



St. Edmund's Academy

An Independent School

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CURRENT HAPPENINGS AT SEA

April 1, 2010

Dear Parents,

Welcome Spring! I hope you enjoyed a restful break. It is hard to believe we are in the fourth quarter of the school year!

Thank you for your participation in St. Edmund's *Annual Book Fair*. Once again, it was a huge success. The 7th and 8th grade performances of *Bye Bye Birdie* wowed the audiences during their evening performances. It was so nice to see many alums attend. The 7th grade community service initiative, *Shoes for George*, was quite successful. Thanks for your shoe contributions that will be sent to the people in George, South Africa. The 5th grade community service initiative, a collection of used books, was also quite successful. Many boxes of used books were donated to various local organizations. We're looking forward to a great end to the school year.

Happy Spring!
Susan

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

National Geography Bee

- **Jack C.**, 6th grade, is a State Qualifier for the **National Geography Bee**. Jack moves on to the next round of competition in State College, PA in early April. Congratulations and good luck, Jack!

St. Edmund's Academy Poetry Night

- On **Thursday, April 22**, St. Edmund's will host its third annual **Poetry Night Reading** in the Hillman auditorium. This year we are pleased to have Mr. Dave Crawley join us as our Guest Poet. We are very eager for Mr. Crawley, a local KDKA reporter and author, to share his work with our community. Known for his rhyming stories on KDKA-TV, Mr. Crawley has branched out into children's literature. His collections, *Dog Poems* and *Cat Poems*, pay tribute to our devoted companions. His third book, *Reading, Rhyming and 'Rithmetic*, has just been published this year. Mr. Crawley also has numerous poems in nine anthologies and has published dozens of poems in 13 national children's magazines. The evening will commence at 6:30 with several of our students reciting poetry. Following the children's recitations, Mr. Crawley will read some of his works and then provide an opportunity to purchase signed copies of some of his works. The evening will conclude with refreshments in the Mudge Library. Please plan on joining us for this enjoyable event.

Community Service

- **1st Grade** – The worthiness of service to others... Again this year first graders will help collect **new toys, books and games for Children's Hospital**. Last year over 200 items were donated from SEA! Please bring your donations to the first grade classrooms throughout the month of April. More information will be provided when we return from break.

- **4th Grade** – The 4th grade will participate in the annual **Stash the Trash** initiative sponsored Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and the City of Pittsburgh.

Lacrosse Games: 5th-8th grades

- **Boys:** April 16, 20, 21, 23, 26, 29. **ALL** games are away games.
- **Girls:** April 13, 20, 21, 23, 26, 29. **ALL** games are away games.

IMPORTANT APRIL DATES/EVENTS

- Thurs. Apr. 1 SCHOOL CLOSED
- Fri., Apr. 2 SCHOOL CLOSED
- Sun., Apr. 4 Easter Sunday
- Mon., Apr. 5 **CLASSES RESUME FOR ALL STUDENTS (SNOW MAKE-UP DAY)**
- Wed., Apr. 7 8:15 a.m., PTA Board meeting
- Thurs., Apr. 8 8:15 a.m., Chapel; Coffee hosted by 2nd grade
- Tues., Apr. 13 **9:30 a.m., 4th grade visits the Frick Museum for Letter Boxing**
- Wed., Apr. 14 **8th grade ONLY dress-down day**
- Fri., Apr. 16 **Ms. Verna (the Nature Lady) visits PreK I for a bug presentation**
- Fri., Apr. 16 **2:15 p.m., 4th grade Spelling Bee in the Hillman auditorium**
- Sat., Apr. 17 SSAT Testing
- Thurs., Apr. 22 **10:00 a.m., 1st grade Performance dress rehearsal**
- Thurs., Apr. 22 **1st Grade Earth Day flower plantings on campus**
- Thurs., Apr. 22 **6:30 p.m., St. Edmund’s Academy Poetry Night**
- Fri., Apr. 23 **8:30 a.m., 1st grade Performance for parents and guests**
- Fri., Apr. 23 **1:30 p.m., 4th grade participates in “Stash the Trash”**
- Wed., Apr. 28 **2:00 p.m., Holocaust speaker presentation in the auditorium for 7th & 8th grades**
- Fri., Apr. 30 **6:30 p.m., The Great Event at the Carnegie Museum Hall of Sculpture**