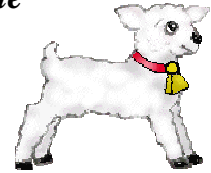


Will March come in like a lamb or a lion? I am hoping that it comes in like a lamb. We have had enough of this cold weather and snow and ready to see some sunshine! As you can see from our March calendar , we are off on Wednesday, March 31. The diocese has already made arrangements for a major in-service for all diocesan teachers and this cannot be changed. We will also be off on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, two of the most sacred days of the year. HOWEVER, Monday, April 5, there WILL be school at St. Joan of Arc.



As to the rest of the school calendar, we have gone to school some extra hours along with President’s Day. Because of the extra hours/days and the length of our school day we are right now in compliance with the Pennsylvania Department of Education of 990 hours of instruction. At this point, our last day of school will be June 11, 2010. However, the calendar is subject to change with any further snow dates or information that would come forth from the diocese. I will notify you as soon as possible if another change needs to be made. Please know that we are keeping within the PDE mandate. The eighth grade graduation date will be determined by March 11, 2010.

The good news in all of this is that March will bring spring. And, I can assure you no one wants that more than I!

Calendar of Events:

- Monday/Tuesday March 8-9 - Spring School Pictures*
- Tuesday, March 9*
 - 7:00 p.m. Advisory Board Meeting
 - Interims mailed
- Wednesday, March 10*
 - 2:00p.m. Sadecky Puppets (note time change)
- Thursday, March 11*
 - Grade 8 Junior Achievement Fieldtrip
- Friday, March 12*
 - 10:30 Stations of the Cross (Grades 3/7)
 - \$1.00 Dress Down for Mid-Atlantic Liver Transplant
- Sunday, March 14*
 - Grade 8 Recognition @ Hillcrest Christian
- Wednesday, March 17*
 - “Wearing of the Green” (free Dress Down)
- Thursday, March 18*
 - Sarris Candy Delivery
- Friday, March 19*
 - SJA Book Fair begins
 - \$1.00 Dress Down “One for the Books”

Thank you! – *Once again we are helping the needy during this time of Lent. A special thank you to Miss Tarasovic and the H.O.P.S. group who organized and worked our annual LOVE Carnival. Our students made \$361.38 for Catholic Charities. Also, thank you to all who donated summer clothing items for our clothing drive for Haiti. The response was overwhelming!*

Penny War – The H.O.P.S. group has not stopped yet! The Penny War is on in our school to benefit Leukemia patients. Canisters are in each classroom awaiting coins to create a “jingle jingle”. The highest class total (based on percentage) will win an Olive Garden Lunch delivered to our school. The Penny War runs until Friday, March 12, 2010. Let’s bring in the spare change for a wonderful cause!



SJA Scholastic Book Fair – The book fair is from March 19-24. Keep your eye out for flyers that will provide information. The book fair will be available after all masses that weekend. Feel free to browse the website ahead of time at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/stjoa> - Volunteers are needed to assist with the Book Fair, set – up is on Thursday, March 18. We also need volunteers to assist after all masses and especially during the times when the younger grades are scheduled to go to the Book Fair. For more information contact Mary Beth Carletto or Pat Jess. The schedule for class visitation to the Book Fair is as follows:

<u>Mon. March 22</u> - 9:00a.m. Kindergarten	<u>Tuesday, March 23</u>
9:40 a.m. 4 yr. preschool	9:00 a.m. 3 yr. preschool
10:20 a.m. Grade 1	9:40 a.m. Grade 3
11:00 a.m. Grade 5	10:20a.m. Grade 4
11:40 a.m. Grades 6/7	11:00 a.m. Grade 2
12:20 p.m. Grade 8	



Height and Weight Screening – Our school nurses, Mrs. Guzek and Mrs. Mosi will be screening kindergarten to third grade on Tuesday, March 9. All screening will be done in the nurse’s office.

Spring Fashion Show - Our school’s Spring Fashion Show will be held on Sunday, April 11. The fashion show committee needs your help to make the event a success! You can help by donating to the Class Baskets (information came home today). You can help to plan – A committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16 at 9:00a.m. in the Multipurpose room. All are welcome to attend! You can help by decorating a table – Call Kristin Karrenbauer at 412-655-9406 for more information. The best way you can help is by attending the fashion show with your family and friends! Order forms came home today and additional forms are available in the school office. Your help in ways big or small is greatly appreciated!



Kristin Karrenbauer

Eighth Grade Recognition – Sunday, March 14, is 8th grade recognition. Events start at 4:30p.m. at Hillcrest Christian gymnasium on Bethel Church Rd. Our day includes recognition of our fine 8th grade athletes, exhibitions of skill from our Little Dribblers and Little Spirit squads, and an SJA Alumni basketball game. Please come and enjoy the day.

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\$1.00 Dress Down – On Friday, March 12 we will be having a special dress down for Mid-Atlantic Liver Transplant Fund in honor of Billie Wolkiewicz, grandmother of Mason and Michael Kasprack. Friends and family of Billie Wolkiewicz are raising money to pay for expenses associated with her transplantation.

Market Day – Reminder that Market Day orders are due by Friday, March 12. Pick-up of orders will be on Saturday, March 20, 2010. Special thank you to Mrs. Donovan and her team of workers.

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Re-Registration! – Re-Registration packets were sent home on Monday, February 1, 2010. Please take time to complete this form and send it to the school office as soon as possible. These numbers are essential for planning purposes for the 2010 -2011 school year. All forms should be back to the school office by Friday, March 12, 2010.

Thank you to all SJAS athletes, families and coaches for a wonderful, successful and educational winter season. We are looking forward to Spring Soccer and our upcoming drills and skills volleyball.

Look for our next newsletter on March 19, 2010! Scroll down for our “Into the Jungle” cast of characters.

St. Joan of Arc.....pray for us!



“INTO THE JUNGLE”



**** Mark your calendars: Our Annual School Musical will be presented on Friday, May 14th @ 7:00p.m. at Seton LaSalle High School – Dress Rehearsal wil be Thur. May 13th @ Seton LaSalle High School***

The Cast of Characters:

Narrator – Allison Karrenbauer

Darth Vader – Ty Brdar

Luke Skywalker – Travis Campolong

Stagehand – Sean Martin

Mirror – Hannah Taylor

Queen – Lauren Gamrat

Snow White – Bobbie Garrity

Prince – Nathan Repine

Guard – Maria Gagetta

Blue Bird – Samantha Musillo

Patsy – Michael Soff

Baheera – Julie Curry

Akela – Mary Kate Cipollone

Rama – Elie Robertshaw

Mowgli – Andrew Stroud

Baloo – Connor Leach

Monkeys – Julia Cipollone, Olivia Leng,

Tiffany Gwardzinski,

Sarah Soff

Doc – Leah Campolong

Happy – Tim Westine

Sneezy – Andrea Krajina

Sleepy – Megan Caracciolo

Bashful – Jennifer Carletto

Grumpy – Devon Sartory

Dopey – Nick Donovan

Hathi – Steven Ennis

Shere Khan – Gabriel Despres

Elephants – Emily Figliolia, Jaclyn

Goldbach, Cheyanne Sorochmann,

Arianna Yanovich

Old Hag – Kiersten Lewis

Kaa – Katie Seibert

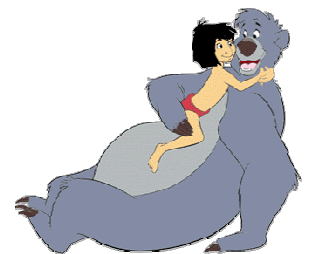
Buzzy – Aaron Remlinger

Flaps – Joey Belmont

Ziggy – Carlos Jess

Heckle – Caleb Eisel

Jeckle – Nick Westine



We can't wait to see this year's production!!!

