



LEDGERGRAM

FROM THE GRANDPARENTS CLUB



MEMBERS OF THE GRANDPARENTS CLUB MEET WITH SMSA PRINCIPAL JULIE SHIVELY (FRONT ROW—RIGHT— SEATED NEXT TO ELAINE REBEK, PRESIDENT OF THE GRANDPARENTS CLUB)

MESSAGE FROM ELAINE REBEK: CLUB PRESIDENT

Greetings, Grandparents Club members:

The 2017-18 School Year will be starting soon and already our Grandparents Club is active. Plans are underway for our Annual Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner (Ledgergram, p. 2), and we coordinated a successful Uniform Exchange where over 1,000 items of clothing were distributed to many SMSA families! Just a reminder to you that you can be as active (or silently active) as you wish—keep connected to see what might interest you, and meet your time commitments. We meet as a club only six (6) times a year, but I regularly communicate with you about opportunities to become involved or with special requests.

We have many opportunities for your participation: The GrandAides meet monthly when teachers have submitted requests for help with those tasks like assembling projects or cutting laminated materials for classroom use. We need cookie bakers to treat the faculty and staff throughout the year, and there are occasional unmet needs for a student—our e-Angels get notified and anonymously provide whatever is needed. Be an occasional volunteer at some of the school events; assist in your grandchild's classroom (SEE Training* is required) and, of course, help with our "Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner".

We realize that some of you are still in the workforce and may not be available for participation in daytime activities, but we are grateful for ALL of our members and appreciate any time, talent or resources you can provide. We'd like to see our membership contact list grow. If you know of anyone who would like to become a member of our group, please contact me, emrebek@hotmail.com. Thank you for your interest and commitment to our St. Mary's Springs Academy. Blessings to you!

*(NOTE: Safe Environment Education Training (SEE) must be completed to be involved directly with children. This training is provided periodically through the Milwaukee Archdiocese and notice is shared with Grandparents Club members).

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.

Support our Academy

Here are three **easy** ways for our Grandparents Club members to raise needed funds for SMSA:

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.

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

Milk Moola - Save milk bottle caps with the official Milk Moola symbol, or bag tops with the official Milk Moola symbol from Kwik Trip to earn \$\$ for Springs. You can drop off milk caps and BOX TOPS at the Scrip office or send them to school with students.

Calendar of Events

Friday, September 8, 8:45-10 am, Holy Family. All System Mass

Wednesday, October 4, 8:45-10 am, Holy Family. All System Mass

Wednesday, October 18, **Grandparents Club meeting**, Lauby Lounge in the high school

Wednesday, November 1, 8:45-10 am, Holy Family. All System Mass

Friday, December 8, 8:45-10 am, Holy Family. All System Mass

Save the Date!



Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Sponsored by Grandparents Club

EASY WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

The SMSA Grandparents Club invites you to share dinner with other SMSA families and supporters. This *Fourth Annual Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner* will be even bigger and better! RELAX and ENJOY the start of the school year by renewing and making new friendships at Holy Family Parish Hall from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm on Wednesday, September 20. This grandparent event has lots of volunteer opportunities--contact Nancy and Terry Judkins (920-266-8078 or terrynancyjudkins@gmail.com) for more info on how to be involved.

Menu: homemade spaghetti, meat balls, Italian Rolls, fresh vegetables, desserts and beverages. **Tickets:** [\\$5 for adults and Grades 9-12](#), [\\$2 for Grades K-9; kids 4K and younger are free](#)---**MAXIMUM FAMILY TICKET IS \$20!!!** Tickets will be available at the new SMSA administration office. Pick them up at Scrip Office when you pick up your Scrip certificates or back by popular demand--**online** by emailing terrynancyjudkins@gmail.com with your order. Ticket confirmation reply will be sent for all requests. Pay at the registration table at the dinner.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED:

Cookies for the dessert table and veggie trays-- Contact Janet Coon, jcoon5024@charter.net

Decorations--Need fresh cut flowers for the table. Contact Nancy Judkins, terrynancyjudkins@gmail.com.

Set-up (need 5-10 people), clear tables throughout the dinner (need 6 people), clean up after the event (need 10 people). Contact Terry Judkins at terrynancyjudkins@gmail.com.

Mission and Purpose of SMSA Grandparents Club

Mission Statement:

The Grandparents Club of St. Mary's Springs Academy provides support and services to further the Mission of the Academy as a Catholic educational system. Grandparents serve as an additional support system in academic, spiritual, social and personal growth and development by involvement in the daily lives of children who attend St. Mary's Springs Academy.

Purpose:

The Grandparents Club, established in 2014, provides an opportunity for grandparents (or honorary grandparents), near or far, to be connected to SMSA school life. Grandparents can provide support by contributing their time, talents, and resources to benefit the children attending SMSA. Opportunities are available to help with events, in the classrooms or campuses, special projects and programs. We welcome all grandparents to stay informed and be involved as much as possible.

Committee Descriptions and Opportunities for Involvement

GRANDAIDES

GrandAides are grandparent volunteers who meet once a month from around 9:00 am to 11:00 am to help with projects that are submitted by the teachers. GrandAides concentrate on submitted projects for Grades PK3 to 5th grade. Projects range from copying, cutting and collating materials, making copies, sorting and filing daily worksheets.

Upcoming Dates: All Wednesdays--September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6.

You DO NOT need SEE training to be a GrandAide – More volunteers are needed and any help is greatly appreciated! For more information and to volunteer, contact Kate Flohr (kate6@charter.net).

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E-ANGELS

Our counselors and teachers see children who have some special circumstances and could benefit by random acts of kindness. Perhaps a child doesn't have boots or gloves, or a current backpack is falling apart or there is a special classroom supply needed by a student. When there are no other resources to meet this need...E-Angels anonymously donate the item for the child. How does it work? The staff member contacts our E-Angel coordinators (Sue Huck and Janet Coon) about the need. The coordinators send an email to those club members who have volunteered as E-Angels with the request. If someone can fulfill the request, a reply to all email lets all know the request will be handled. Then the requested item is delivered to the appropriate school office and with no other information, the child's need is met. Want to be an E-Angel? Contact Sue or Janet (dellahuck@charter.net or jcoon5024@charter.net).

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

At the beginning of the school year, the Grandparents Club, under the leadership of Mary Jaeger and Carol Hyland, coordinate the Uniform Exchange. In years past, this has been a great way for families to rotate those uniforms that have been outgrown. It's very easy and ALL families are encouraged to participate by donating uniforms and then come to the Exchange to get uniforms for your ever-growing children. Club members sort the uniforms to get them ready for the Exchange and then provide the workers to staff the Exchange event. To volunteer, contact Mary at (mjaeger1111@charter.net).