

# Friday Flier



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**This month the faculty and students are focusing on the pillar of responsibility.** Responsibility is an important aspect of good character concerned with the moral obligation to choose attitudes, words and actions, and the duty to accept personal responsibility for the consequences of those actions. We are teaching the children that choosing not to choose is a choice. One chooses whether to be conscious and concerned about the consequences of what one says and does, including the choice to be willfully blind. We are expecting the children to choose positive attitudes, to do their best work, to be prepared, to work hard and persevere. We are encouraging them to set goals, make a plan to achieve these goals and to stick to it. In addition to personal responsibility we are working with the students on what it means to be a member of a community. We are helping the students develop an understanding of and commitment to collective responsibility. We are all to do what we are supposed to do, take pride in our school, show community spirit, be in uniform, help one another and follow all the rules. Since we teach by example, I urge all parents to model these behaviors and encourage their children to exhibit them. When in doubt about a school rule, please consult the school handbook. There are a number of uniform violations that need to be corrected immediately: socks need to cover the ankle, athletic shoes need plain white or black laces, uniforms that are not from Flynn and O'Hara must be identical, and belts must be worn. Nail polish, dangling earrings, and bracelets are not permitted.

**Baked goods (cookies, brownies, cupcakes, muffins, fudge, bread, cake, pie) are needed for a wheel at the Back to School Dinner & Family Fun Night on Friday, September 25.** Please return the form from the September Newsletter or e-mail Mrs. Mobley at [smobley@staug-md.org](mailto:smobley@staug-md.org) if you are able to donate goodies. Thank you!



**50/50 Raffle...**We are holding a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$1 each and the drawing will be held at the Back to School Dinner on **September 25**. Our goal is to sell 1,000 tickets. A ticket order form was sent home with the September Newsletter, or you can simply send a check to school in an envelope marked "50/50 Raffle." Thank you for your kind support!

**Volunteers are still needed to sell Scrip on Friday mornings and fill orders every third Thursday.** Please contact Mrs. Schoenbeck at 410-796-2214 at to volunteer. Thank you!



**FOOD DRIVE FOR ELKRIDGE PANTRY!** We are collecting food for the Elkridge Food Pantry in order to help those in need. Please send in your non-perishable food items by **Friday, September 18**. Thank you for supporting this important outreach project!

Sunday, September 13

Monday, September 14

Tuesday, September 15

Wednesday, September 16

Friday, September 18

Saturday, September 19

Catholic High School Fair, 3-5 PM, Martin's West

Hot lunch orders distributed (due on September 21)

Senior Lunch

School Board Meeting, 7 PM

Advanced Band, 3:40-4:40 PM, Burke Wing

Band Assembly, 10 AM, Grades 3-8

Middle School Study Hall, 3:45-4:45 PM, Mrs. Madera's Classroom  
(no siblings, please)

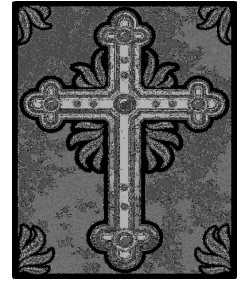
Food drive ends

Catechetical Tea, 3:30 PM followed by Mass at 6 PM



The HSA would like to thank everyone who purchased spirit wear! All t-shirt orders received by September 1 have been distributed to students. All t-shirt orders received after September 1 and all orders for hoodies will be distributed in two weeks.

**Important First Reconciliation Information...**Parent meetings will be held on September 17 and September 21 from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Burke Wing. Please choose one to attend. If you have prepared a child in the last three years (previous child now in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade) you may exempt yourself from the meeting, but you must contact the REP Office at 410-796-8150 to do so. You may pick up your materials, complete paperwork, and make payment between 5:45 and 6:15 PM in the REP office at the school on any of the parent meeting nights OR you may stop by the REP office at 5839 Augustine Avenue between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM.



The Book Fair was a **HUGE** success thanks to the hard work of Mrs. Pilecki, Mrs. Jadik and a large team of volunteers, and the many parents who purchased books! We raised a total of **\$3062.51 (an increase over last year!)**, including \$1500 in cash for the library and \$1562.51 in books. 35 volunteers worked a total of 141.5 hours! A very special thank you to the many parents who purchased a total of 153 books for the teachers/classrooms!

**SAVE THOSE BOX TOPS!** Please save your box tops and send them to school in a baggie or envelope labeled with your child's grade (**Don't forget to trim the box tops to size!**). **Every box top means money for our school!** The class with the highest average of box tops by **September 30** will receive a **pizza party and free dress pass!** Just three more weeks until the deadline. Thanks!



**Save the Date...**The first **Principal's Coffee** of the school year will be held on **Thursday, September 24 at 9:15 AM and 7:15 PM in the Burke Wing.** Please RSVP by **Monday, September 21** using the attached form. Mrs. Schratz looks forward to seeing you!

**Thank you to the many families who have already paid their HSA Dues.** These funds are used to cover the cost of school assemblies and special programs, as well as teacher appreciation and Catholic Schools Week activities for students. If you have not yet paid your dues, please use the attached form and send in your \$20 payment as soon as possible. Thank you for your support!



**20 Hour Service forms are past due.** Every family must send in this form, regardless of whether you will be donating hours or paying the \$400 fee. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to the Saint John Neumann Council #11618 Knights of Columbus for their very generous contribution of **\$1,000** to purchase **Character Counts!** planners and rewards for our students. We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support of the Knights.

**Middle School Clubs...**Students in grades **6-8** have expressed a strong interest in the following after school clubs/activities: **Performing Arts, Scrapbooking, Photography, Yearbook, and Newspaper.**



**If you would be interested in volunteering to lead or assist a leader with any of these after school activities, please contact the school office. It is our hope to expand our offerings of extra-curricular activities for students. Thank you!**