

Winter



Grandparents' Club



# LEDGERGRAM

FROM THE GRANDPARENTS' CLUB

## MESSAGE FROM ERIN FLOOD SYSTEM PRINCIPAL



It is my pleasure to bring you some highlights of this outstanding year at SMSA. Though student-directed learning opportunities are not new to SMSA, with the new state-of-the-art technologies and facilities, curriculum has been greatly enhanced. Diverse options now allow students increased use and further exploration of interactive curricular software.

With the vision of continued excellence in academics, we have aligned K-8 with the STEM curriculum developed by Project Lead the Way. This philosophy involves students to think "outside of the box" by solving real world problems. Students are developing life-long skills as they engage in critical and creative thinking, and develop the ability to communicate and collaborate with their peers. In the next three years, programming of this nature will also be rolled out in the high school. The already rigorous curriculum will be enhanced through a hands-on approach to problem solving and peer work groups. All of these new curricular opportunities reinforce St. Mary's Springs Academy's commitment to serving a variety of learning styles and ability levels.

At the high school level, students can get a head start on college credits! Both high school and college credit in three subject areas can be earned by those students who are academically qualified and accepted by Marian University. And, through Moraine Park Technical College credits can be earned in computer science courses.

There has never been a better time to be a Ledger. As the System Principal, it is my personal commitment to never settle for mediocre, so that all who are associated with this institution can proudly say: We are St. Mary's Springs Academy!

### Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

GrandAides, February 1 (New Date), March 8 and April 12 —meet at 9:00 am at the North Campus office. Projects are varied but could be tracing, copying, cutting, collating materials for learning centers or bulletin boards. Contact Kate Flohr for more information ([kate6@charter.net](mailto:kate6@charter.net)).

Solo and Ensemble State Competition, February 25 and March 4 – SMSA will be hosting the State Competition. Many volunteers are needed—e.g., sit at the doors of classroom to keep the day running smoothly. Contact Bobbijo Amerling for details and/or volunteer (920-921-9610, Ext. 8062 or [bamerling@smsacademy.org](mailto:bamerling@smsacademy.org)).

Chapel Support. Help with the maintenance and care of the Chapel of St. Mary: Our Lady of the Ledge. Need volunteer(s) to wash/iron vestments and server albs (monthly). Contact Blaine Hechimovich for more information ([bhechimovich@smsacademy.org](mailto:bhechimovich@smsacademy.org)).

## 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](mailto:cgilles@smsademy.org)) or go to [www.ShopwithScrip.com](http://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/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

**February 1, 9-11 am – GrandAides, meet in North Office.**

**February 3, 8:45 am – Catholic Schools' Week Mass, Holy Family Church**

**March 8, 9-11 am – GrandAides, meet in North Office.**

**March 10-12 – High School Spring Musical, North FDL High School Theatre**

**March 15, 9:00 am -- Grandparents Club meeting, Lauby Room, SMSA**

**April 1, 5:30 pm – Ledgerfest, Holiday Inn Conference Center**

**April 12, 9-11 am – GrandAides, meet in North Office.**

## Highlighting the SMSA Performing Arts

The SMSA PPA (Parents for Performing Arts) is a volunteer booster club that supports all the various performing arts programs at the school. We help with the musicals, plays, 5-8 grade concerts, High School concerts, singing telegrams, solo/ensemble events, forensics etc. We have middle school and high school representatives on our board and are fortunate to have dedicated parents who attend the meetings to help with ideas and assistance. For more information, contact Bobbijo Amerling at [bamerling@smsacademy.org](mailto:bamerling@smsacademy.org).

Exciting upcoming events happening in the performing arts at SMSA are:

February 25 (vocal) & March 4 (band) – **District Solo and Ensemble Competition**. SMSA is hosting the district solo & ensemble event. This is a huge undertaking as many volunteers are needed to properly host an event like this. Up to 1000 people will be in attendance. This is a great opportunity for us to showcase our new school and performing arts program.

March 10-12 -- **High School Musical**, Phantom of the Opera

The **Middle School Musical** -- Pirates of Penzance Jr in May.

May 13 -- **High School Jazz Night**. High School vocal jazz and jazz bands showcase their talents

May 17 – **High School Spring Concert**

May 24 – **Grades 5-8 Spring Concert**



### **Club Officers 2017-18**

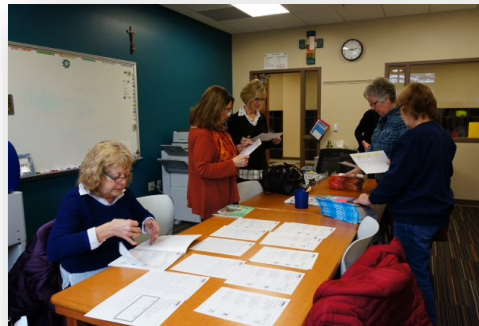
At the January meeting, the following were elected to serve as officers for the Grandparents Club: President, Elaine Rebek ([emrebek@hotmail.com](mailto:emrebek@hotmail.com)), Secretary, Janet Coon ([jcoon5024@charter.net](mailto:jcoon5024@charter.net)), Treasurer, Terry Judkins ([terrynancyjudkins@gmail.com](mailto:terrynancyjudkins@gmail.com)). Feel free to contact any of the officers for information on how the Grandparents Club supports the students, faculty and staff of St. Mary's Springs Academy.



Newly elected officers: (l to r) Terry Judkins, treasurer; Elaine Rebek, president; Janet Coon, secretary

### **Help Needed for GrandAides**

On the second Wednesday of each month (9-11 am) a group of grandparents gather to work on projects submitted by the teachers—projects are easy but the work is most appreciated by the teachers. The list of projects grows each month and we could use additional volunteers. You don't have to come every month nor come for the entire time—make it fit your schedule. Projects range from copying, cutting laminations and collating sight words for 1<sup>st</sup> graders, sorting and filing daily worksheets. You DO NOT need SEE training to be a GrandAide. For more information and to volunteer, contact Kate Flohr ([kate6@charter.net](mailto:kate6@charter.net)).



**GrandAides in Action**