

SRL Academy HSA News



Celebrating our God given gifts

Welcome Back!

On behalf of the Home and School Association, welcome to the 2009 – 2010 school year. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year. Please read this newsletter carefully as it is filled with loads of information about the many school, social and fundraising events we are sponsoring this year. This is a great resource for all things SRL and HSA!

The Raven's Nest

If you have not checked out the gym, you really must! Many, many thanks to Rick Longenecker and Mrs. Pollak for overseeing the restoration of the gym. They both worked very hard this summer to make sure that the project was done well and in a timely fashion - it's beautiful and it was ready for the first day of school. Mission Accomplished! Bravo!

Gift Wrap is Back!

The annual SRLA Gift Wrap Fundraiser is under way! You should have received your packet in your child's backpack earlier this week. Candles, novelty gift items and Boston Coffee Cakes will be available in addition to a great assortment of gift wraps—the perfect opportunity to get a jump on your holiday shopping! Funds raised will be used to help pay for 8th grade expenses, including the Baccalaureate, Graduation, the class trip and retreat, and the class dinner. The sale runs through October 1, with all order forms due back at SRL on that date. You may also order on line, or invite out-of-town family and friends to do so, by visiting www.genevieves.com and using school code #10062. Please note that while on line orders are credited to SRL, they cannot be counted toward prizes based on an individual student's sales. On behalf of the Class of 2010, thank you for your support!

Wish Upon a Star

It's never too early to begin planning our biggest and best fundraiser of the year, **Wish Upon a Star**. The date is set for March 26, 2010 at the Maplewood Country Club. Many of the details are still being worked out and **Petrina Ferraro** and **Danielle Ward**, co-chairs of this year's event, would like to invite you to assist them. A kickoff meeting will be held soon. Lookout for an e-mail announcing the date. Everyone is welcome!

Progressive Dinner

The date is set for the Third Annual **Progressive Dinner! November 7!** This is our official fall fundraiser. Cocktails with everyone and an intimate dinner at someone's home with SRL friends. This is a great evening out. **Amy Traynor** and **Ann Laskowski** are this year's co-chairs. They will be looking for volunteers to host a dinner or cocktails or dessert. A meeting for volunteers will be held Wednesday, September 23 after drop off.

IMPORTANT HSA DUES

The Home and School Association includes all St. Rose of Lima Academy families in its membership. It is mandatory that each family contribute \$70.00 per year to obtain membership status and voting privilege. This fee covers the cost of the following: H.S.A. School Family Directory, Class Party/Teacher Gift expenses and Wish Upon a Star Class Basket seed money. Please send your dues to the school office addressed to NANCY DUFNER, HSA Treasurer. You will receive your directory upon payment of your dues.

Don't Forget. We are a peanut and nut free school.

This does not just mean peanut butter. It includes cereal bars, granola, etc. that contain peanuts and/or nuts (walnuts, almonds, cashews, etc.) We have many children with peanut and nut allergies and this policy makes them feel much safer. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

SRL Extras

SRL Academy offers many extracurricular activities for our children. Registration has begun for after school enrichment programs, cross country, and basketball. Check out the details below.

After School Enrichment

This fall we are offering many great classes which include Hip Hop dance, Aviation Club, Basketball Skills, Volleyball Skills, Color Me Mine Pottery and Making Magic. Course descriptions with days and times were sent via e-mail. Please return all forms with payment enclosed to the school office, attention Nancy Dufner.

Cross Country

All SRL students are invited to to be a part of the SRL Academy Cross Country team. **John and Kim Profacci** are geared to lead our school to another successful season. Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:45 - 6:45 at Taylor Park in Millburn. Wear sneakers and bring lots of water. Registration forms were sent out via e-mail. Please return all forms with payment enclosed to the school office, attention of Nancy Dufner.

Basketball

It's time to get ready for basketball season. The season begins with the annual SRL sponsored Thanksgiving Day tournament. Boys and girls in grades 3 - 8 are eligible to play. Look for forms soon. **Rick Longenecker**, our Athletic Director, is looking forward to a great season.

Choir

Students in Grades 3 - 8 are invited to join the SRL Academy Choir. Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 3:00 - 3:45. This year the choir will be directed by the parish organist, Christine Brown. Forms were sent via e-mail.

Don't Forget to Purchase SCRIP

You can visit Debbie Longenecker every Friday after drop-off in the back of the parking lot, where she is selling SCRIP. She will be in a white SUV. Debbie will be keeping track of each family's SCRIP purchases, as we are all required to participate in the program, either by actually purchasing SCRIP or by opting out for \$125.00. Please send opt-out payment to the front office to the attention of Nancy Dufner. Make checks payable to SRL HSA. Also note that SCRIP can be purchased through the front office. Just send a note to Danny along with payment and he will arrange everything for you.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held **Sunday, November 8 - Thursday, November 12.** Christine Athaide and Darlene Reid are organizing the Book Fair this year and will need lots of help. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

REMEMBER

- * *After School Enrichment - Forms due now*
- * *Cross Country - Forms due Friday, September 18*
- * *Thursday, September 17 7:30- Back to School Night Gr. 5 -8*
- * *Thursday, September 24 7:30 - Back to School Night Pre K - Gr. 4*
- * *Wednesday, September 23 - Progressive Dinner Volunteer Meeting*
- * *Friday, September 25 - Dress Down Day for Charity*
- * *Buy SCRIP - Fridays, Parking Lot*