



Message from Kelly Norton, SMSA President

Summer is busy as ever as we are just weeks away from opening our new school. The system is busy planning building and traffic schedules, finishing up the renovation/construction and finishing, installing playground equipment, and much more. A huge thank you to our grandparents for your continued support of our Catholic mission and your ongoing prayers as we prepare the final touches of our new school.

In recent weeks, we launched our final push to complete our \$26 million campaign. The Capstone Project, is centered around the beautification of our new sacred space, fondly named [The Chapel of St. Mary, Our Lady of the Ledge](#). To this end, we are thrilled to announce that SMSA has received a \$250,000 match grant from the Faith in our Future Trust - Excellence Fund. Gifts made to support the chapel between now and August 31, will be matched dollar for dollar by this incredible gift.

The system has successfully hired 16 new staff/faculty members for next year and is excited about the caliber of employees we are attracting to work for our system. We are in the midst of planning for a new system strategic plan that will be released this fall, that will outline the systems goals and action plans beginning with fall 2016.

There is certainly much to be excited for! We hope you will join us on Sunday, August 21 for our new campus open house--details will be forthcoming. Hope you are enjoying your summer!

Wednesday, August 17, 9:00 AM — Grandparents Club Meeting, Schumacher Room, Administration Offices (114 Amory Street)

Sunday, August 21 — Open House at the new SMSA Campus

Tuesday, September 6 — School Begins on New Campus

Wednesday, September 28 — Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner

EASY WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

The SMSA Grandparents invite you to share dinner with other SMSA families and supporters. This *Third Annual Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner* will be even bigger and better!

RELAX and ENJOY starting the school year by renewing and making new friendships at Holy Family Parish Hall from 5 pm to 7:30 pm on Wednesday, September 28. This grandparent event has lots

of volunteer opportunities --contact Nancy and Terry Judkins (920-266-8078), 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, \$3 for kids 5 and under will be available at the

new SMSA administration office, pick them up at Scrip Office when you pick up your Scrip certificates or NEW this year **online** by emailing terrynancyjudkins@gmail.com with your order. Ticket confirmation reply will be sent for all requests. Pay at the ticket table at the dinner.

HELP NEEDED for LedgerGram

To continue publishing this LedgerGram (4 times per year), we need someone who knows the Publisher software program. A BIG thanks to Blaine Hechimovich who has graciously designed the template for the newsletter and has been the desktop publisher; but, he has expanded duties and the Grandparents Club needs to assume this duty. The articles for the newsletter will be written by the Communication Committee members and provided in a Word Document ready to insert into the template. If you have this Publisher experience and could help, please contact Sharon Donovan for more information and to volunteer (sd53057@gmail.com).

Labels and Box Tops for Education

Box Tops for Education - Clip the UPC label from hundreds of products see list at [CLICK HERE](#) 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 [HERE](#). SMSA earns points which are redeemed for supplies and equipment. Drop off labels and BOX TOPS at the Scrip office or send them to school with students.

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) or go to www.ShopwithScrip.com.

Safe Environment Education

Everyone who has direct contact with our children (teacher aide, coaches, field trips, etc.) MUST receive the Safe Environment Training provided by the Archdiocese. There is an upcoming training at Holy Family on Wednesday, August 24, at 9 am. To register, go to the [Archdiocese Website](#). (Note: The Archdiocese Registration website is undergoing upgrades and may not be available; keep trying!) Consider sharing your talents and register for a training. You could help our teachers by working with children individually or in small groups, assist with coaching or add an extra set of eyes and hands on field trips—the options are many.

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 GrandAides.*

GrandAides are grandparent volunteers who meet once a month from around 9:00 to 11:00 to help with projects that are submitted by the teachers. Last year, the GrandAides concentrated on the projects for Grades PK3 to 2nd grade. A sample of projects were copying, cutting and collating sight words for 1st graders, making copies, sorting and filing daily worksheets.

With all grades in the new location, there could be more requests for assistance at all levels. 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).



SAVE THE DATE

Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner
Wednesday, September 28, 2016
Holy Family Parish Hall
Sponsored by Grandparents Club

Uniform Exchange

The Grandparents Club, under the leadership of Mary Jaeger and Carol Hyland, will coordinate the Uniform Exchange. In year's 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 – donate your uniforms and/or get those uniforms for your ever-growing children. To volunteer, contact Mary at (mjaeger1111@charter.net).

- Drop off your uniforms at the Administration Office, 114 Amory Street—July 18-21 and July 25-28, 8 am-3 pm
- Sorting of uniforms at Holy Family Parish Hall, Wednesday, August 3, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. (Continuing on August 4 from 8:00 am until after sale.) Need volunteers!
- Uniform Exchange, Thursday, August 4, 8 am-6:30 pm. **Need volunteers!**

Volunteer Opportunities

Lend your talents and time in support of the faculty and students at SMSA. There are opportunities which involve direct contact with the children and REQUIRE the Safe Environment Education Training (SEE) to be completed (see notice of training dates in this LedgerGram) such as reading to children, helping in the classroom or playground, chaperoning field trips, helping with sports or at school events.

But, there are opportunities which do not require the SEE Training like GrandAides (see Committee Spotlight), helping at the Munch with Santa, attending prayer services and school functions, shelving books in the library and many other opportunities that arise throughout the year. Please consider volunteering. There are opportunities both during the day and after school hours, as well as tasks you may be able to do at home. No deed is too small. Want more information? Contact Elaine Rebek (emrebek@hotmail.com).