



KERRY BLUE



Week of
December 2nd, 2019

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Important Dates to Remember

DIRECT LINE TO CAMP KERRY 792-3178 ext. 1000
(after school hours)

DIRECT LINE TO NOAH'S ARK 792-7402

12/12	Christmas Concert NA-8th Grade NO CAMP KERRY, NA Closes at 3:00
12/19	Snow date for Christmas Concert (If used there will be NO CAMP KERRY & NA will close at 3:00)
12/20	SMSA Hockey Night
12/23-1/3	Christmas Break NO SCHOOL

VOLUNTEER AT SMSA

Popcorn Thursday -PACE Opportunity! Please visit the PTSA bulletin board across the Great Hall to sign up for Popcorn Thursdays! If you are available from 1-3pm volunteers are needed to pop popcorn each Thursday. It's an easy way to get hours! You can also email Jane Barnes at Blubyb3@aol.com for more info and available dates. It is first come first serve.

Camp Kerry is looking for parent help. Camp Kerry hours are 2:30-5:30. You can choose the amount of time you would like to come help. Beginning in October we will also need extra help on Mondays and Wednesdays. This will count towards your PACE Hours.

PTSA notes:

Attention parents/guardians: We will be selling carnations \$2/stem at the concert on 12/12 proceeds will go back to student activities!

Next PTSA meeting 12/16 @ 5:30pm room 1006.

Staff appreciation luncheon is 12/20 Volunteers needed to help with setup/serving/help in classrooms. In order to help within the classroom you **MUST BE VITRUS** trained. Watch for the sign up genius

Join us for SMSA night with the ADK Thunder on 12/20 at 7pm. To help SMSA raise even more help us reach our ticket sales goal of 150+ then we get per ticket sales profit! Tickets are on sale for \$15 and are available in the main office now. There are also a few volunteer spots available for 50/50 sales that night, you can gain PACE time for this event. We hope to see you there!

Mad Science Sign Up.

Mad Science flyers will be going home with students soon. Registration will be done online this year. Deadline for registering is 12/20.

Any questions please feel free to contact Noreen Brown at noreen727@yahoo.com

Powerful Minds

Prayerful Hearts

Helpful Hands

SMSA Music Performance Dates

Thursday, December 12
SMSA Christmas Concert

5pm for Noah's Ark through First Grade

6:30 PM Second through Eighth grade

Concert Dress

Black Bottoms (if you are wearing a skirt, please ensure that the length is 2 inches below the knee and NO LEGGINGS AS PANTS unless your top is mid-thigh length) and WHITE tops for fourth grade through eighth grade. They may also wear a splash of red or green. Please no bells or anything that lights up.

Noah's Ark through Third Grade may wear their Christmas best!!!

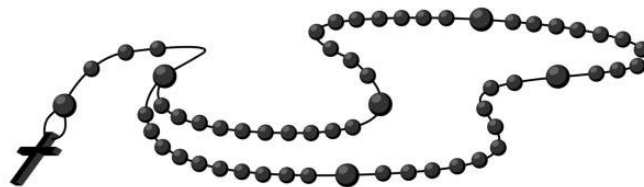
Please note Second Grade through Eighth grade should be in their HOMEROOM by 6:15 to drop off coats and walk into the Great Hall together.

FAMILY ROSARY ON THEME MASS DAYS

We are starting something new at SMSA and we hope you will join us. On the Fridays that we have a theme Mass, (beginning December 6), after you drop your children off at school, we invite you to join us at church at 7:30 to pray the Rosary. We especially would like to encourage the parents of the students leading the theme

Mass to join us as we offer this
special prayer to the Blessed Mother before Mass begins.

If you are unfamiliar with the Rosary, you are still most welcome to join us. Mrs. Smith will lead us in the prayer and we will have prayer sheets for those who need them. No worries if you happen to come in a bit later, join us when you can.



Family Prayer List

For the rest of the school year, during morning prayer in the Great Hall, all the students and teachers will pray for seven school families per week.

The week of December 9 we will remember in prayer these families:

Duffy, Henel, Mancini, Quigan, Whelan, Alden

The week of December 16 we will remember in prayer these families:

Babson, Durrin, Herrick, Matte, Rajeski, White, Cummings

Heavenly Father, thank you for these families.

Help them to be loving and kind to each other today.

Show them ways to help others.

Make them quick to forgive so their homes can be full of your joy and peace.

Bless these families so they can all follow your holy will
and live together in your love. Amen.



Dec. 3, 2019
Dear Families,

Christmas is quickly approaching! Our "Spirit of Giving" project this year will help local families. Knowing that "Jesus is the reason for the season" and that Christmas is His birthday, we suggest that each child help in selecting a baby item for "baby Jesus". This optional gesture would be a meaningful way to help our children to understand the true meaning of Christmas.

Basic baby items (listed below) will be donated to **The Open Arms Center**, which is a local charitable organization right here in Glens Falls!

No need to wrap anything; they are used year round! Please consider this kind gesture and worthy cause. All items will be collected in Mrs. Kerpka's office starting now through Thursday, December 19th. They will be delivered on Fri. morning the 20th! We thank you, in advance, for your consideration and kind generosity!

Warmest Blessings,
The faculty and Staff of SMSA

Much needed Items This Year are: Infant gowns and pj's, baby wash and shampoo, Desitin, NB diapers & small stuffed animals!
Of course anything you'd like to donate, such as rattles, teething rings, bibs etc... is ok and greatly appreciated!! They would also love some handmade cards from children welcoming the baby!

THE PARISH PAGE

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We are thankful for the support of our local parishes, and are happy to pass along information about activities and events going on at the parish level. Let us know if we've missed anything happening in your parish that you'd like to share with others.

Look on-line for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Mass schedules at a parish near you.

St. Mary's is offering **Advent Meditations** on Mondays at 7:00 pm and on Tuesdays at 3:00.

A **Communal Penance Service** will be held at St. Michael's on Thursday, December 12 from 1:00 - 2:00 and at Our Lady of the Annunciation on Wednesday, December 18 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

St. Michael's will offer the following programs during Advent:

Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 8, 3:00

An Advent Afternoon of Reflection Tuesday, December 10, 1:00

Catholic Considerations for End-of-Life Decision Making, Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 pm

All area churches are in need of **new altar servers**. Please contact your parish office to sign your child up.

The church of St. Mary's/St. Paul's in Hudson Falls offers **gluten-free hosts** at Sunday Masses. Just let someone in the sacristy know before the start of Mass.

St. Michael's is planning a trip to the shrines in France next year. They are in the preliminary planning stage but for more information call Joanne Carruthers, 518-926-0231.

Our Lady of the Annunciation has a **Bereavement Support Group** which meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. If you or anyone you know are interested, please call the rectory at 518-793-9677.

The Knights of Columbus will be selling **religious Christmas cards** after all the Masses at St. Mary's from November 16 through December 15. Proceeds go towards their annual "Coats for Kids" program.

Volunteers in the Queensbury area are needed to bring people in the community to medical appointments and to deliver meals to the homebound. Contact Mariann McCarthy 518-824-8824 from the Office for the Aging.

Please help the 8th Graders raise money
for their class trip!!!

Empty returnable bottles and cans are
being collected here at the school for
a donation. Please make sure that they
are returnable in New York State
(check the label).

You may also take them to *It's Your
Nickel Bottle and Can Return* and ask
for the donation to be submitted to
the SMSA 8th Grade Class.

It's Your Nickel Bottle and Can Return
84 Dix Ave
Glens Falls, NY 12801

Thanks to our SMSA Community for all
of your help and support!!!