

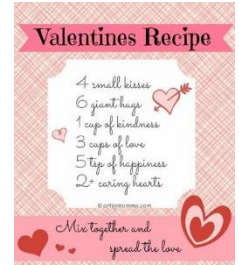


A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HSA PRESIDENT

Judith Kopp

Dear Families,

Happy 2020! We made it through the busy Holidays, watched the Ravens make a solid attempt to get to the SuperBowl, managed to celebrate Catholic Schools Week with no snow interruptions (I think this is a first for me since my daughter started Kindergarten!), and celebrate a love filled Valentine's Day! In the busy world we share, we need to remember to always share the love with each other every day and not just on Valentine's Day. So many people love our school community in many different ways. The HSA is blessed to have dedicated team members who show the love to our faculty, parents, and students on a regular basis. There are so many selfless people who give of their time and creative energy to bring exciting events to our campus. We cannot thank all of the chairpeople, bakers, roomparents, event volunteers, and my fellow executive team members enough for always showering our school with lots of love! Let's remember to set the best example for our children by always emphasizing the importance of kindness and love.



A huge thank you goes out to Colleen Grayson and her dedicated team of volunteers who helped to ring in 2020 with the beautiful Daddy/Daughter dance. The gym was breathtaking, the food delicious, and this annual event truly enjoyed by all. Thank you to you, the families, for going with the flow (or snow or Ravens playoff game) in regards to the moving of the event! Colleen has been chairing this event for many years and it is very well organized. We will be looking for someone to shadow Colleen next year. If you are interested in helping, please email her at thegraysonfamily@verizon.net.

I'd be remiss if I did not thank the Hospitality team for all of the delicious treats provided during Catholic Schools Week. In just this one week, this team of volunteers prepared a delicious soup and salad luncheon for our teachers, treats for our open house guests, and ended the week by sending in delicious desserts for our teachers' luncheon held at The Tower. Thank you for sharing your talents from home!

Thank you, Jennifer Andrews, for helping to plan our annual Ice World event for our students during Catholic Schools Week! And no Ice World Day would be complete without Doug Meyer manning the skate rental table! Thank you, Doug, for your diligence and patience at this event!

Another Catholic Schools Week thank you goes out to Doug and his hot dog hot lunch team! Many students enjoyed their free hot dog lunch complete with the popular ice cream sandwiches thanks to all of these dedicated parents who also support the hot lunch program every week! Thank you all for giving our students an extra special lunch (and parents a day off from making lunch)!

Gail Rohleder and Melissa Reuter did it again! What a phenomenal Designer Bag Bingo! Every year the bags and raffle baskets top the prior year's. Thank you to them, Conrad's Seafood for a delicious meal, and the parent volunteers who helped plan, decorate for, and run this community event! You ladies in your pink aprons really made the evening enjoyable for all!

Please plan on joining us at our HSA open meeting on Thursday, March 5 in the ES gym. Our speaker, Dr. Hanover, will be speaking on executive functioning and attendees will leave with a better understanding of executive functioning skills and ways to improve these skills at home. This evening is also very important to the HSA as we have many opportunities to present to you in regards to supporting our school community. Many people currently running events or participating on the Executive Committee are graduating this year or next year and we need to have others within our community step up and carry on the great work of those who have dedicated their time to bringing enjoyable events to our community. We will present the open positions, answer any questions you have in regard to the open positions, and begin the process of electing next year's members of the executive committee. A preview of the open positions with descriptions will be sent to the community before the event. Please give prayerful thought to sharing your talents with all of us!

Finally, save the date for the annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 22. Deanna Townsley and her "Italian" cooks are busy making the homemade sauce and planning a lovely evening for our families. Our own 8th graders will be your servers for the evening. Please come join us from 4-7pm; tickets will go on sale soon! If you'd like to help with this event, please contact Deanna at deannatownsley@yahoo.com.

Thank you for everything you do,
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