

MOSS NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2018

A Note From Mrs. Szmed

Dear MOSS Families,

On Friday, January 26th, all families will be receiving a Re-registration packet for the 2018-2019 School Year. I hope that I can count on you to return your packet in a timely manner. Before Christmas, we began registration for our Preschool and Kindergarten and I am happy to report that those programs have a healthy enrollment at this point. If you have any questions about the registration process, please do not hesitate to contact me or anyone in the office.

Catholic Schools Week will kick-off on Sunday, January 28th at the 9:30 a.m. Mass at Mother of Sorrows Church. All of our students have an opportunity to be a part of the liturgical celebration. The Open House that follows the Mass is an opportunity for MOSS to celebrate the educational accomplishments of our students, highlight cutting-edge programs we offer, and give new families time to explore the MOSS difference. I am in need of tour guides to escort and share information about our school to the many families that come to visit during this Open House. Please let me know if you can help as a guide. It would be wonderful to see all of our families join in our Catholic Schools Week celebration. Special Catholic Schools Week activities will continue in the school the rest of the week.

Believe it or not, it is time to talk Fish Fry. For those that are new to our school, our Fish Fry is our most profitable fundraiser of the school year and takes place on Ash Wednesday and the Friday's during Lent. The Fish Fry's begin on Wednesday, February 14th. There are 7 Fish Fry's in all. In order for our Fish Fry to be successful, **I need YOU!** I need every family to commit some volunteer time to help with one or more Fish Fry's. When we all pitch in, the work gets done faster and I guarantee, you will have a great time getting to know other families and have fun at the Fish Fry.

Last year, I asked each grade to take responsibility for providing the workers for one Fish Fry. **In some grades, it actually became a fun competition to see who had the largest number of volunteers turn out and some grades chose a theme and dressed accordingly.** Here is this year's suggested schedule for volunteering. If you would like to volunteer for another date or more than one date, that is fine. **This is just a suggested schedule and more information will be coming home pertaining to volunteer jobs and times.**

PLEASE
HELP!!!

Wed., February 14th: **Kindergarten and 8th Grade**
Fri., February 16th: **1st and 7th Grade**
Fri., February 23rd: **2nd and 6th Grade**
Fri., March 2nd: **3rd and 5th Grade**
Fri., March 9th: **Preschool and 4th Grade**
Fri., March 16th: **MOSS Faculty & Family**
Fri., March 23rd: **All MOSS**



Our school has an excellent future, thank you for your commitment to Catholic education. Please be a positive Mother of Sorrows School supporter so we can educate many children for years to come.

Faithfully yours,
Theresa A. Szmed
Principal

Important Dates:

January 19th:

\$1.00 Dress Down Day
(Benefits Music Department)

Week of January 28th:

Catholic Schools Week

February 2nd:

School Musical
(7:00 p.m.)

February 3rd:

School Musical
(7:00 p.m.)

February 4th:

School Musical
(1:00 p.m.)

February 5th, 6th and 7th:

Dibels
(Grades Kindergarten to 3rd)

February 7th:

Save Day Program

February 13th:

Junior High Dance
(7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

February 14th:

Ash Wednesday Mass
(9:00 a.m.)

Fish Fry

(11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

February 16th:

Fish Fry

(11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

\$1.00 Dress Down Day
(Benefits Technology)

February 19th:

No School

Student Spotlight: The Lego League Team



Here is a look at the Lego League Team on the competition table at the Western Pennsylvania Grand Championship.



The MOSS Lego Robotics Team completed its first season on January 12th and 13th. Braving the winter storm, these 6th and 7th grade students trekked to LaRoche College to attend the Western PA FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Lego League Grand Championship. During the competition, they presented their research project and robot design to the judges. The boys scored 10th place in the Open Division's robot game. The judges were quite impressed with the team, especially since they were rookies this year. Pittsburgh is home to one of the international championship teams; therefore, it is quite an honor to rank in the top quarter of the division. Congratulations to the entire Lego League Team for a job well done. We would also like to thank Drs. Eric and Kimberly Bracken for taking time out of their busy schedules to coach the team this year.



The MOSS Lego League Team:

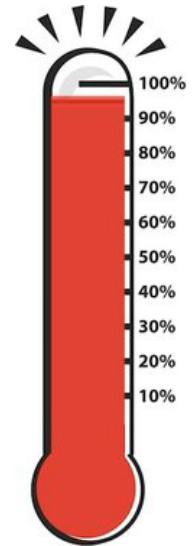
- Matthew Jordan
- Brian Rodgers
- Daniel Bracken
- Ben Meyers
- Milan Seminatore
- John Beeson
- Michael Christlieb



Smart Lab Update

Great news! We have received **\$140,600** in donations for the Smart Lab. That means we only need **\$5,400** to complete our goal! We would like to send a huge thank you to all of our Smart Lab donors for helping our students learn and grow. If anyone would like to help us reach our goal, please consider making a donation, today!

**Contact the school office to find out how
YOU can be a Smart Lab donor!**



Boxtops Winter Collection and Contest

In addition to the many exciting things going on during Catholic Schools Week, we will kick off our Boxtops Winter Collection and Contest. Students may send in their Boxtop collections starting Monday, January 29th to their homeroom teachers. Please make sure that your students name, grade and homeroom teacher is listed on the collection. Boxtops may be turned in using the collection sheets, baggies or envelopes. Please be sure not to glue or tape any expired Boxtops to the collection sheets as they have to be removed before submission.

In addition, it is necessary to see the expiration date when clipping or attaching Boxtops. As an added incentive, the classroom that turns in the most Boxtops at the close of Catholic Schools Week will earn a classroom treat. The final collection date for the contest will be Friday, February 16th. The classroom that turns in the most Boxtops at the conclusion of the contest will earn a pizza party! Our "Boxtop Earning Goal" for the year is \$2,000.

Our fall collection earnings were \$791.20. Please help MOSS reach its goal!

Any questions can be directed to Tammy Nuzzo at Nuzzot@comcast.net. Good Luck!





Catholic Schools Week

Join Us as We Celebrate Communities
of Faith, Knowledge & Service!



Sunday, January 28, 2018

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| 9:30 a.m. | Mass |
| 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | SMARTLAB Demonstration
Room 103 (Ms. Battaglia) |
| 11:00 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. | Lion King, Jr. Musical Preview
Cafeteria Stage (Mrs. Ayers) |
| 11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. | Coding
Library Media Center (Mrs. DeGroot) |
| 11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. | Art
Room 107 (Mrs. German) |
| 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Spanish
Room 108 (Mrs. Osche) |
| 12:30 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. | Coding
Library Media Center (Mrs. DeGroot) |
| 12:30 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. | Project Based Learning Art
Room 107 (Mrs. German) |
| 12:45 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. | Project Lead The Way ~ Middle School Pre-Engineering
Room 103 (Ms. Battaglia) |

Catholic Schools Week: Schedule of Events

Monday, January 29th:

- CSW Kick Off Prayer Service at 9:00 a.m. in the gym and Cheerleader Pep Rally.
- AR Read-A-Thon Day in the FLC.

Special Guest Lunch on Monday, January 29th:

- 1st Grade ~ 11:15 a.m.
- Preschool 3 & 4 ~ 11:30 a.m.
- 2nd & 4th Grade ~ 11:30 a.m.
- 5th & 6th Grade ~ 12:15 p.m.
- Preschool lunch will be in the classroom.

Tuesday, January 30th:

- 'SOUP'er Bowl Day ~ Students bring in 2 cans of soup for the Food Pantry.
- Student Free Dress Down in MOSS Marathon T-Shirt.

Special Guest Lunch on Tuesday, January 30th:

- PreK 5 ~ 11:30 a.m.
- Kindergarten and 3rd Grade ~ 11:30 a.m.
- 7th & 8th Grade ~ 12:15 p.m.
- PreK 5 lunch will be in the classroom.

Wednesday, January 31st:

- Crazy Sock and Crazy Hat Day; Students still wear regular school uniform.
- 8th Grade vs. Staff/Parents Basketball Game at 2:00 p.m. in the gym.
- Jump Rope Club is performing during the half-time show.

Thursday, February 1st:

- Bus Driver Breakfast
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in the FLC.
- School Mass at 9:30 a.m. (dress uniform).
- K-3 Officer Phil Program (FLC) 10:30 a.m.

Friday, February 2nd:

- Free Dress Down Day; Dress in your favorite Sports Team apparel.
- Lion King, Jr. musical preview at 1:45 p.m. in the cafeteria; ONLY musical students dress down in Lion King, Jr. shirts.
- Opening night of *Lion King, Jr.* at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, February 3rd & 4th:

- *Lion King, Jr.* show at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday.
- *Lion King, Jr.* show at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Spotlight on Sports

Cheerleading

The Cheerleaders have been practicing hard and will be performing at the following Boys' Basketball Games: Feel free to stop by one of the games to hear them cheer on our team.

January 29th ~ 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Games

January 30th ~ 6:00 p.m. Game

February 10th ~ 10:00 a.m. Game

February 12th ~ 6:30 p.m. Game

February 24th and 25th ~ Diocesan Tournament at GCC



Girls' Volleyball

The Girls' Volleyball Season is here! Team practices will start in early February and the CYO league season will begin on March 3rd. It is not too late to sign up. Mother of Sorrows welcomes all new and returning participants in grades 3rd through 8th. If you are interested in joining the team or would like more information, please contact the MOS Athletic Director (John Koury) at jfk001@comcast.net.



Soccer

The Mother of Sorrows Soccer season is just around the corner! Practices will start in March as long as weather permits. The official season will begin in April and extend through the end of May. If any girls or boys, in grades 3rd though 8th, are interested in playing soccer, please contact the MOS Athletic Director (John Koury) at jfk001@comcast.net.



The Lion King, Jr

MOTHER OF SORROWS SCHOOL

proudly presents



Performance Times

Friday, February 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 4th at 1:00 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door!

Adults: \$5.00

Students/Senior: \$3.00

Food, Drinks and Novelty Items are available to purchase during the show!



Kindergarten performed the ABC's of Advent in December. The costumes were amazing and the students did a wonderful job reminding us why we celebrate Christmas.



The 2nd Grade class participated in a Living Nativity Play. They did a beautiful job teaching us all about the very first Christmas!