



Message from Kelly Norton, SMSA President

Spring is a time of year to celebrate new beginnings. There is an energy you can feel since we celebrated the Easter Season, look toward the end of the academic year and the upcoming move to one campus this Fall. I am pleased to take this opportunity to let our grandparents know how thankful we are for your support and to share some of the good news at SMSA.

Catholic Schools Week was a huge success! Our students, faculty, staff and families prayed, played and celebrated our faith and blessings. We learn together and share our talents through service to others. Next year's celebration will be even more special with all grades together in one location with a projected enrollment of around 900 students.

Good News...construction is on schedule! The renovation of the second floor of the high school has begun and we are confident we will be fully operational by the start of the Fall Semester. Stay tuned for more details for the official ribbon cutting and school blessing in late August.

To keep up with all the exciting news of SMSA, please explore our website (www.smsacademy.org) and investigate everything our outstanding academy has to offer. God bless all of you!

April 13 and May 11 - Grand Aides meet at PE Campus at 9:00 a.m.

May 1 – Farewell to St. Joe and St. Mary Schools open house. More information to follow.

May 18 - Grandparents Club meeting, 9 am at the Administration Offices.

April 29 and 30 - Middle School Spring Musical

May 11 – High School Spring Concert from 7-9 pm at Sacred Heart Church

May 20 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. End-of-Year Liturgy for K-7, 8:30 am at Holy Family Church

May 20 – 8th Grade Graduation, 6 pm at Holy Family Church

May 22 - High School Baccalaureate and Graduation

Officers Election

Congratulations to the new officers for 2016-17: president – Elaine Rebek; past president – Sherry Holmes; secretaries – Janet Coon and Sharon Donovan; treasurer – Terry Judkins. Committee Chairs to coordinate our

Club's activities are: E-Angels – Sue Huck and Janet Coon; PTO Liaison – Carol Hyland; SMSA Administration and Booster Clubs – Kathy Schumacher; GrandAides – Kate Flohr;

Communications – Sharon Donovan and Sherry Holmes; Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner – Nancy and Terry Judkins. **NOTE:** Please join us at the next meeting on Wednesday, May 18.

More Club Members **WANTED**

Thank you to the grandparents and others who have joined as members. Your involvement has been much appreciated. We continue to look for grandparents and others who would be interested in being involved with SMSA. You can be as involved as your interest and time allow. No grandchildren at SMSA but willing to be involved? Great! We have students who don't have grandparents living in the area; you could be there for them! Please tell friends, relatives, and alums about our grandparent club and encourage them to join. To become a member, go to [Grandparents Club Volunteer form \(click here\)](#). Want more information? Contact Elaine Rebek (emrebek@hotmail.com).

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. 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).

Grandparent Volunteers in Action

Grandparents Club members continue to lend a hand in classroom, reading to classes on Dr. Suess Day, special events and monthly as GrandAides and sharing our faith at Blessed Sacrament adoration. (NOTE: Safe Environment Education Training (SEE) must be completed to be involved directly with children).

Members will be helping get our PE and ME campuses ready to move to the new combined campus. Volunteers are needed for the following tasks and dates: May 23, 24 and 25 – packing, labeling, cleaning out desks and drawers. Later in the summer months, additional help will be needed. To volunteer, please contact our Club coordinator, John Coon at jcoon5024@charter.net or 921-5024.

LedgerFest

This year's Ledgerfest will be held on April 9, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Winnebago Conference Center. This year's theme is **Opening New Doors**. Once again, the Grandparents' Club is creating a basket for the silent auction. This year's basket theme is "Let's Lift Your Spirit". For more information on LedgerFest go to: <http://www.smsacademy.org/Ledgerfest.cfm>.

Come and have a great time and socialize with SMSA!

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Grand Aides at PE campus. April 13 and May 11—meet after the 8:30 mass at the school office. Projects are varied but could be tracing, cutting, collating materials for learning centers or bulletin boards.

Moving Assistance, May 23-25. See above to volunteer.

Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner – planning committee. Contact Terry or Nancy Judkins to offer assistance (920-266-8078)

Spotlight on Club Committees

*To keep all our members informed about club activities, each edition will provide more details about our standing committees. The **Spotlight** in this edition is on 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 need for 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

Labels and Box Tops for Education

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/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!

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 participating products at www.labels4education.com SMSA earns points which are **redeemed for supplies and equipment**. You can drop off labels and BOX TOPS at the Scrip office or send them to school with students.

