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General News

- Looking for new SMSA logo wear? Look at the Ledger Sweat Sale to benefit the **Ireland Music Department fundraiser**. All proceeds will help offset the cost of the **Ireland trip** - from 03/10 – 03/16 2018 - for the Vocal jazz and Jazz band ensemble students! They will give two performances while visiting this enchanting isle. Click on the link to the web page below to see the products and get the order form!
 - <http://www.smsacademy.org/student-life.cfm>
 - See Styles Choices, fill out an order form for what you want, and get the order form & money to the North or South Office by Jan 3rd.
 - The sale ends: **January 3rd** and that is when \$ is due.
 - **Pick up is Thursday, Feb 1st in the cafeteria.**
- **From Rose Ahern: HELP US SAY “THANK YOU” TO OUR SMSA STAFF!**
 - A group of parents are planning the annual parent-sponsored “SMSA All Staff Christmas Gathering” as a way to thank and celebrate all of the wonderful people who care for our children. The event will include food & beverage and gifts for all who attend. Donating to this endeavor is completely optional, and all who do will be included on the invitation sent to staff before Christmas break. Please send a message to Rose Ahern at roseannahern@gmail.com if you would like to take part, and details will be forwarded.
- **Amazon Smile: You Shop. Amazon Gives!**
Shop for everyone on your gift list this holiday at smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1130623 and Amazon donates to St. Mary's Springs Academy. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to SMSA whenever you shop on AmazonSmile. Don't forget to use Scrip for those Amazon purchases too! Double up on the benefits to SMSA!
- SMSA participates in several “collection” fund raising programs. Please continue to collect Box Tops for Education and Milk caps and labels from Kwik Trip Milk (Milk Moola). We have also now joined the “Loaves 4 Learning Program” - clip UPCs from Country Hearth and Village Hearth products. All of these items may be dropped off at the North or South Hall Office or the Scrip Office. Please keep collecting as these small acts really do add up! Rewards are used to purchase supplies needed at SMSA.
- Link to **monthly [calendars](#)**

- For the **Athletics Calendar** please visit the URL below:
http://www.wisconsinflywayconference.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?G5genie=201&school_id=10

Scrip

- The Scrip office will be closed December 25th - January 1st. Regular Scrip hours will resume January 2nd.
- The last day to purchase special orders and receive them before Christmas break is December 18th. These orders will be ready for pick up on December 21st.

Special System Events

- Note the dates on the Calendar for the upcoming **Christmas Concerts**:
 - **K – 4th Grade presents “Miracle at Midnight” on Tuesday, December 19th** in the Hutter Gym. Performances at 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm and from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm.
 - **High School Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 20th** at Sacred Heart @ 7:00 pm.

Volunteer Information

- Christa Lewis is looking for families to help with Hutter gym clean up after the Christmas Program on Tuesday, Dec. 19th. Please see volunteer sign up at <http://signup.com/go/mUCaoiG>

School Nurse

- A friendly reminder as we have entered the colder temperatures that bring along unexpected illnesses. If a student develops a temperature of **100 degrees or above**, parents will be notified to promptly remove the child from school. Students should be **symptom free for 24 hours** without requiring medication for fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or other symptoms prior to returning to school. It is our goal to keep the school and students healthy through the peak illness season. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Katie Hellmer, RN at 920-322-3206 or khellmer@smacademy.org.

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Elementary News (P3 – Grade 5) & Childcare

Message from the Principal

Season Greetings Parents,

Students grades K-5 need to report to the lower playground behind school if they arrive before 7:45 am unless they are let inside due to weather conditions. This is for their safety because this is where the supervision is located. Thank you for helping keep your student(s) safe.

Our Early Childhood Christmas Program is December 19th from 8:15 - 8:50 in Baker gym. The K - 4th grade Christmas Program will be performed on December 19th at 12:45 pm and 6:30 pm in the Hutter gym. I hope to see you at these events as they add to your Advent season and help us prepare for Christmas.

God Bless,

Mr. Kelnhofer

Dear Families,

During the season of Advent we are mindful of our waiting for Jesus' birth. While we are anxiously waiting, we are also aware of the many ways in which we can prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus. The students have used their God-given gifts and talents to create original Christmas cards for Levi Schwantes and his family.

The K-5 students will be enjoying a movie, popcorn, and wearing pj's on Friday, December 22nd. The students can bring in their own 20 ounce or less drink from home. A free will donation of \$3.00 is appreciated. All the proceeds will go to help Levi and his family. All money needs to be turned in to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, December 22nd. If your family is unable to contribute at this time, your child will still be able to participate. Please read below to learn more about Levi.

Levi Schwantes, son of Karissa and Dan, was born with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome. This means that his left atrium and left ventricle are underdeveloped and blood cannot get pumped to his body correctly. Levi has had 2 of 3 open heart surgeries in his first three months of life to re-route the blood flow. He may need more surgeries during his life. He requires very extensive medication, around the clock care, feeding schedule, and many, many appointments at Children's Hospital.

Despite all Levi has been through, he is incredibly loving and happy. He melts the hearts of everybody he meets with his gigantic smile.

All free will donations will benefit Levi and go towards medical bills, living expenses for a one-income household, and a savings account for Levi for his future medical expenses that he will have during his lifetime.

Jill Staerzl

4th Grade Teacher

Upcoming Events

- A wonderful way to communicate your needs is by continuing to use the monthly calendar. Thank you for being active in this process during the first quarter of the school year.
- NHS students will be in after school care on Tuesdays and Thursdays to help with any homework students may have to complete.
- **The students in childcare love to be artistic. We are running low on art supplies such as markers, crayons, paints, paper and colored pencils. Any art supply donations would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!**

Job Positions/Child Care

- Part Time: St. Mary's Springs Academy is seeking individuals who desire an opportunity to work in a supervisory role with children 4 years old through 8th grade. Applicants must be flexible, willing to work as team members, to collaborate with colleagues, and they must complete the Safe Environment Education training. A part-time (10-15 hrs.) position requires availability from 3:30 p.m.-6 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.) most days. Qualified candidates should send a letter of interest, resume and completed application (<http://www.smsacademy.org/jobs.cfm>) to: SMSA, Attn: Steve Kelnhofer, 255 County Road K, Fond du Lac, WI 54937 or to cwiza@smsacademy.org.

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Middle School News

- **New Dress Code items for grades 6 – 12!** Students have expressed that they would like a warmer uniform option, for layering. Lands' End was unable to provide anything to our liking. In cooperation with Hoppers, two new items have been added to the approved MS/HS dress code. These items are NOW available for purchase at Hoppers and eventually at the SMSA Scrip office!
 - One item is a simple black fleece (\$30); the other is more of a jacket (\$55). Both items are full zip. These items may be worn with any of the collared SMSA dress code items.

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High School News

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- **SMSA Vocal Jazz sings the National Anthem for the Wisconsin Herd on December 16th @ 7 PM in the Menominee Nation Arena, Oshkosh, WI.**
- **High School Christmas Concert is on Wednesday, December 20th** at Sacred Heart @ 7:00 pm.

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High School Counseling Department

Upcoming Events/News

- The Counseling Office has received information about the Congress-Bundestag Vocational Youth Exchange Program. It's available to graduating seniors to spend a year in Germany living with a host family, participating in a school or training program, and getting hands-on work experience through an internship with a German company. More information is available in the Counseling Office.
- Upcoming **ACT test dates** are February 10, April 14, June 9 and July 14, 2018. Register at www.act.org. Find the college that's right for you.
- UW-Oshkosh is offering an **ACT Test Prep course** on Saturday mornings, Jan. 6th -Feb. 10th, 2018 from 9 a.m.-Noon. Cost is \$200. You may register and find out more information at uwosh.edu/go/actprep or call (920) 424-1129.

Job Opportunities

- Summit Automotive is seeking students for part time work. They are in need of 2 students to wash cars and do a lot work at their dealership. Most positions are filled by sophomore-senior high school students. The hours are generally M-F 4-8 and Saturdays 8-5. Please contact Chris Olig at 920-979-5472 or colig@summitauto.com if interested.

- Agnesian HealthCare has part time positions available to students. For more information please stop in the Counseling Office. Applications must be filled out online at www.agniesiancareers.com.
- The Girl Scouts of Manitou Council operate two camps: Camp Evelyn in Plymouth, WI and Camp Manitou in Two Rivers, WI. They are seeking to fill seasonal positions of Counselors and Kitchen Aides. Candidates must be female and 18 by summer, 2018. More information in the Counseling Office.

Scholarships

- Ab Nicholas Scholarship Foundation will be offering scholarships to boys and girls who are residents of Wisconsin, public and private high school students, Basketball program participants in their senior year and planning to attend a University of Wisconsin System school.
- Fond du Lac Area Insurance Association is offering a \$500 scholarship to a senior entering into college for a degree in **business**.
- Marine Credit Union is offering five-\$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors and his/her parents must be members in good standing of Marine Credit Union.
- The Wisconsin Professional Police Association is offering a scholarship to graduating seniors enrolling in a college or vocational/technical school in a course of study leading to a two-or four-year degree in police science, criminal justice, or a law enforcement-related field-which does not include law school.
- Aurora Health Center in Fond du Lac is offering a \$500 non-renewable scholarship to students who are Fond du Lac County residents enrolled in an accredited medical, nursing or other health-related program.
- Ellington Mutual Insurance Company is offering \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors who are planning to attend college or technical college. Their parents must be policyholders of Ellington Mutual Insurance Company.
- The Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship is available in the Counseling Office. You do not need to be a member or a dependent of an Elk to qualify. More information in the Counseling Office.
- The P.E.O. Chapter BD Scholarship is available for graduating senior girls who have financial need, who plan on attending college and graduating from a Fond du Lac County high school.
- The Engineers Foundation of Wisconsin has a scholarship available to graduating high school seniors who plan to study engineering at a 4 year accredited program leading to a baccalaureate degree in engineering. More information may be found at <http://www.wspe.org/efwi.shtml>. Or stop in the Counseling Office for more information.
- 40 Days for Life is offering a scholarship for \$4,040 for applicants who have participated in the pro-life movement in any capacity. More information is available in the Counseling Office.

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SMSA Community & Booster Clubs

PPA & ABC

- **The Athletic Booster Club has many bag tags to sell. Pick one up at the Scrip office for \$5. They make great stocking stuffers! See a picture on our website! [Click here.](#)**
- **PPA** - Parents for the Performing Arts includes all parents with students that participate in the performing arts at Springs.
- **NEEDED: two dozen cookies or bars for the High School Christmas Concert** on December 20th. Please sign up here: <http://signup.com/go/cATHPoY>
- **We are still looking help with concessions and ticket sales for our winter sports. Here is the link to sign up <http://signup.com/go/nHBHOWZ>.**

Parent Connectors

News and Upcoming events

- **Winter Carnival** - Friday, February 9th - Winter Carnival Baker Gym and Commons Area
 - **Come and enjoy a family fun evening in a carnival way!**

We appreciated YOU!!! SMSA Staff Members in the SPOTLIGHT this week are

PRIMARY

Jo Gilgenbach

- Administrative Assistant PreK – 5th Grade
- Hometown: Fond du Lac
- Graduated from Goodrich High School and MPTC

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE

Sharon Hoepfner

- Library Coordinator – Elementary/Middle
- Hometown: Charlesburg, WI
- Graduated from New Holstein High School & Associate Degree in Interior Design from Appleton Fox Valley Technical College

Laura Hutchison

- 6th Grade Teacher
- Hometown: St. Louis, MO
- Graduated from Iowa State with Marketing, Drake University with MBA & Marian University – Teaching License

HIGH SCHOOL

Irene Hoang

- High School English Teacher
- Hometown: Laguna Niguel, CA
- Graduated from St. Mary's Springs Academy (2012) and UW-Green Bay

Ledgers Booster Closet

Happy Holidays, Ledger Fans! The SMSA Booster Closet is open for your holiday shopping needs. Come on in and see what you can find for your number one Ledger Fan! Dress them up in Ledger blue for the upcoming seasons!

December 14th, Boys Basketball, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

December 19th, Elementary Christmas Concert, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

December 21st, Girls Basketball, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

December 22nd, Boys Basketball, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

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- December 19th - Holy Family High School Sports Night: 6-8 PM, Sacred Heart Gym

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Fond du Lac Community Events

From the Fond du Lac Recreation Department

- **Link for 2018 Winter and Spring Activity Brochure:**
 - <https://fdlrecdept.recdesk.com/Community/Page?pageId=3930>
- **Links for the Boys' Volleyball Clinic (Grades 3 – 8) and a Cheer Clinic for Grades 4K – 4th Grades.**
 - Boys' Volleyball Clinic
link: <https://fdlrecdept.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=1933>
 - Cheer Clinic
link: <https://fdlrecdept.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=1931>

Life Guard Training Class

Dates and Times: Wednesday - Saturday - December 27 – 30, 2017

7:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where: FDL Community Aquatic Center – 100 W. 9th St.

Cost \$125.00 – FDL School District Residents \$150.00 – Non-Residents

Instructor Dave LaBorde

Being a lifeguard is more than just getting a good tan, getting paid, and having fun. Realistically, as a professional rescuer you are responsible for the safety of the patrons that come to your pool. During this class, not only will there be a great emphasis on water rescue skills, but also on other “behind the scene” skills that are essential to effective lifeguarding.

It is very important that you attend all classes and be on time. We will emphasize the most important points during class time, but we cannot cover every detail. Therefore, it is your responsibility to review all materials that are provided or made available on-line. Also make sure that you bring along paper, a pencil or pen, and your swim apparel to all classes, as well as a lunch.

The prerequisites for taking the class include:

1. Swim 300 yards using front crawl and/or breast stroke in a continuous swim with rhythmic breathing and stroke, no touching the bottom of the pool or resting at any time.

2. Tread water for two minutes using only leg motion (hands will be placed under opposite armpits.)
3. Swim 20 yards, go down 7-9 feet, retrieve a brick, maintain two hands on the brick swimming twenty yards to the starting point and get out of the water without using a ladder. Time Limit – 1 minute 40 seconds.

The prerequisites must be completed **prior** to first day of class. Please call the Aquatic Center and make an appointment, 929-3536. Goggles will be allowed during the 300 swim only.

No goggles may be worn during any of the other skill tests.

Perspective candidates must be 15 years of age on or before the final scheduled session of this course. **MUST** be 16 years old to Guard!

Any questions, please call Renee at the Rec. Dept. – 929-2885.

Fond du Lac Youth Wrestling Winter Wrestling
www.fonddulacwrestling.com
Cardinal Kids Wrestling Program (5K – 2nd gr. students)

- Program runs **Saturday mornings: January 6 – February 17, 2018, 8:30 am – 10:00 am**
- Practices at Riverside Elementary School – Wrestling Room (South Balcony)
- Registration is 30 minutes prior to first practice on January 6th or before any practice
- Open to boys & girls in grades 5K – 2nd grade, younger allowed with coach's approval
- Beginning wrestling program focusing on fun, fitness, & introducing wrestling basics
- Wrestlers are to wear clean shorts or sweat pants, clean t-shirt & bring dry tennis shoes or wrestling shoes. Some may wrestle in socks. No jewelry allowed.
- Wrestlers will be divided into groups based on age, weight, and experience
- Cost of program is **\$20/Family**. Checks payable to FdL Wrestling Club

Junior Cardinals Wrestling Program (3rd – 8th gr. students)

- Beginner and intermediate wrestling focusing on fun, fitness, and wrestling basics.
- Open to boys & girls in grades 3 – 8.
- Program runs from **December 5 – Feb. 20, 2018**

- Registration prior to first practice, Tuesday, December 5 or subsequent practices
- Practices: **Riverside Elementary Wrestling Room – South Balcony: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 pm – 8:00pm**
- Participants in the Junior Cardinals wrestling program are expected to participate with their Middle School team.
- Wrestlers are to wear clean shorts or sweat pants, clean t-shirt & bring dry tennis shoes or wrestling shoes. Some may wrestle in socks. No jewelry allowed.
- Wrestlers will be divided into groups based on age, weight, and experience.
- Cost of program is **\$20/Family**. Checks made out to FdL Wrestling Club

Contact Coach – Mark Henschel at
markdhenschel@charter.net For more information:
fonddulacwrestling.com

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