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Welcome to the Grandparents Club

How blessed we are to have grandparents involved with our precious SMSA children. We welcome the newly formed Grandparents Club and are excited about the involvement of this special group of people to help us promote the Mission of St. Mary's Springs Academy.

Here are the Mission and Purpose Statements for the 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 the academic, social, spiritual and personal growth and development by involvement in the daily lives of the children who attend St. Mary's Springs Academy.

Purpose Statement

The Grandparents Club, established in 2014, provides an opportunity for grandparents, near or far, to be connected to the SMSA school life. Grandparents and 'honorary 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.

Upcoming Events for Grandparents Invited

Liturgy Services

Lenten Services

- All System Ash Wednesday Mass -- Feb. 18, 9 am, Holy Family Church
- All System Lenten Mass April 1, 9 am, Holy Family Church

Campus prayer services and mass schedule -- go to www.smsacademy.org for the School Calendar.

Ledgerfest -- Ticket to Paradise. Saturday, March 21, Thelma Center for the Arts

Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner -- September 23, 2015

Middle School

- Middle School Musical March 27 and 28
- Spring Concert May 21
- 8th Grade Graduation May 29

High School

- Spring Musical March 6-8
- Spring Art Show Reception May 13
- Baccalaureate and Graduation May 31

Wanted—More Club Members

This is the inaugural year for the Grandparents Club. It is a great way to become more informed about the excellent education our grandchildren receive at SMSA. You can be as involved as your interest and time allow. Tell your friends and relatives about the Grandparents Club. We want others to be involved with SMSA as well. Share this newsletter with interested individuals. No grandchildren at SMSA? Want to be involved with SMSA? Great! We'd love to have others participate in the Club. There are children at SMSA who do not have grandparents in the area--you could be there for them. We can use additional hands with all our activities.

To become a member of the Grandparents Club, just go to <u>www.smsacademy.org</u>, and click on the link to the Grandparents Club to join. Want more information? Contact Sharon (sd53057@gmail.com) or Sherry (sholmes1030@gmail.com).

E-Angels at St. Joe's Campus

A team of "Angels" is being organized for the sole purpose of helping those children and families that are struggling with unmet needs. When a specific, immediate need arises (clothing, hygiene products, school supplies, etc.) and there is not an available resource within the school, the school counselor or principal will send out an email to the E-Angel team leaders (Sue Huck and Janet Coon). They will then forward the message to the "Angels." If someone on the team is able to meet that need, they 'reply to all' and then deliver the item to the school office. It is all anonymous--just a special way to help a child who has an unmet need.

If you would like to be a part of an E -Angel team, or for more information contact :

Sue (<u>dellahuck@charter.net</u>, 920-921-8352) or Janet (<u>jcoon5024@charter.net</u>, 920-921-5024).

Safe Environment Education

Interested in giving a hand to our teachers on a more regular basis? There are opportunities to use your talents by working with children individually or in small groups with reading and math and other areas. Everyone who has direct contact with our children must receive the Safe Environment Training provided by the Archdiocese. Below is a list of upcoming trainings. To register go to www.archmil.org/ <u>ArchdioceseEvents/Safe-Environment-Education</u>

March 3, 6-9 pm at St. Frances Cabrini, 1025 S 7th Ave, West Bend, WI 53095

March 23, 6-9 pm at St. Charles, 313 Circle Drive, Hartland, WI 53029

If interested in carpooling to trainings, contact Sharon Donovan (sd53057@gmail.com or 921-7731).

> Check us out Online! www.SMSAcademy.org

Volunteer Opportunities

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's. There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's Church for the Middle Education Campus students on Wednesday, March 4 and April 1. Volunteers are needed for 1-hour shifts beginning at 9 am until 2 pm on each of these days. Contact Chris McGalloway (cmcgalloway@smsacademy.org).

End of the Year Picnic at St. Joe's. Need volunteers to:

- Bake cookies (no peanuts or peanut butter) 2 dozen
- Help serve food and beverages

The picnic is scheduled for May. Contact Janet Coon (jcoon5024@charter.net, 921-5024) to volunteer.

Teacher Helpers. Want to aid a teacher who needs an extra pair of hands (*non-student contact*) to assist with all those non-teaching types of activities (e.g. put up bulletin boards, make copies, correct/record, prepare teaching aids), please let us know. A list of volunteers will be generated for quick reference when needed. Send your contact information and the campus you prefer to help (PE, ME or HS) to Sharon Donovan (sd53057@gmail.com).

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, September 23, 2015



WELCOME BACK SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sponsored by Grandparents Club

Win-Win Opportunity

Reduce your grandchildren's tuition and support SMSA--**Become a Scrip user**! A portion of the credit earned when you purchase Scrip for your everyday needs will be directly applied to your grandchildren's SMSA tuition, it can be used at any tuition-based college OR banked for future tuition. It also supports operating expenses of SMSA. It's EASY and costs nothing more.

Scrip is great for vacations and gifts as well as daily shopping expenses.

Want to see how it works? Quick example: Purchase \$100 for groceries and \$50 for gas each week for a year. That could mean as much as \$154.70 in tuition credit and \$287.30 to support SMSA. What is the cost to you? Just the \$150 per week—no added fees! Hundreds of local and national vendors participate -- see complete list at smsacademy.org/giving or shopwithscrip.com.

Want more information? Contact Chris Gilles, Scrip Coordinator (920-322-8059 or cgilles@smsademy.org).