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General News

January 4, 2018

Dear SMSA Parents/Guardians of bus riding students:

The FDL School District and Johnson School Bus are happy to announce that the **My Stop** app is now active. It is an amazing tool that allows parents and students to view routing information, including the location of the bus during the route. [Click Here](#) to view the instructions for downloading the My Stop app.

Your student(s) ID number is located in Skyward under Family Access, on your student's profile page. The path or steps for finding this student-specific number is

- Login to Family Access;
- Click the Student Information tab;
- Select "View Bus Schedule" located next to your child's picture;
- View the bus number.

This number is different than the student/"Other ID#" in SMSA Skyward. Parents will need to use this student-specific number to access their child's My Stop account **for the first time only. You will then be prompted to assign your own number.**

If parents need assistance logging in to the app, they can contact Johnson School Bus [\(920\) 921-3003](tel:9209213003) or Wendy Burgess at the FDL District office [\(920\) 906-6524](tel:9209066524).

Kindest Regards,

Kelly Norton, President
St. Mary's Springs Academy

- **JLBC is hosting Basketball Appreciation night on Friday, January 26th** after the Girls' Varsity Game. The girls' game is starting at 6:30 pm to leave time for Boys and Girls Varsity players to sign posters afterwards.
- 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

- **Start the New Year by making a resolution to Shop with Scrip.** This is a major fund raiser for SMSA and also reduces your tuition costs. Use Scrip cards when you shop in stores or online - 35% of the rebate you earn can be credited to your SMSA tuition or any tuition based school - the other 65% offsets the operating costs of the system. It's a WIN-WIN!

Special System Events

Volunteer Information

- **Ledgerfest** is rapidly approaching and volunteers are needed to make this event the success that it always is. Click here to lend a hand on February 17th. Sign-up at <http://signup.com/go/mUCaoiG>
- Katie Hellmer, the school nurse, is also looking for help with hearing and vision testing (see below). Also the parent connectors are looking for volunteers to help with their spotlight as well as winter carnival. <http://signup.com/go/mUCaoiG>

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

Dear Parents,

A HUGE heartfelt thank you to everyone that bought Christmas cards, or made donations to Levi Schwantes. Because of your amazing generosity, we were able to present a check for \$3,067.90 to the Schwantes' family on Friday, January 5th following our annual Epiphany play. We are grateful for your continued support. Please keep Levi and his family in your prayers.

The second quarter is coming to a conclusion on January 18th. Skyward is a wonderful communication tool to stay up to date with how your child/children are achieving in school for the current quarter. We will be sending out electronic report cards again this quarter midway through the following week. Please take time to electronically sign your child/children's report card.

Thank you for all your support and partnership as 2017 came to a close. Let this coming year of 2018 continue to build our fellowship, family, and faith.

God Bless,
Mr. Kelnhofer

Upcoming Events

Dance Mini Camp

- **DATE:** Saturday, Jan 20
- **TIME:** 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
- **GRADES:** Grades K –5th
- **Where:** St. Mary Springs' Hutter Gymnasium (High School Gym)
- **CAMP GOAL:** Our goal is to provide quality instruction of the fundamentals of dance for grade school participants. Camp is open to any grade school student, from any school. The emphasis of our camp will be routines to be performed at halftime. The performance will be that evening at halftime of the Spring's basketball game. The game starts at 7:20 p.m. at the high school gym. As always, participants will get into the game free, but parents must pay. If you can't make the game, that's okay too. You can just come out for the fun of camp.
- **CAMP INCLUDES:** *Camp T-shirts *Dance routine *Basic skills
- **REGISTRATION:** Registration deadline is **Jan 10, 2018**
- **CAMP COST:** \$16.00 camp and t-shirt

****We will be having a cheer uniform and pom sale to sell old uniform pieces we no longer use. This will start at 12:00 p.m. after the pre-show.*

Before/After School Care News

- 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.
- **Before/After school care will be closed on January 19th.**

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Middle School News

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High School News

High School Semester Exam Information

Dear Parents and Students,

Exams are almost upon us! Before break, the faculty and staff reviewed the guidelines and schedule from prior years and made some changes to make exam week a time in which students can do their best work.

	MONDAY JAN 15	TUESDAY JAN 16	WEDNESDAY JAN 17	THURSDAY JAN 18	FRIDAY JAN 19
7:50-8:00	PASSING TO CLASSROOM				
8:00-9:30	PERIOD 1	PERIOD 3	PERIOD 5	PERIOD 7	THURS. MAKEUP
9:30-10:00	EXAM BREAK IN THE CAFETERIA (BELL WILL SOUND AT 9:50 TO GO UPSTAIRS)				
10:00-11:30	PERIOD 2	PERIOD 4	PERIOD 6	PERIOD 8	THURS MAKEUP
12:00-1:30/ 2:00-3:30		MON MAKEUP	TUES MAKEUP	WED MAKEUP	THURS MAKEUP

- 1. Exam week is Monday, Jan 15 – Thursday, Jan 18, 2018. Two exams will be given each day.** Exam times will be 8:00 – 9:30 for the first exam and 10:00 – 11:30 for the second exam. The afternoon will be used for make-up exams and finishing extended-time exams in the student success services room.
- 2. Students will take exams in uniform.**
- 3. First semester exam exemptions are not permitted.**
- 4. Students are not expected to be in the building if they are not taking an exam.** If students arrive early, they must remain in the cafeteria and are not permitted upstairs for any reason

until 10 minutes prior to an exam. Between the first and second exam of the day, students should exit to the cafeteria and remain there until the second exam bell.

5. **Students must remain in their exam classroom until the end of the scheduled exam time.**
6. **Students must take their exam on their scheduled day and at their scheduled time. If they have an extenuating reason for changing their exam day or time, they must submit a written request to the principal at least one week prior to the exam week.**

- **Auditions for The Sound of Music!**

- When in January: Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th after school
- Sign up in the office for a time and take a scene to do with a partner!
- Prepare a section of your favorite show tune!
- Pick up an audition form and bring filled out to your audition!
- Interested tech crew members pick up forms and drop off in the folder in the office.

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High School Counseling Department

Upcoming Events/News

- Want to learn more about Spark, Youth Apprenticeship Program? It is a statewide initiative for high school students who want hands-on learning in an area of career interest at a worksite along with classroom instruction. There will be parent information sessions to attend for more information.
 - Wednesday, Jan. 17th at 5:30 pm Fond du Lac HS/Media Center
 - Wednesday, Jan. 31st at 6:00 pm Oakfield HS/Cafeteria
 - Tuesday, Feb. 14th at 6:00 pm Lomira High School/Commons
 - Wednesday, Feb. 19th at 5:30 pm Horace Mann HS/Media Center

You do not have to attend at your child's school if the date and time will not work with your schedule. For more information, please contact Mrs. Lisa McArthur, lmcarthur@envisiongreaterfdl.com or 920-322-2289.

- There will be a **Catholic College Fair** held at Central High School in Burlington, WI on Monday, March 12th from 6:00-7:30 pm. Their goal is to have the largest and best Catholic College Fair in Wisconsin! More information will be coming. Save the date!
- Michels Corporation is sponsoring a **Michels Career Exploration Day** on May 8th for Middle School and May 9th for High School. This experience is ideal for students exploring careers in Welding, Power line installation, Horizontal Directional Drilling, Gas Distribution pipeline, Equipment Operation, Auto Body Mechanics, Robotics and Drones. This will be held at 817 Main Street, Brownsville, WI. The timeline is from 9:00 am -1:00 pm. More information is in the Counseling Office.
- **The ZAPS ACT Test-Prep Seminar** will be held at St. Mary's Springs Academy High School on Friday, February 16th from 8:15am-2:15 pm. The cost is \$89.99. The Junior class parents will be receiving a letter in the mail regarding this in the near future.
- "Discover Moraine Park" is being held at the FDL Campus on Wednesday, February 7th from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Participants can visit classrooms with instructors and be introduced to Advising and other college services and receive a \$30 Application Voucher. They can also attend a Financial Aid Workshop from 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm. For more information and to pre-register, visit <http://morainepark.edu/discover>.
- 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.

Job Opportunities

- **Looking for something to do this summer? Stop in the Counseling Office to look through the summer program folder. It will continually be updated as we receive more information.**
- The Kettle Moraine State Forest-Northern Unit is in the process of recruiting employees for the 2018 summer season. Applicants must be 17 and older for a wide variety of positions. Interview opportunities are through March. More information in the Counseling Office.
- 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 <http://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

- **The Sylvester and Lucille Haensgen Scholarship** is available to students in financial need or of exceptional scholastic ability for post-high school education in institutions sponsored by the Roman Catholic Church.
- **The SMSA Booster Club** is offering a \$500 scholarship to seniors who have earned 5+ Varsity Letters, plan to attend college with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- **DePrey-Skyline Family Information Technology Scholarship** is available to college-bound students pursuing a degree in a computer-related field.
- **Fond du Lac Evening Optimist Club** is offering their senior scholarship. Nominees will be judged on the basis of multiple achievements, character, leadership, community service and scholarship.
- **The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222** is offering a \$500 scholarship for a veteran/member/child or grandchild or an American Legion or Auxiliary member based within 30 miles of Fond du Lac County. Must have at least a 3.0 GPA and enrolled in a tuition based educational institution.
- **The Wisconsin Electronic Security Association** is offering two college scholarships to sons and daughters of active-duty police and fire personnel. More information in the Counseling Office.
- **The Fond du Lac Morning Rotary Club** is offering two \$1,000 scholarships to students planning to attend Marian University, Moraine Park Technical College, or UW-Fond du Lac.
- **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**
- The ABC minutes will be available on the website soon.
- **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 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm in the Commons Area and Baker Gym. Come and enjoy an evening with SMSA families! Your children will enjoy playing various carnival type games to win fun prizes! Food items will be available to purchase!

- **Grandparents Day** – April 25th & 26th - Grandparents will be invited to school to spend some time with their grandchildren.
- If you would like to show your appreciation for the SMSA Staff, come join the Parent Connector Group on a Monday morning to honor them! Please go to the SMSA website and click on “volunteer” to sign up! We would love to have you join us!

Staff Spotlight

Thank you for all you do for SMSA!!!

Staff in the spotlight this week are

Denise Bednarek

- Physical Education Teacher – Kindergarten – 4th Grade

Carol Ellestad

- System Business Coordinator

Lori Freund

- P3 & Enrichment Teacher
- Hometown: St. Cloud, WI
- Graduated from Marian University

Kathryne Nett

- Executive Assistant to the President

Megan Rice

- 2nd Grade Teacher
- Hometown: New Berlin, WI
- Graduated from Catholic Memorial & Ripon College

Maggie Sales

- High School English & Spanish Teacher
- Hometown: Fond du Lac
- Graduated from Goodrich, UW-Oshkosh, Marian & Mount Mary

Ledgers Booster Closet

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Parish News and Updates

- **January 17th: Gratia Plena: High School Girls Fellowship from 6:30 pm to 8 pm at St. Mary's Springs Academy**
- There is still time to sign up for the Holy Family High School and Middle School Summer Mission Trips.
 - The dates are below, please contact Amanda Pohle with questions at: apohle@hffdl.org
 - Middle School Trip: New Paris, Ohio July 20-23
 - High School Trip: Charleston, SC/Hartford, CT July 6-15

2018 Mission Trips

This summer's missionaries, from 6th-12th grades, will be journeying to serve the poor, bring joy to the downhearted, grow in their Catholic faith, and learn about social justice. Missionaries in 6th-8th grades will be serving in New Paris, Ohio from July 20th-23rd, 2018.

Missionaries in the 9th-12th grades will be serving around Charleston, SC or Hartford, CT from July 6th – 15th.

Please consider supporting these students in prayer or by purchasing a tasty pizza! Mail in orders are due January 19th. You may also order online @ <http://www.hffdl.org/news/147648/> until January 23rd.

Sacramental Preparation: First Communion

Those enrolled in the sacramental program will need to attend a meeting at Holy Family in the Hall.

Please come to any ONE of the following meetings:

- January 13 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am
- January 14 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am
- January 15 from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Compassion in Action Club

Need Service Hours?

Come help make pillowcases for the homeless at the Solutions Center! As the individuals rest their heads, they will know someone cares.

- **Where? Holy Family Hall**
- **When? Thursday, January 18th (3:30 pm- 5:00 pm)**

No experience needed! Fun way to get service hours!

For more information contact Erin Cobb at

ecobb@hffd.com or by calling the Parish Office.

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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>
- **Link for a Cheer Clinic for Grades 4K – 4th Grades.**
 - link: <https://fdlrecdept.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=1931>

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