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# FAMILY FOCUS January 5, 2011

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Dear Families,

Welcome Back! I can honestly say the teachers were upset and did not want the snow days! I can tell you that your kindness, generosity, and thoughtfulness keeps on giving. My desk was full of gifts again on our first day back! I want to thank everyone for thinking of us during the holidays and for all the wonderful gifts we have received. I think you may be wondering when will we make up those snow days? Right now we can add them to the end of the school calendar. Our projected last day of school will be Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. If we still have more snow days, we will begin to use the other days in the calendar or extend the school days into June. We will keep you posted.

Also, remember to turn in your registration form. Placement for next year is critical. Report cards for the second semester will be coming home in the Wednesday folder, January 12<sup>th</sup>. Happy Holidays!!

Mrs. Margaret Bowen



### A note of thanks from Angie Northcutt

*"The Northcutt Family would like to send out a sincere thank you to all of the families who ventured out in the ice/snow to attend the Polar Express Movie Night. We would also like to thank all of the 2nd grade room mothers, teachers, and parents who hosted and put this together for us. It was so generous and we really appreciate it! Thanks to all and Happy New Year!!"*

### Weekly Calendar

Wed, 1/5	
Thu, 1/6	SAC Board Meeting, 7 pm 4th-5th grade Quick Recall Try-outs, 3 pm in the Art toom.
Fri, 1/7	
Sat, 1/8	
Sun, 1/9	Community Information Mtg. 3 pm in the Church; HOSS Speaker, "Fifteen Ways To Get the Most Out of Life" Approx. 12:30, Marteen Room
Mon, 1/10	
Tues, 1/11	
Wed, 1/12	New Family Registration, 8am-6pm Report Cards go home Second grade Parent Lunch <b>1 pm dismissal!!!!</b>
Thurs, 1/13	
Fri, 1/14	
Mon, 1/15	

### Exciting Teacher News

Our music/PE teacher, Jill Sullivan, has accepted an awesome opportunity to perform in the production of Hairspray in Indianapolis!! She will be on temporary leave from SSM for 10 weeks. Her last day will be January 20th and she will return on March 27th. We are fortunate to have Emily Pearson to teach her music classes during this time. Emily comes highly recommended by her mom (Judy Feger!) and also from her co-workers at St. Leonard, where she teaches music and drama. She also teaches music to 2 and 3 year olds at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

We are looking forward to having Deanna Just back during this time to cover the PE classes.

Ms. Sullivan wants everyone to know that while she is really excited, she is also sad to be gone from school at the same time.

If you are interested in seeing Ms. Sullivan perform, log on to [www.beefandboards.com](http://www.beefandboards.com) for more information.

!! Break a Leg, Ms. Sullivan !!

### PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS

- Pre-registration forms are due by
- Friday the 14th. A late fee of \$50
- will be assessed for forms turned in
- after January 28th (**no waivers**).

Please send all Family Focus news items to Wendy Gerhard at [wgerhard@ssmartyr.org](mailto:wgerhard@ssmartyr.org) by Tuesday at noon!!



# KUDOS KORNER

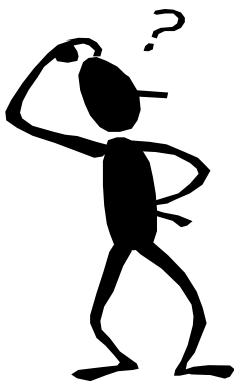
Abby (3F) and Chloe (2P) Kowalski ran 3.1 miles in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and raised \$200 to support this foundation! Truly inspiring—way to go girls!

They must be inspired by their mom, Jennifer, who is featured in an article about running. The title of the article is “The Gift to Run.” Log on to [www.thismothercanrun.com](http://www.thismothercanrun.com) and download the current issue to read her story.



In keeping with the holiday spirit, a special shout out goes to the SSM Student Council for helping Santa and Mrs. Claus, Frosty and the elves find us for St. Nick treats! Mrs. Whoberry (4W) did an awesome job leading the carolers around the building spreading good cheer!

Also spreading good cheer were Maggie Barr (6S) and Veronica Pottinger-Collard (3F) for helping with the “Shop with a Hero” program in December. They painted faces for some children for several hours...we know the children loved having their faces painted by such nice young ladies!



**4<sup>TH</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE QUICK RECALL TRYOUTS THURSDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> IN THE ART ROOM AT 3:00 pm**

Tryouts should be over by 3:30 or 3:45 pm. Those students in Day Care **must** have a note written to Mrs. Beck from a parent explaining where their child will be after school on that day. The team roster will be announced on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> and our first practice is on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. All practices are on Mondays and all matches are on Tuesdays. We will have three home and three away matches.

*Hope to see you there!!*

## Lost & Found

There were some items left behind at Providence High School following the performance of Annie Jr. Please contact the school office if you are missing a pair of reading glasses, a pink and white hat, or a gray, tweed wool cap.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Reverse Raffle is set for February 26th, but we need your help now! Please contact Angie Laemmle at 459-6691.



Art  
to  
Remember

All classes are now participating in the Art to Remember program. This program gives you the opportunity to buy items with your child's artwork printed on it. You will be receiving a letter about the program in the next few weeks.

**Fall Fundraiser Delivery Information**

Except for the prizes, which are in the process of being shipped, all products that are going to be shipped have been delivered. If you still have items outstanding, need a refund, and/or need to exchange an item, please contact the company at 877-769-0832. It can be difficult to get through, but keep trying!!

The PTO Ways and Means Committee appreciates everyone's patience as this fundraiser has progressed.

Please note that for next year, the PTO has already committed to using the Market Day gift catalog for that portion of our Fall Fundraiser. We hope everyone will continue to support this fundraiser next year despite the troubles we have had this year. The Market Day gift catalog has similar items but also some new ones!!!



## TOSS MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH  
6 PM-7:30 PM

BOARD GAME NIGHT

Bring your favorite board game.  
Snacks and drinks will be provided.

