



ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT SCHOOL

*"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will
He find a warm heart? Mark the season of
Advent by loving and serving the others with
God's own love and concern."*

-St. Teresa of Calcutta

December 6, 2023

Dear St. William the Abbot Families,

Happy St. Nicholas Day! The SWS community celebrated with our annual "Breakfast with Santa" event, which is always a big hit, and this year's event did not disappoint! Very special thanks to Mrs. Gorlesky, Mrs. Bianco, Mrs. Impemba, and all the elves who volunteered their time to make the morning memorable for our little ones!

As the mission of our Catholic school is to lead our students to Christ, our 2nd and 3rd grade classes are doing things a little differently this Advent Season with the incorporation of the "Mary on the Mantel" program. The elf has been put on the shelf so that our children have the opportunity to follow the star of wonder and prepare their hearts for the coming of baby Jesus, with Mother Mary as their guide! It's a wonderful way for our children to focus on the true meaning of Christmas!

Please join us at the 9:00am Mass this Friday, December 8th, which is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother. Students in grades K-8 will be attending Mass, and we ask that all students be in their regular school uniforms (no gym uniforms).

A special request for MORNING DROP-OFF in the back lot. Please DO NOT park in the main lot and walk across to the back doors of the school. I hold my breath whenever I see this happen because cars are pulling up and someone could get hurt! I would also ask all drivers to pull up to the curb at a slower rate of speed, for the sake of safety. ALSO, if you miss the window in the back lot for drop-off, please pull up to the front lot, park, and walk your child to the front doors of the school. Cars are NOT PERMITTED in the front circle, again, for the safety of our children.

A friendly reminder that "Celebration Walk" posters are mandatory for all students, K-8. We hope to see you on 12/20 as we celebrate the Trimester 1 accomplishments of our students!

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DECEMBER CALENDAR

FEAST OF ST. LUCY

ADVENT WREATH

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR
SOCIETY TOY DRIVE

POPCORN & PAJAMAS

LUNCH WITH THE GRINCH

BAKERY BOOTH
THANK YOU

CHRISTMAS TREE
CAKE POP

ISLANDERS GAME

VSC RAFFLE

VSC FAQS

BOWLING

FLAG FOOTBALL



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The SWS NJHS is collecting new, unwrapped toys for our annual St. Vincent de Paul Toy Drive. Donations are being accepted through Tuesday, December 12, 2023 (next Tuesday). Please consider donating! Thank you for your support!

I am so pleased to share the news that St. William the Abbot School is participating in the Diocesan Aquinas Program this school year, under the direction of Mr. Ryan Fedak, Assistant Principal. Named after St. Thomas Aquinas, the Patron Saint of Students, the Aquinas Program seeks to create a self-guided learning experience that transcends the four walls of the classroom. Students involved in the Aquinas Program will learn to value collaboration, hone critical thinking skills, and challenge themselves to become autonomous learners and scholars. Our 8th grade participants, Jenna Caniano, Christian Bayer, Tessa Mullin, Sarah Lemus, Gianna Falco, and James Holian have developed a very impressive essential question to research: "What is time, and where does God exist in relation to time?" Our students chose this topic after a Theology of the Body class with Fr. Joe in which he touched upon the concept of time in relation to God. Our SWS Aquinas Team will develop a 10 minute presentation, to be shared at the Diocesan Aquinas Expo in the Spring! Good luck!

SWS is also, once again, participating in the Catholic Icon Art Exhibition, hosted by St. Martin de Porres School. This year's Art Exhibit theme is The Eucharist, which is a great opportunity to reinforce our school's theme of "Become What You Receive." Looking forward to some great work from our art students!

Peace,
Mrs. Elizabeth Bricker, Principal



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SWS CELEBRATION WALK

December 20, 2023



Design a poster and highlight one of your achievements during Trimester 1.

It can be an Academic, Spiritual, Personal, or Sports goal achieved!

Be creative!



December - Hope ★ Peace ★ Joy ★ Love

December 6th ... Breakfast with Santa Grades N-2

No Drama Practice

11:40 am Dismissal

Report Card Conferences - Mandatory 1:00- 3:00 pm

December 7th ... 11:40am Dismissal

No MSS Today

Report Card Conferences - Mandatory 1:00- 3:00 pm; 5:30 - 7:00 pm

December 8th ... Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 9:00 am Mass

• Eucharistic Adoration for grades 4 and 5, following Mass

Pioneer Sports Winter Session #2 Grades 5-8

December 11th ... Adoration and Confession for Middle Schoolers 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Christmas Concert Grades 5 & 6; Elite Choir

December 12th ... Story Time with Fr. Joe for Nursery and PreK

December 13th ... Story Time with Fr. Joe for Kinders and 1st Graders

Candlelight Holy Hour; Celebrating the Feast of St. Lucia

December 14th ... Story Time with Fr. Joe for Grades 2 and 3

Chess Club Fall Session #8 (Final)

December 15th ... Grade 5 Field Trip to Argyle Theatre

Pioneer Sports Winter Session #3

December 17th ... Bambinelli Sunday

• Bring the Jesus figure from your tabletop Creche to be blessed

December 18th ... Ugly Christmas Sweater Day (over regular uniform)

• "Lunch with the Grinch" for Grades 3, 4, & 5

• CELEBRATION WALK POSTERS DUE TODAY; MANDATORY

Advent Confession at SWA Church 3:00 pm 9:00 pm

December 19th ... No MSS TODAY

December 20th ... 11:40 am Dismissal

• No Drama Practice Today

• SWS Celebration Walk K-8 8:45 am

• Grade 4 Living Nativity at School Mass 9:30 am

December 21st ... Christmas Recess Begins

December 24th ... Christmas Eve Masses at 4 pm, 5:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 11 pm

December 25th ... Merry Christmas!

• Christmas Masses at 8am, 9:30 am, 11 am, 12:30 pm





Join us for
**Advent
Candlelight
Holy Hour**
on the
Feast of St. Lucy

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT 7PM

PRAYER | ADORATION | MUSIC

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WE INVITE YOUR FAMILY
TO LIGHT OUR ADVENT
WREATH PRIOR TO MASS
DURING THIS SEASON,
PLEASE EMAIL
KWALSH@STWILLIAM.ORG
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED





the feast of
The Immaculate Conception

"No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and the birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin." (United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 142-143)

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times

***Thursday, December 7th:
7pm***

***Friday, December 8th:
7am, 9am, 7pm***



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THE ABBOT SCHOOL**

TOY DRIVE

DROP OFF
2001 Jackson Avenue
Seaford

**DONATE A NEW AND UNWRAPPED TOY TO
FAMILIES IN NEED ACROSS LONG ISLAND**

NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 12, 2023

***Every child deserves a
Merry Christmas!***



To find out more about SVDPLI, visit
svdpli.org or call 516-822-3132.



Popcorn
and
PAJAMAS
at the Seaford Cinemas

CHOOSE 1

ELF
HOME ALONE
THE GRINCH (2018)

WEDNESDAY
20
DECEMBER

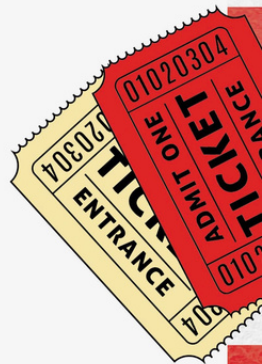
PER PERSON

\$20

POPCORN & A SODA
INCLUDED

CHECK IN
3:30PM

register **HERE** by
december 13



**CHILDREN
MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED
BY A TICKETED
ADULT**



one adult can
bring a group of kids



A stylized illustration of the Grinch's head and red hat. The hat is red with a black outline and a white pom-pom. The Grinch's face is white with a black outline. The word "GRINCH" is written in large, green, block letters across the face. The text "Lunch with the" is written in a white, cursive font on the red hat.

Lunch with the

GRINCH

Monday, December 18th
Lunch will be served

11AM - 12PM: 5th Grade
12PM - 1PM: 3rd & 4th

Click [HERE](#) to register to
volunteer by 12/11



Thank you to all
who contributed to
and supported the
SWS Bakery Booth.

Your generosity
helped make the
2023 Christmas Fair
a success!

Merry Christmas &
many blessings for
a Happy New Year!

- Louise Abrams & Renee Frawley



Christmas Tree Cake Pop

A FESTIVE TREAT TO BE
SERVED DURING LUNCH ON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

\$3.99

Ingredients:
Pillsbury Cake Mix
Pillsbury Frosting
Canola Oil
Eggs
Candy Melts
Candy Decorations
Sanding Sugar
Sprinkles



Order now
through
Thursday 12/14
on Boonli

Cake pops come individually wrapped for students
to enjoy during lunch or bring home!





SWS Family Fun Night at the New York Islanders!
Belmont Park - UBS Arena
New York Islanders vs. Washington Capitals
Friday, December 29, 2023
7:30 PM



Post-game group picture on the ice!

Tickets: \$74 each*
On Sale 11/29 through 12/15
Purchase tickets [HERE](#)

Ticket pick-up details to follow

***Please note that there will be an additional parking fee**
Questions? Email Pam Romanewicz at promanewicz@gmail.com



IT'S TIME TO KICKOFF THE

VSC RAFFLE

1st Prize: \$7,500

2nd Prize: \$2,500

3rd Prize: \$1,000

10 additional prizes at \$250 each

Participation in the VSC raffle, by buying or selling 8 raffle tickets, fulfills the fundraising portion of the Volunteer Service Credit program for the current school year. Even if you are not participating in the program, we encourage all families to participate in the raffle!

TICKET PICKUP:

From your oldest or only child's teacher during parent-teacher conferences on 12/6 and 12/7. Tickets not picked up will be sent home with your child on Friday 12/8.

Additional information regarding the raffle will be included with your tickets.

Tickets due back by 3/25/24 | Drawing will take place on 4/25/24

Tickets are numbered and will NOT be replaced. Please keep them in a safe place!



Volunteer Service Credit (VSC)

Frequently Asked Questions

12 Hours + 8 Raffle Tickets = \$400 Credit

What is the Volunteer Service Credit (VSC)?

St. William the Abbot offers a tuition discount in the amount of \$400 to families who:

1. Perform at least 12 hours of volunteering, and
2. Sell at least 8 raffle tickets for the “VSC Raffle”

What volunteering hours count towards the VSC?

- All volunteering opportunities that are listed on the VSC website, lunch/recess duty and Middle School Sports Coaching.

What volunteering hours do NOT count towards the VSC?

- Class mom activities, field trips and party chaperones, and volunteers who attend in-school and classroom parties do not count towards these hours.

Are family volunteer hours counted separately?

- No! All volunteers linked under the family account in our VSC system will count towards the 12 hours. That means Mom, Dad, Grandma and Grandpa, as long as they are all VIRTUS trained, can contribute!

What is the timeline for qualifying for the VSC?

- Our VSC program runs each year from April 1st through March 31st.
- Volunteering hours worked **between 4/1/2023 and 3/31/2024** will count towards the 23/24 VSC program, with the exception of lunch/recess duty. Only current school year hours (September - March) will count towards the 23/24 VSC program.
- The VSC raffle tickets (to be provided in late fall) must be sold by 3/31/2024.
- Families who qualify for the credit will receive the discount on their May 2024 tuition bill. This will automatically be reflected in your FACTS account.

What if I volunteer for more than 12 hours? Can I be exempt from the fundraising (raffle ticket) portion?

- To qualify for the credit, families must meet both the volunteering and fundraising requirements, regardless of how many volunteer hours are performed, as both are equally important!

Are there enough volunteering opportunities for all families to meet this requirement?

- Yes! The VSC website is consistently updated with both in school and out of school volunteer opportunities, including morning, afternoon, evening and weekend slots! Below is a list of opportunities published in VSC between April 2023 and December 2023, not counting all of our dedicated lunch volunteers! Some of these events are currently open for registration!

Event	Time(s)	# Slots	Month
<i>Uniform Closet</i>	<i>2:30pm-6pm</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>April 2023</i>
<i>Plant Sale</i>	<i>Multiple time slots 8:30am-6:00pm</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>May 2023</i>
<i>Mother/Fathers Day Sale Set Up</i>	<i>2:30pm-5:00pm</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>May 2023</i>
<i>Mother/Fathers Day Sale Event</i>	<i>Multiple time slots 7:45am-1:30pm</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>May 2023</i>
<i>Mother / Son Event Set- Up</i>	<i>Multiple time slots 12:00pm-6:00pm</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>May 2023</i>
<i>Mother / Son Event</i>	<i>6:00pm-10:00pm</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>May 2023</i>
<i>Field of Honor Set-Up</i>	<i>8:30am-10:30am</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>May 2023</i>
<i>Field of Honor Take Down</i>	<i>4:30pm-6:30pm</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>June 2023</i>
<i>Feast Day Set Up</i>	<i>Multiple time slots 4:00pm-7:00pm</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>June 2023</i>
<i>Feast Day Clean Up</i>	<i>Multiple time slots 10:00pm-12:00am</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>June 2023</i>
<i>Feast Day Event</i>	<i>Multiple time slots 6:45pm-10:15pm</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>June 2023</i>
<i>Uniform Closet</i>	<i>Multiple time slots 3:00pm-6:00pm</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>August 2023</i>
<i>Back to School Night Raffles</i>	<i>6:30pm-8:00pm</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>August 2023</i>
<i>Middle School Back to School Dance</i>	<i>6:30pm-8:30pm</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>September 2023</i>
<i>Hospitality Breakfast set-up</i>	<i>8:00am-9:00am</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>September 2023</i>
<i>Uniform Closet</i>	<i>Multiple Time Slots 3:00pm-6:00pm</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>October 2023</i>
<i>September Lunch Flex</i>	<i>11:30am-1:00pm</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>September 2023</i>
<i>Adventureland</i>	<i>5:15pm-6:15pm</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>October 2023</i>

<i>October Lunch Flex</i>	<i>11:30am-1:00pm</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>October 2023</i>
<i>Halloween Party</i>	<i>Multiple time slots 3:00pm-9:00pm</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>October 2023</i>
<i>Trunk or Treat</i>	<i>Multiple time slots 12:30pm-5:00pm</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>October 2023</i>
November Lunch Flex	11:30pm-1:00pm	19	November 2023
Radio Bingo (11/3/23)	6:30pm-9:30pm	6	November 2023
Harvest Dance (11/9/23)	6:30pm-8:30pm	10	November 2023
Thanksgiving Pies (11/21/23)	Multiple time slots 9:00am-6:00pm	16	November 2023
Children's Christmas Fair Set Up (11/28/23)	2:30pm-5:00pm	10	November 2023
Children's Christmas Fair Event (11/29/23)	Multiple time slots 7:45am-2:30pm	60	November 2023
December Lunch Flex	11:30am-1:00pm	11	December 2023
Christmas Fair Set Up (12/1/23)	Multiple time slots 3:30pm-7:30pm	10	December 2023
Christmas Fair (12/2/23-12/3/23)	Multiple Time Slots 9:30am-4:30pm	192	December 2023
Christmas Fair Clean Up (12/3/23)	4:00pm-6:00pm	20	December 2023
DIY Cookie Kit Pickup	Multiple Time Slots 12:00pm-6:00pm	7	December 2023

What other opportunities will be added?

Our event leads make every effort to add opportunities for sign up as early as possible, but it is recommended to check back frequently. Be on the lookout for additional volunteering opportunities through March 2024 such as:

- Popcorn and Pajamas (December)
- Stuff-a-Wolf Event (January)
- Father/Daughter Dance (February)
- Bagels with the Bunny (March)
- Uniform Closet (Various)
- Lunch Flex Volunteering (Monthly)

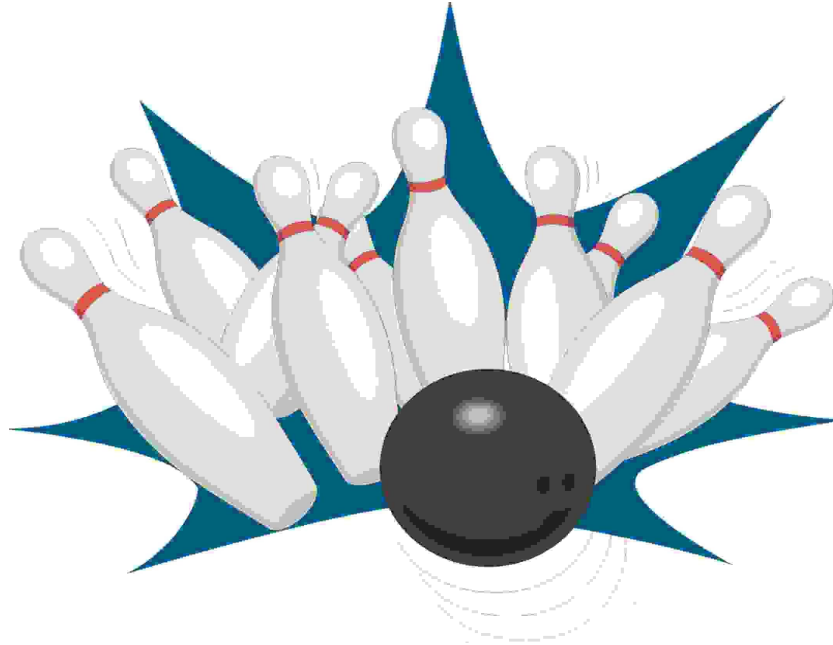
What do I do if I have questions or need help with my VSC account?

- Email vsc@stwilliamtheabbot.net - we are here to help!



LAST CALL ***

Calling all Bowlers



St. Williams Co-ed Bowling Team

6th, 7th, and 8th grades

Will begin 1st week of January

Games played on Fridays 3:30 – 5:00pm

League runs for 8 weeks

Unlimited bowlers are allowed but must sign up to play.

***Email mss@stwilliamtheabbot.net if interested
indicating your child's name, grade, and shirt size.***

Coach/Chaperone needed



LAST CALL

St William the Abbot School

Presents

Spring Flag Football



5th/6th grade boys, girls, or co-ed

7th/8th grade boys, girls, or co-ed

Teams based on sign-up.

Cost \$170 per player

Sign-up and Fee due by 12/8

2024 Spring Season Tentative Schedule

Saturday Mornings/Afternoons (8am - 5pm) with one Sunday

- **Saturday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 with one Sunday, March 17, 2024.**
- **Saturday/Sunday April 6th , 7th & April 13th (Playoffs & Championship)**

PLEASE RETURN WITH CHECK OR EMAIL
mss@stwilliamtheabbot.net

NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ SHIRT SIZE: _____

