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Weekly System Events Calendar

General News

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our SMSA Families!

- There will not be an eLedger next week.
- All offices, including the Business Office, will be closed December 25th through January 1st.
- 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.**
- **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!
- 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.

Special System Events

- Watch the Hockey Game, live, on Friday, 12/22: SMSA vs Fondy at 7:30 p.m. It will be broadcasted on 96-1 WTCX with George Baumann at <http://radioplusinfo.com>.

Volunteer Information

- Parent Connectors are looking for volunteers to assist with the weekly Staff Spotlight. That sign up and others are available through our volunteer sign up page.

School Nurse

- Fond du Lac County Health Department will be at SMSA on February 5, 2018 to do hearing and vision screens on students in certain grades. I am in need of 12-14 volunteers to help make this day go smoothly. The times are still to be determined. Please contact me if you are interested in helping at khellmer@smsacademy.org or 920-322-3206. .

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Elementary News (P3 – Grade 5) & Childcare

Message from the Principal

Season Greetings Parents,

Christmas is right around the corner. Thank you for enjoying the Advent journey with SMSA. It was adventure filled with bingo bible verses and symbols, kindness straw to fill a manger, giving donations to those in need, beautiful concerts and programs, and much more. The heart of SMSA is ready for Jesus this season. The last piece to this journey is this Friday, Dec. 22nd. In the afternoon students may change into PJ'S and sweats after 1:00 p.m. with a voluntary donation of \$3.00 to support Levi in the below mentioned article.

The faculty and staff will be waiting with anticipation for the return of the students in 2018. Thank you for being a member of the SMSA family and have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

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

- The "After School" program welcomes a new member to its team. Please welcome Isabel Simich to after school care. She will be helping in the after school program and is looking forward to getting to know you and your child/children.
- 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.

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Middle School News

- **New Dress Code items for grades 6 – 12!** 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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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.agnesiancareers.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

- **PPA** - Parents for the Performing Arts includes all parents with students that participate in the performing arts at Springs.
- Next PPA Meeting: January 17th, 5:30 pm SMSA Cafeteria
- **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

- Check out Signup.com to help in the upcoming months with Spotlight Staff! This happens each Monday from 8:00 am – 8:30 am. We like to celebrate our amazing SMSA Staff! We would love to have you come and join us to honor our staff.
- **Winter Carnival** - Friday, February 9th – in the Baker Gym and Commons Area

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

PRIMARY

Melanie Baitinger

- 4K Teacher
- Hometown: Fond du Lac
- Graduated from St. Mary's Springs Academy High School and Marian University

ELEMENTARY

Dawn Kuechenberg

- 5th Grade Teacher
- Hometown: Lomira
- Graduated from UW - Whitewater

OTHER STAFF MEMBER:

Barbara Loehr

- Director of Business Operations
- Hometown: North Fond du Lac
- Graduated from St. Mary's Springs Academy (1979) and Marquette University

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

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

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Parish News and Updates

From Amanda Pohle, The High School Coordinator of Holy Family

Dear Parents,

As we approach one of the most blessed days of the year, I would like to take the time to thank you for this past semester. It has truly been a blessing getting to work with many of you and with all your children. I very much look forward to the year ahead! Until then, please check out the updates below for information regarding the upcoming year.

- **Update #1:** Mission Trip Planning is underway. If your son or daughter is interested in this year's mission trip, please email me! Follow this link to help with any questions: http://www.smsacademy.org/editoruploads/files/Faith%20Life/2017-18_Mission_Trip_Packet_2_.docx
- **Update #2:** If you are interested at all in helping out this next year and have not been SEE trained (a program aimed to protect children and all in the church family), there is a local training coming up at Mount Calvary Church on 1/16/18 at 6 PM. Please sign up for class at <https://milwaukee.cmgconnect.org/>. Contact Karen Alber at [414-313-1435](tel:414-313-1435) if you have questions about the event at the Mount Calvary site.

- **Update #3:** Follow this link to a guide to help you celebrate the Christmas Season with your teens. Please use this (all or part) to enjoy the season with your family. Merry Christmas!

<http://www.smsacademy.org/editoruploads/files/Faith%20Life/Axis-Parents-Guide-to-the-12-Days-of-Christmas.pdf>

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Holy Family Catholic Community!

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Fond du Lac Community Events

- **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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