



ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT SCHOOL

*"To enjoy, we must love; and to love we must
sacrifice."*

~St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

January 10, 2024

Dear St. William the Abbot Families,

Hope everyone weathered the storm last night! We Catholics are well-prepared to weather storms because our foundation is built on solid ground! Our Catholic schools exist for the sole purpose of building that rock-solid foundation for our precious children, and when one of our schools closes, it is always a cause for great sadness. We pray for the alum of SWS who attend Our Lady of Mercy Academy, as well as all the "Mercy Girls," past and present, who are so deeply affected by the closing of such a wonderful school. Make no mistake, we are all in a fight to keep Catholic education alive and well, and we can never let up or give in! Yes, we are strong here at SWS, but Mercy, in its day, was also strong (since 1928!). We can never be complacent or comfortable or let our guard down as we continue to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with this generation of students and future generations, as well. I respectfully ask you to consider how your gifts and talents can be shared here at our school, so that a future principal will write not about the closing of St. William the Abbot School, but rather about how the good people of St. William the Abbot School remained steadfast in their faith to support and sustain the mission. We Are, and always will be, St. William's!

On a somewhat related note, SWS 8th Graders will be receiving their HS acceptances today! Always an exciting time! We know that their efforts will pay off and that God will lead them in the direction of their dreams as they make this big decision. A little help from Blessed Carlo Acutis can't hurt, either, as they spent time this past week learning all about this 15-year-old Italian boy who is on his way to sainthood. Students learned how Blessed Carlo so lovingly dedicated his life to God and about his devotion to the Eucharist. They researched his exhibit, "The Eucharistic Miracles of the World" (see attached flyer). What a beautiful role model to look to on their path to Confirmation! Good luck to our 8th graders on this special day!

Our annual **SWS Early Childhood Evening** is tomorrow, January 11th, beginning at 6:30pm. Please share this information with family and friends.

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BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

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No registration for the event is required, and all parents/guardians/grandparents are welcome! One barometer for the health of SWS is the percentage of students from Pre-K who return for Kindergarten. As of this writing, a little over half of our Pre-K families have responded to the Registration Form sent out last week. Of the 26 families that have responded, 80% of them are returning! This is excellent news, and is due, in large part, to the phenomenal Kindergarten Program here at SWS, crafted by Mrs. Diodati and Mrs. Hayes. Our early childhood teachers, Ms. Walsh, Mrs. Annunziata, Mrs. Gioglio, Mrs. Wright, and the aforementioned Mrs. Diodati and Mrs. Hayes, all create warm and loving atmospheres for their students, and our little ones thrive. I'll say it again, We Are St. William's!

All are invited to our ***Catholic Schools Week Mass and Open House***, beginning at 10:30am on January 28, 2024. We ask that all students attending be in uniform. Please see the enclosed ***CSW Schedule for Students*** in order to plan accordingly. It will be a great week!

Peace,
Mrs. Elizabeth Bricker, Principal

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Catholic Schools Week
St. William the Abbot School
1/28/24-2/2/24



Sunday, 1/28/24

- 10:30am Mass. Students are asked to wear their uniforms.
- Open House: 11:30pm-1:30pm. Please join us!

Monday, 1/29/24

- Pajama Day/Reading Buddies. All students, faculty, and staff may wear PJ's with sneakers. No slippers.
- **"Tales of Scuba Steve" Assemblies:** K-2: 8:30am - 9:15am; Grades 3-5: 9:30am - 10:15am; Grades 6-8: 10:30am-11:15am

Tuesday, 1/30/24

- Student Appreciation Day! Students may dress down (please follow dress down guidelines).
- **"Mad Science" Assemblies ~ Fire and Ice.** K-2: 9:00am-10:00am; Grades 3-5: 10:15am-11:15am
- Faculty vs. 8th Grade Volleyball Game @ 1:00PM. Wear Volleyball T-shirts, if purchased.
- Students may make posters to support their favorite team (the teachers!).
- Family Fun Night @ Tap Room in Farmingdale. 30% of sales will be donated to SWS!

Wednesday, 1/31/24

- Red, White, and Blue Dress Down Day! Students must wear patriotic clothing today (in a respectful way).
- Valentines for Vets Cards Due Today (in-school project)
- **US Customs and Border Protection K-9 Demonstrations.** K-3: 9:00am-10:00am; Grades 4-8: 10:14am-11:15am; N & PK: 11:15am
- In lieu of a fee for US Customs, donations will be collected for the Wounded Warriors Project. Please make checks payable to St. William the Abbot School and mark, "Wounded Warrior Project."

Thursday, 2/1/24

- "Soup"er Bowl Dress Down Day. Bring in a can of soup for the Parish Outreach Pantry and students may wear their favorite team's jersey.
- **Middle School Bagels and Bingo!** Grades 6, 7, & 8 only. 12:00pm-2:00pm, in the Gym.

Friday, 2/2/24

- Teacher Appreciation Day! Thank you for all you do!
- Spelling Bee at 9:30am in the Gym. Grades 4-8 participating. All students must wear their regular school uniforms to school today. Parents of participating students are welcome!
- 11:40am Dismissal
- Lunch for faculty and staff provided by the HSA following dismissal (in the cafeteria).
- Father-Daughter Dance at 7:00pm





RE-REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

for 2024-2025 School Year

To ensure your child's enrollment and facilitate the planning process, we kindly ask you to complete the correct form below at your earliest convenience and no later than January 20, 2024. The \$250.00 registration fee will be debited from your FACTS account on February 29, 2024. Thank you to those families who have already completed the re-registration form.

Pre-Kindergarten 2024

Kindergarten 2024

Grades 1-8 2024

**LATE RESPONSES
MAY RESULT IN
NON-
ACCEPTANCE.**



TECH TALK:

iReady Diagnostic II

Administration of the iReady Diagnostic II
will begin next week for students in Grades K-8.

Important Things to Know:

- Students should be well-rested and have a hearty breakfast so they can do their best.
- Each testing window runs approximately 45 minutes.
- Chromebooks must be charged.
- Students must have personal headphones and they must be in working order.
- Math - Wednesday, January 17, 2024
Thursday, January 18, 2024
- ELA - Wednesday, January 24, 2024
Thursday, January 25, 2024



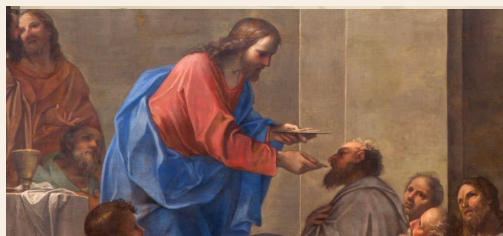
JANUARY 10
2024



Join us for an
exhibit of

THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

DEVELOPED BY BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS



FRIDAY, JANUARY 26TH
YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT NIGHT
6:30PM - 8:30PM IN THE ABBEY

VIEW THE EXHIBITION FOLLOWED BY
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
More information to follow!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH
ALL WELCOME
1PM - 4:30PM IN THE ABBEY

COME AND LEARN ABOUT THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF OUR NEWEST BEATIFIED TEEN AND HIS
DEVOTION TO THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST BASED ON THE WEBSITE HE
DEVELOPED WITH HIS COMPUTER TALENTS



\$2.99 EACH.

FOR SALE ON BOONLI NOW
THROUGH 1/14/2024 AT 11:59 PM



PRETZEL
DAY

1/18/2024

Pretzels are from Philly Pretzel Factory and
come individually wrapped. Pretzels will be
served during LUNCH.





PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN

Enchanted Evening

AT THE 2024 FATHER - DAUGHTER DANCE

Friday, February 2, 2024

7:00 in the evening

St. William the Abbot School

\$20 per person

Max \$60 a family

**plus fees

Register **HERE**

BY JANUARY 19TH



SWS FAMILY FUN NIGHT

DINE-IN OR TAKEOUT AT THE TAP ROOM IN
FARMINGDALE AND THEY WILL DONATE

30% OF EVENT SALES

TO ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT SCHOOL!
PLEASE SHARE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS!



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TAP ROOM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH | 12PM-8PM

206 MAIN ST. FARMINGDALE, NY 11735

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:



DINE-IN

DINE- IN AND SIMPLY SHOW
OR MENTION THIS FLYER



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