Our homes use/have many of these products. SMSA earns **10 cents** for each. They add up fast so please check and clip!

Labels for Education® - Clip the UPC and save the beverage/sauce caps from eligible products such as V8, Campbell's, BIC, etc. See list of par-

Calendar of Events

October 19, 9:00 am -- Grandparents Club meeting, Lauby Room, SMSA

November 1, 8-10 am -- All-System Mass, Holy Family Church

December 22, 8-10 am -- All-System Mass, Holy Family Church

HIGHLIGHTING BLAINE HECHIMOVICH

Greetings from the Department of Campus Ministry at SMSA! This is an exciting year for all involved with the Springs and, I would say, most especially for the possibilities that lie before us on our path to encountering Jesus Christ in a real and personal way. Jesus Christ is present at St. Mary's Springs Academy. Truly. In the brand new Chapel of St. Mary: Our Lady of the Ledge, resides Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of God himself is present in our tabernacle and accessible to students, staff, faculty, and the community. How Blessed are we?!?! Indeed the Holy Spirit has been at work over the years to bring this blessed reality to fruition.

And so, the first focus of Campus Ministry has been to bring the students of SMSA into this direct encounter with the True Christ as often as possible. Schedules have been created for classes to attend masses and devotionals on a regular basis in our Chapel. P3-2nd grade have weekly prayer services that feature religious music and the Liturgy of the Word. 3rd-8th grade attend mass as classes on a rotating basis. We will also be continuing with our All-System Masses that take place at Holy Family Church, the next one of which will be happening on November 1.

The Holy Mass is the "source and the summit" of our Catholic faith! The benefits and graces that are bestowed upon each of us at the Mass is immeasurable. This is why the intentionality for the reverence of the Mass has been placed at the forefront of the direction and focus of the SMSA Campus Ministry department.

Our Catholic faith and Tradition is unparalleled in depth and beauty. To further aid our students in discovering this reality we are providing opportunities to engage in Catholic devotions on the weeks in which they will not be attending mass. The devotions are the Holy Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Sainly Devotions, and Adoration to just name a few. The focus is to provide our students with experiential opportunities to participate in all that the Church and Jesus Christ has to offer. We are off and running for this year and we could use your support. First and foremost, please pray for us! Secondly, please pray for us! Thirdly, please pray for us! This may seem like it is in jest, but quite to the contrary I feel that strongly about the power of your prayers to request it three times! A lot of what is needed at SMSA is conversion of heart, and that is something that only the Holy Spirit can accomplish. In this hope and faith in our just requests, I ask you three times to pray for SMSA as that will be the most impactful help any of us could possibly offer.

On a more practical note, I am requesting help with cleaning the Chapel and sacristan duties. There are certain aspects of the regular schedule of the chapel that need to be regularly up-kept. Many of these tasks are simple and I would welcome as many volunteers as are willing to assist in keeping our worship space looking pristine and worthy of our Lord. Please let me know, bhechimovich@smsacademy.org, if you are interested in assisting in these ways and I will reach out to you personally to coordinate.

It is quite obvious to me how valuable your generation is when it comes to supporting Catholic Education. Thank you. Please feel free to reach out personally to me for anything. I am happy to be a resource for anyone who desires. I look forward to speaking with those who are interested in donating their time, and I again thank you for all each of you have done for SMSA. Blaine Hechimovich, SMSA Director of Campus Ministry