

# LEDGERGRAM

### FROM THE GRANDPARENTS' CLUB

## A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, so often times, as any other day, when we sit down to our meal and pray, we hurry along and make fast the blessing, thanks, amen, now please pass the dressing. We're slaves to the olfactory overload, we must rush our prayer before the food gets cold. But Lord, I'd like to take a few minutes more, to really give thanks to what I'm thankful for. For my family, my health, a nice soft bed. My friends, my freedom, a roof over my head. I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those whose lives touch me more than they'll ever possibly know. Thankful Lord, that You've blessed me beyond measure. Thankful that in my heart lives life's greatest treasure. That You, dear Jesus, reside in that place and I'm ever so grateful for Your unending grace. So please, heavenly Father, bless this food You've provided, and bless each and every person invited. Amen!



— Scott Wesemann

## Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner

September 19, 2018 marked the annual Welcome Back Spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Grandparents Club. This year we changed the venue to the St. Mary's Spring's cafeteria. It was a welcome move because it made it easier for the students practicing for their fall sports to join us in a timely manner. Many thanks for the success of this event go out to all the grandparents who chaired committees, baked cookies, chopped vegetables, asked for donations, and worked that evening. Special kudos go to the kitchen staff at the school who were with us all day and evening to cook the actual food in the "state-of-the-art" kitchen at Springs. The meal was well received and was due to an enormous team effort. We look forward to next year's dinner being held on campus!

#### Upcoming events

#### Romeo and Juliet Unofficial, Unnecessary Sequel Performance

November 30th and December 1st @ 7p.m.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 1p.m.

Horace Mann High School NFDL ticket are \$12 and can be purchased hometowntickets.com and at the door

#### **Christmas Music Programs**

 $5\text{-}8^{th}$  grade band/choir December 11th @ 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in Baker Gym Elementary Christmas Concert December 5^{th} @12:30-1:30 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Baker Gym

High School Concert December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. Sacred Heart Church Big Money Raffle

Janaury 25<sup>th</sup> @SMSA tickets are available to purchase from SMSA families as well as from the Scrip, North and South offices and these locations as well: Annie's Fountain City Cafe, Baker Cheese, Central Barber, Flood Oil Company and Twohig Family Dentistry



## Mission and Purpose of SMSA

# Grandparents Club

**Mission Statement:** The Grandparents Club of St. Mary's Springs Academy provides support and services to further the Mission of the Academy as a Catholic educational system. Grandparents serve as an additional support system in academic, spiritual, social and personal growth and development by involvement in the daily lives of children who attend St. Mary's Springs Academy. Purpose: The Grandparents Club, established in 2014, provides an opportunity for grandparents (or honorary grandparents), near or far, to be connected to SMSA school life. Grandparents can provide support by contributing their time, talents, and resources to benefit the children attending SMSA. Opportunities are available to help with events, in the classrooms or campuses, special projects and programs. We welcome all grandparents to stay informed and be involved as

much as possible.



#### Labels and Box Tops for Education

#### What is the easiest way you can support SMSA?

- Purchase Scrip cards for things like groceries, gas, and lots more. It's easy to stop in at the Scrip Office or order online. For more information, go to <u>https://www.smsacademy.org/scrip/what-is-scrip</u>.
- Clip Box Tops from many products and send them with your grandchildren to school or drop them off at the Scrip Office. Each Box Top is worth **10 cents!** For a list of Box Tops products—and there are many—go to <u>www.boxtops4education.com</u>.
- Do you buy milk at Kwik Trip? Save those caps and Milk Moola labels. Each cap and label is worth **5 cents**!
- New this year .... Loaves for Learning. Clip the UPC label from **Country** Hearth and Village Hearth bread products. Each UPC label is **10 cents**!

# GrandAides

Each month (November thru April: the second Wednesday of each month @9 a.m.) a group assembles in the library to work on projects submitted by the teachers. Grandparents work on projects such as: copy and collate manuals, tear out sheets from workbooks and sort, or punch holes and put in binders, create sets of disease cards, filing books in folders, laminate and cut out sheets, cut and glue pictures, hole punch and add string to make ornaments and make reindeer headbands, and cut labels and box tops. Another GrandAide volunteer opportunity includes making monthly treats for the staff.

If anyone is looking for an opportunity to help out at SMSA, the elementary cafeteria could use your help. Kathy Immel, a 4K teacher's aide, is the cafeteria supervisor for all four lunch periods.

1.Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grades eat from 10:45 to 11:20 a.m.

2.2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades eat from 11:30 -11:55 a.m.

 $3.4^{\rm th}$  and  $5^{\rm th}$  grades eat from 12:00 – 12:25 p.m., and 4.(new this year and not on SignUp.com) 4k eats from 12:30-12:55 p.m.

For anyone interested in volunteering at SMSA through SignUp.com, here are the directions for navigating to the sign up website.

Go to the SMSA website: <a href="https://www.smsacademy.org/">https://www.smsacademy.org/</a>

Scroll down to "Ledger Happenings"

Click on "Volunteer Opportunities"

This will take you to the SignUp.com website which lists the volunteer opportunities available by task and date.

