



ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT SCHOOL

"Keep in mind that our community is not composed of those who are already saints, but of those who are trying to become saints. Therefore, let us be extremely patient with each other's faults and failures."

-St. Teresa of Calcutta

February 7, 2024

Dear St. William the Abbot Families,

Writing to you today from home and sending apologies as I have been under the weather and out all week. As a result, I have been a bit slow responding to your emails and/or tackling all the responsibilities that come with the job! Those who know me well know that I am a stickler for good attendance, and it's killing me to be away from school, but as Fr. Joe mentioned to me, God sometimes puts us on pause and forces us to get some rest and hopefully recharge. Thank you for your patience, and I hope to be back at school tomorrow!

Being under the weather can't stop me from sharing so much great news with all of you! I begin with the wonderful celebration of Catholic Schools Week. From the standing-room only Liturgy, to the line to get into the school building for Open House, to the Religion and Social Studies Projects on display, to the 8th grade Bake Sale, to the many interesting assemblies, to the MS Radio Bingo event, to the food collection for the SWA Pantry, to the Valentine's Day Cards made for Senior Citizens and Veterans, to the INCREDIBLE Father-Daughter Dance, and even to the faculty getting back on track in Volleyball (lol), it was simply fantastic. Our Catholic School is strong, blessed, and well-positioned for continued success. God is so good!

More good news to share! I recently received the TACHS Exam Building Summary Report for SWS (the TACHS Exam is taken by 8th graders and used to determine eligibility for entrance into Catholic High Schools). St. William the Abbot School ranked in the 81st percentile of schools, **NATIONALLY!** Our students out-performed 80% of students across the nation who sat for the exam. This is not only a testament to our students, but to the faculty and staff who have prepared them over the years to achieve their goals and enjoy academic success. Our Catholic High Schools know the quality of students who come from St. William's, as is often expressed to me from CHS administrators and teachers. We are...St. William's!

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SHOUT OUT!**

WHY ST. WILLIAM'S?

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FEBRUARY TREAT

**LUNCH VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

**HSA
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**TOMORROW'S HOPE
APPLICATIONS**



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How about more good news? Current Kellenberg HS student and SWS alum, Ms. Amanda Punturieri (sister of current SWS students Leanna and JonMichael), is giving back to her alma mater by facilitating a “STEM FOR ALL” Program, which our 2nd and 3rd grade students thoroughly enjoyed last night! Next week, Amanda will host SWS 4th and 5th grade students for another exciting evening of hands-on STEM experiments. We could not be more proud of Amanda, and we are so happy that she thought of SWS when developing her plan to earn her Gold Award in Scouting!

I know, I know, you’re on overload with the good news, but here’s more! Our Nursery, Pre-K, and Kinder acceptance letters are being sent to families this week. We are full in Nursery, full in Pre-K, and our Kindergarten program is currently at 47 registered students! The next Kinder student to register will result in a Kindergarten wait-list. Wow! Thank you to all our early childhood teachers and classroom aides for their work in maintaining such a strong and fruitful program for our little ones!

As you know, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th this year, which also happens to be St. Valentine’s Day. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and prayer. As such, Valentine’s parties may be celebrated on any day other than February 14th. Please do not send candy or cards into school on the 14th. At this point, most Class Moms have coordinated Valentine’s celebrations with our teachers. Please join grades 3-8 at the 9:00am Parish Mass on 2/14 in observance of Ash Wednesday. Students in grades N-2 will receive ashes from Fr. Joe when he visits their classrooms. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

A friendly reminder that this Friday, February 9, 2024, is a half-day of school for students, with an 11:40am dismissal. Our faculty will be reviewing iReady Diagnostic II results for the afternoon. Diagnostic II results will be sent home to families before the February break.

Lastly, to circle back, many thanks to all those who made CSW so special. Fr. Joe, SWS faculty and staff, Mrs. Impemba, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Devine, Mrs. Reichart, Mrs. Frevola, Mrs. Nicol, Mrs. Gorlesky, Mrs. Bianco, Mrs. Tsang, Mrs. Brooks, all the members of the committees that planned and worked the many wonderful events, Board Members, the families that visited with us at Open House, and of course, our students, all contributed to an incredible week. There is one reason for the great success of our school and that is that God has abundantly blessed us as a community of faith. We could not do what we do without each and every one of you bringing your gifts and talents to the SWS table. God bless you, and God bless St. William the Abbot School!

Peace,
Mrs. Elizabeth Bricker, Principal



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NURSERY TO GRADE 2

ANNUAL LITERACY NIGHT

LEAP INTO LITERACY

UPGRADE THE POWER OF READING AND IGNITE IMAGINATIONS



February 29, 2024

6:30 - 7:30 PM

\$10 per child / \$15 a family

1 adult per child (twins may work together)

Attire: Athletic - track suit, joggers, sweats, etc.

Registration closes on 2/7/24

LATE REGISTRATIONS
WILL NOT BE
ACCEPTED

[REGISTRATION!](#)





Pioneer Sports



St William the Abbot School

Friday ~ Super Sports
Mar. 1, Mar. 8, Apr. 12
Apr. 19, Apr. 26, May 17
\$95.00 per child

Starts
Mar. 1st

Get up, get going, and get active! A variety of sports and games will be played each week such as: Soccer, TBall, Capture the Flag, Basketball, Dodgeball, Relay Races, Kickball and many more! Programs will include warm-up games as well as learning basic skills of each sport. Each class will end with a high-energy game with the sport played that day.

CHECK ONE: ☐ Grades K - 2nd From 2:30pm - 3:30pm ☐ Grades 3rd - 5th From 3:45pm - 4:45pm
Additional \$25.00 for After Care

CHILD'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

INFO/CELLPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

TEACHERS NAME _____ GRADE _____

Allergies _____

Children will need to be brought back to school for this program

REGISTRATION DIRECTIONS:

Please make a check payable to St William the Abbot School and send to the attention of the Main Office/Pioneer Sports with this completed registration form.

Who is picking up your child? _____



Spring Enrichment Clubs

Clubs begin the week of 2/26/2024

Cost is \$40 each. Clubs are held immediately after school on the days indicated below. Additional fees apply to certain clubs (see description in BOONLI for details). Spots are limited! Registration opens Thursday, 2/8 at 7:00 PM and closes on Monday 2/12 at 11:59 PM on BOONLI.

All dismissal changes must be entered in PUP each day

At a Glance...



Mondays

Storybook Club (K-1)
Culture Club (2-5)
Cursive Club (3-4)



Tuesdays

Kindergarten Play Date
Top Chef (3-6)
Elite Chorus (5-8)
Yearbook (8)



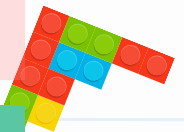
Wednesdays

Newspaper (6-8)



Thursdays

World Explorers (2-3)
Let's Bead Friends (2-4)
Lego Club (5)



Club Descriptions



Kindergarten Play Date

Kindergarteners are invited to come and have a playdate with 9 friends!



Storybook Club (Grades K-1)

Join us as we explore new adventures through books and take part in craftivities!



Let's Bead Friends Club (Grades 2-4)

Friends gather to create beaded, friendship and rainbow loom bracelets.



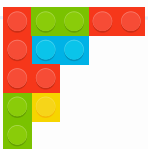
Top Chef (Grades 3-6)

Create fabulous recipes, including dips, desserts, holiday treats, and a Mexican fiesta. Students learn the importance of following recipes, kitchen skills, and working together. They even get the opportunity to eat and bring home their tasty creations. Each child receives a recipe book at the end of the club so they can share what they've made with family and friends.



Elite Chorus (Grades 5-8)

This chorus is for students in grades 5-8 who love to sing in three part harmony.



Lego Club (Grade 5)

Students will work together to build and create using legos and complete STEM challenges.



Newspaper Club (Grades 6-8)

Do you enjoy watching middle school sports? Do you jump at the chance to come to school dances? Have you ever wanted to interview your teacher? Do you want to get more involved in school events? Maybe you want to share fun seasonal recipes. Or maybe you just had a new idea you wanted to tell the whole school. Come share YOUR talents and ideas with the school community by joining our new school newspaper club! Now is your chance to report on school happenings and help SWS continue to build a strong sense of community. The new SWS Newspaper Club will work to feature exciting articles about school and church events each month, as well as other exciting columns that deepen our understanding of our faith.



Culture Club (Grades 2-5)

We will explore a different culture every time we meet and do different activities including a craft, watch a video, have a presenter, try a different dance and try new foods from that culture.



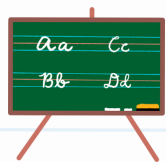
Yearbook Club (Grade 8)

Students will use the latest graphic design software to create a catalog of memories that will last for a lifetime.



World Explorers Club (2-3)

Each week students will study a different country, go on a virtual field trip, explore the culture and culminate with a craft, snack or hands on activity. Each student will have a "passport" which will be stamped.



Cursive Club (3-4)


Practice writing in cursive!





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Basketball Team



Hi Mrs. Bricker,
Hope all is well. Trinity Regional played St. William's today and I just wanted to compliment your team, coach, and parents. Very respectful kids and well-coached. You won!

Mrs. Ayers
Principal, Trinity Regional School



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DEAR MRS. BRICKER,



Vincent DiPalo @

Class of 2020

Vincent is going to attend Fairfield University for nursing, he will also row for the men's team. I really can not adequately express to you my gratitude, to you and to his superior Catholic Education from St. William's. Vincent has used his story in several essays for scholarships. His story of resetting his life from public school to St. William's. Having prayer and a spiritual connection made all the difference. When he was looking at colleges his first priority was continuing with Catholic studies. He is ranked 63/394 in his graduating class, I have you and your teachers to thank for providing him with a foundation. I will give you a hug when I see you, I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Jennifer DiPalo

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR SWS

STUFF WOLF A



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH

MUSIC 🐾 CRAFTS 🐾 PICTURES
SNACKS 🐾 ACTIVITIES

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

6:00PM

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT SCHOOL

\$40 PER WOLF

CLICK **HERE** TO REGISTER

BY FEBRUARY 14TH

WEAR GRAY
MAROON
WHITE
BLACK



ORDER YOUR
February Lunch Treat

NOW THROUGH FEBRUARY 11
ON BOONLI



Frosted Sugar Cookie:
Flour, eggs, butter,
vanilla extract, baking
powder, sugar,
meringue powder,
sprinkles

TO BE SERVED DURING LUNCH
ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

\$3.99 EACH
(COMES INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

***THE SWS LUNCH
PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR
HELP!***

***INDOOR VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE
SCHOOL YEAR ON TUESDAYS AND
WEDNESDAYS.***

If you can help, please contact
lunch@stwilliamtheabbot.net



HSA NEWS AND UPDATES

Upcoming HSA Meeting Dates

Monday, March 4, 6:30 PM - Open Meeting

Monday, April 8, 6:30 PM - Open Meeting

Reminders:

Please send in your VSC raffle tickets!

Upcoming Events and Fundraisers

Lucky Boxes Calendar (February-March)

Stuff-a-Wolf (3/6)

Wantagh St. Patrick's Day Parade (3/17)

Bagels with the Bunny (3/23)

- Check out our minutes from the 2/5 Meeting [here](#)
- Be sure to visit the [VSC site](#) often to register for volunteering opportunities
- Have an idea, suggestion or feedback for the HSA? Fill out the form to share your thoughts! We'll be keeping this form open all year long:

[HSA Ideas and Suggestions](#)





RUN FOR



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HOPE®**
FOUNDATION

5K

& FUN RUN

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Saturday, March 23, 2024
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9th Annual Run for Tomorrow's Hope

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Thank you for your consideration in supporting the 2024 Run for Tomorrow's Hope!

- *Founded in 2016, the Run for Tomorrow's Hope is Long Island's largest family-friendly athletic event supporting Catholic schools!*
- *The Run for Tomorrow's Hope has raised **over \$150K** for Tomorrow's Hope Foundation over the last 8 years!*
- *The 5K Race is USATF Certified and included as one of three races in the Garden City Race Series.*

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Sponsor listing

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