

PRINCIPAL BRYK'S NEWS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! WELCOME BACK!



Dear Parents,

Our First Annual Gala takes place on Saturday, February 9th at the Tonawanda Castle. I am sure you know this because it has been advertised on the website and information was sent home in December. This information can be found on the school website under the Parents tab: HSA information.

This Gala was suggested by Father Steve a long time ago as a fresh idea to help the HSA raise much needed funds for our school. Doing research and seeing what other schools do in the area, this Gala has the potential to be a major fundraiser and thus with its success, would cut back on the “little” fundraisers that have a tendency to “nickel and dime” all of us throughout the year.

All proceeds generated will directly impact the overall budget of our outstanding school, benefitting our students. Our HSA is a major force in fundraising and the money is used for field trip bussing, upgrading technology, teacher curriculum needs, assembly programs and most importantly, to offset tuition cost. The per pupil cost is approximately \$7,000.00 to educate one student for one year. Our tuition rate for one student is \$3,370.00 so you can readily see that there is a difference of \$3,630.00. Now, where does this money come from? It comes from the parish collections; from the hard working parishioners- you among them- the ones you sit next to each Saturday or Sunday at Mass; the senior citizens who support our parish school; those parishioners who do not even have children attending our school... they are contributing toward your student's tuition. The majority of the funds fall to the HSA in their fundraising endeavors.

With the time, energy, efforts and guidance of Father Steve, the Finance Committee and the School Board, we try our best to remain within the school budget and look for grant opportunities, utilize and fight for public school funds and sincerely appreciate the gifts from anonymous and known donors alike.

WE NEED YOU! ALL OF US NEED TO GET ON BOARD WITH THE GALA!

Tickets need to be purchased... get your tickets now : gala@saintchris.org. Donations are needed... live and silent auction items are needed... help is needed... as I said, information was sent home and can be found on the website. ST. CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS DESERVE THE BEST ON ALL LEVELS.

Why did you choose St. Christopher for your child/children? It is a sacrifice on a multitude of levels, but an awesome investment for our students' futures.

There is a HSA meeting tonight at 6pm. As always, all are welcome to attend. I hope to see you there.

The oldest/only child will be bringing home today the re-registration packets for the 2019-2020 school year. Please note that there will be no tuition increase for the next school year, as we optimistically hope for a good success with Gala! We need to step up the fundraising, especially the Gala to help keep tuition affordable.

ALL FORMS AND THE REGISTRATION FEES MUST BE RETURNED TOGETHER BY THE DUE DATE OF FEBRUARY 15TH.

We are getting ready for our Open House and for Catholic Schools Week! In the midst of this, we are working hard learning our Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies, ELA and the rest! Bound for Broadway is soon: Jan.18, 19, 20! Get those permission slips in! Progress Reports will be here before you know it (around Jan. 23), our 8th grade students will soon be receiving their acceptance letters from the high schools and our Open House is Jan. 30! Please spread the Great news about our school!

Thank you so very much for all the kindness and thoughtfulness you have showered upon me at Christmas! The cards, gifts and wishes are truly appreciated!



God's Blessings,

Principal Bryk

