



St. Edmund's Academy
An Independent School

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CURRENT HAPPENINGS AT SEA

January 1, 2009

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a restful and peaceful winter break and an enjoyable Holiday. As a reminder, the students go outside for recess if the temperature is not below freezing. Please remind your children to wear winter coats, hats, gloves, (and pants for the girls). Some students arrive in the morning wearing blazers, walking from the car to the front door, and don't remember they have recess outside, too. Listed below are some important announcements and reminders for the coming weeks.

Cheers,
Susan

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Parent-Teacher Conferences

- Please mark your calendars for **Parent-Teachers conferences scheduled for Thursday, January 22**. Lower School conferences are scheduled by the homeroom teachers and conference times have been assigned to parents. If parents wish to meet with Specialty teachers, please contact the Specialty teacher to schedule a conference.
- Upper School conferences are scheduled at the request of the Upper School teacher and/or the parent. Please be certain to contact your child's teacher(s), individually, should you wish to meet for a conference.
- *Please be mindful of your children if you choose to have them remain with you at school when you attend your parent-teacher conference. For safety reasons, children may not be unattended in the school during your conference. This includes remaining in the library, playdeck, field house, and/or reception area of the front entrance unattended. Your children may sit outside the classroom, in the hallway, when you conference with their teacher(s).* Thank you for your cooperation as you assist us with the safety of all children.

PreKindergarten and Kindergarten Assessments for Fall 2009

- PreKindergarten and Kindergarten assessments will take place on Friday & Saturday, January 23 & 24, 2009, for prospective students.
- If you know of anyone that may be interested in and/or ready for our PreKindergarten or Kindergarten programs, please have them contact Lucy King, Admissions Director.

Community Service

- Thank you for supporting the **Kindergarten Personal Care Drive**. Students collected personal care items that were delivered to those without these necessary items.
- **PreKindergarten** made **Hanukkah cards** for the **Silver Sneakers seniors** at the **JCC** and **Christmas cards** for the **Seniors** at **The Church of the Redeemer**
- **Sixth graders** are collecting white cotton/cotton blend socks for "**Operation Safety Net.**" This annual service project helps the health care providers of Mercy Hospital's ministry to the homeless of Pittsburgh. Donations can be dropped off in either sixth grade homeroom: Mrs. Pimentel or Mr. Jankovic.

Paper Recycling Program

- Our St. Edmund's **Abitibi Paper Recycling Bins** have been relocated to the St. Lucy Field parking lot. We have noticed a decrease in the monthly amount of paper recycled since we moved the bins. . Newspapers, junk mail, shredded paper, and holiday catalogs and cards can be recycled in **our Abitibi Bins in the St. Lucy Parking Lot**. Proceeds from this ongoing project cover a large portion of the Yearbook costs each year. Thank you for your support.

Dance, Dance Revolution (DDR) for 7th and 8th graders

- On **Saturday, January 24** (6:30-9:30 p.m.) the Field House is the place to be for **DDR**, pizza and fun. Ms. Burkardt (Natalie R's mom) is in charge – so you know it'll be a blast! A \$5 entrance fee, payable at the door, will cover the cost of pizza, drinks, and snacks. Once a student is checked-in, she/he will not be released unless a parent or designated adult comes into the Field House to sign-out the student. This is for the safety of our students.

BASKETBALL GAMES/PRACTICES IN JANUARY

- Basketball will be starting soon for boys and girls in grades 6-8. Practice time is from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Practices and games are tentatively scheduled for the following days:
 - ~~ **Boys Games** – January 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 23, 27, 29, 30
 - ~~ **Boys Practice** – January 5, 6, 7, 8,
 - ~~ **Girls Games** – January 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 21, 23, 26, 27, 29, 30
 - ~~ **Girls Practice** – January 5, 6, 7, 8, 15

IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES/EVENTS

- Mon., Jan 5 **CLASSES RESUME FOR ALL STUDENTS**
- Wed., Jan. 7 8:15 a.m., PTA Board Meeting
- Thurs., Jan. 8 8:10 a.m., Chapel – **coffee hosted by 5th grade**
- Sat., Jan. 10 SSAT Testing at SEA
- Wed., Jan. 14 **9:00-10:30 a.m. & 5:00-6:30 p.m., Admissions Information Session & Tour for ALL grades**
- Wed., Jan. 14 **3:45 p.m., 6th Grade Health class** for students and parents
- Thurs., Jan. 15 9:30 a.m., 1st Grade Performance dress-rehearsal
- Fri., Jan. 16 **8:30 a.m., 1st Grade Performance** for parents and guests
- Mon., Jan. 19 **SCHOOL CLOSED** – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Tues., Jan. 20 Classes resume for all students
- Tues., Jan. 20 Mid-Trimester II
- Wed., Jan. 21 8th grade **ONLY** dress-down day
- Thurs., Jan. 22 **11:30 dismissal for ALL students; 12:00 – 6:00 p.m., Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- Fri., Jan. 23 PreKindergarten & Kindergarten Assessments for FALL 2009 prospective students
- Sat., Jan. 24 PreKindergarten & Kindergarten Assessments for FALL 2009 prospective students
- Sat. Jan. 24 6:30 p.m., **Dance, Dance Revolution Party** for 7th & 8th graders
- Tues., Jan.27 **2:00 p.m., 1st grade Chinese New Year celebration**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!