



## SMS School News

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**PTG Meeting** – Please note that the PTG Meeting is scheduled for **6:30 PM** on Tuesday, February 13th in the school library.

**Ash Wednesday-February 14th** – Liturgy of the Word at Noon. Students are to wear regular school uniforms (no dress down passes).

**St. Malachy Parish Fish Fry** - Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14th (Ash Wednesday) and so does the St. Malachy Parish Fish Fry. The money raised at the Fish Fry allows the parish to pay our school budget a generous subsidy. Your support is greatly appreciated! Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Tim Davis for more information at (412) 445-0113. Please see the enclosed menu. Parents, please be aware of the following during the Lenten Season:

- During Lent, Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat on Fridays. Our cafeteria does not serve meat on Fridays during Lent. Please remember this if packing your child's lunch.
- The cafeteria will serve a brown bag lunch (no hot lunches).
- ALL students who leave by car will be dismissed through the kindergarten classroom door. Parents **MUST** park their cars and go to the door before their child(ren) will be dismissed. See the enclosed Fish Fry dates.

**Preschool Registration** – If you are interested in enrolling or re-registering your child(ren) in our preschool program, please fill out and return the enclosed commitment form by Friday, February 16th.

**Q2 Required Participation Hours** – Family Reports are being sent home today. As a reminder, each family must contribute 25 hours of volunteer time to our school each year. As we enter the third nine weeks, only 39 families reported hours this quarter, 48 families have not completed half of the required hours, and of those, 18 families have reported zero hours. Please visit our website for more information and upcoming volunteer opportunities.

**SMS Snowball Swirl Reminder** - Attention students in grades 6th-8th...put on your best and dust off those dancing shoes. It is once again time for the annual SMS Snowball Swirl. This is a semi-formal dance (NO JEANS) open to students in grades 6-8 on Saturday, February 24th from 6:00-9:00 PM. The cost is \$20 per student. Price includes dinner/dessert, dancing and keepsake photo. Late registrations will not be accepted. Any questions, please contact Dana Schirnhofner at dm\_schirnhofner@yahoo.com.

**Junior Achievement Scholarships for 8th Grade** – Please print the form and list the years your child has had JA (ask them, they will remember), send the form to the school office for verification and a signature. The form will then be returned to your child. \*They must have had at least two years of JA, all students have had JA in grades K-5. <https://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-westernpa/ja-scholarships>

**Hoagie Fundraiser** – Orders and payment are due by Tuesday, February 13th. Pick-up is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20th in the cafeteria. There are three pick-up times for your convenience: 11:00 AM-12:00 PM, 2:30-3:00 PM and 6:00-7:00 PM. You will earn \$3.00 for every hoagie sold towards your FFF. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Linda McCracken at (412) 944-8096.

**Financial Aid** – The POISE Foundation will open its three scholarship applications (Pre-K, K-12, and OSTC) on Thursday, March 1, 2018 and the application period will end on Tuesday, April 30, 2018. The application can be found on their website - [www.poisefoundation.org](http://www.poisefoundation.org).

**St. Malachy School Yearbook** – Reminder: 8th grade pictures for the yearbook are due. Please send in a current photo and a baby photo to Mrs. Corona in a marked envelope. \*\*Pictures need to be on photo paper and in color. Yearbook orders with payment are due by Tuesday, February 20th.

**Spring Dress Down Fundraiser (K-8th Grade)** – Please see the enclosed flyer for the cost and rules for the Spring dress down.

**Designer Purse Raffle (Calendar Party)** - We have 500 tickets to sell and we are looking for families to help us out. Tickets are \$5.00 each per purse and the winner does not need to be present at the event. If you are interested in buying/selling tickets, please email Mrs. Kunes at [lkunes@stmalachyschool.net](mailto:lkunes@stmalachyschool.net).

**Tournament** - The weekend of February 9th - 11th SMS will be hosting the 17th annual Brian & Brandon Bomber Classic in the school gym. This tournament is dedicated to Brian Finnegan and Brandon Chiarelli, who died in a car accident on their way to their final home game for the Montour Spartan varsity basketball team in February 2001. Brian Finnegan played at St. Malachy as a Blue Bomber in the 1990s.

Our boys teams and JV girls team will be in action, starting Friday evening February 9th and continuing into Sunday afternoon February 11th. Our cheerleaders and pep squad will also be on hand to cheer on the teams. Stay tuned for additional details including the game schedule and match-ups. All are welcome to attend. - Go Bombers!

**Instructional Basketball** – Practice is cancelled on Saturday, February 13th due to the Brian & Brandon Bomber Classic. Come support the teams Friday - Sunday and enjoy some of the good food!

**Super Bowl Pool Winners** – Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser!

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| 1st Quarter | Joe Lewis      | Reverse | SMS              |
| Halftime    | Deb Lozoraitis | Reverse | Deb Lozoraitis   |
| 3rd Quarter | Tim Tokarczyk  | Reverse | Kristin Crawford |
| Final       | SMS            | Reverse | Lisa Polar       |

**Cheer Warm-up Jacket** - At the boys basketball game last Wednesday night, one of the 8th grade cheerleader's warm-up jacket went missing from Mrs. Mattarochia's room. The girls are heading into competition season and the jacket is needed as part of their uniform and this is an 8th grade cheerleader's jacket. If anyone should happen to see or find the cheer jacket with the name "MARA" embroidered on it, please turn it into the school office. Thank you!

**OLSH News** - Meet characters from the upcoming OLSH spring musical Beauty & the Beast on Saturday, February 17th from 9:00~11:00 AM at OLSH High School ~ cafeteria entrance. Pancake breakfast, activities, crafts and more! Cost \$10/person ~ tickets sold in advance only-contact Diana Messner at (412) 716-9010 or tickets can be ordered through OLSH.

Enclosed with this week's newsletter:

- Preschool Registration
- Spring Dress Down Fundraiser Flyer (K-8 Only)
- Fish Fry Dates/Menu
- Pancake Breakfast Flyer (K-9 Only)
- Participation Hours Family Report (K-8 Only)