



April 2018



We are so excited about our Gala, which will be here on **May 5**. This very important fundraiser brought in \$33,000 for our school last year, due to the kindness of sponsors, donors and parents.

The Gala Committee has been working diligently to make this a memorable night for all. You will be amazed at the amount of work that is going into *Una Noche Elegante*. Every detail is being tended to, and we can't wait to share this elegant evening with each of you! Reserve your ticket soon! There are only a few left.

EARN FUNDRAISING MONEY: We are in need of people to help decorate, serve and clean up after the Gala. If you are NOT planning to attend the Gala, but want to be a part of the fun, please consider helping in one of these ways. **ANYONE WHO HELPS WILL RECEIVE \$100 TOWARDS FUNDRAISING.** If you have already reached your fundraising goal, that money can be applied to next year.

CLASSROOM ITEMS AUCTIONED ONLINE: Each classroom teacher and/or Room Mother is putting together an item, many created by students, to auction off at our Gala. These creative items will be put up for a Silent Auction. Once again, our auction will be done online, so that patrons who may not be attending the Gala will be able to bid, as well. This means parents, grandparents, and community members outside of the Gala will have the chance to purchase these beauties. You will be informed when you may begin your bidding —sometime at the end of April.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 4/2 Easter Monday—**NO SCHOOL**
- 4/6 Noon Mass
- 4/9 Morning Prayer - 8:45,
Led by Mrs. Woodard's 4th
PTC Meeting @ 6:00, Library
- 4/11 NYS ELA Testing
- 4/12 NYS ELA Testing
- 4/13 Jean Day
Noon Mass
- 4/16 Volunteer Appreciation
Morning Prayer - 8:45
- 4/18 Sr. Gregory Visits to Talk
about Vocations
- 4/20 Give Back Day—**NO SCHOOL!**

4/21-4/29 Spring Break

- 4/30 Morning Prayer - 8:45,
Led by Special Teachers

LOOKING AHEAD

- 5/1-5/2 NYS Math Testing
- 5/4 Early Dismissal—**HALF DAY!**
- 5/5 Una Noche Elegante Gala
- 5/8-5/9 Kindergarten Screening
- 5/10 Ascension Mass @ Noon
Led by JK and Kinder
- 5/13-17 Book Fair
- 5/17 Arts Festival
- 5/18 Noon Mass/May Crowning
- 5/23 NYS Science Performance Test,
4th Grade
- 5/25 Patriotic Rosary
- 5/30 **No School**—Memorial Day

NYS ASSESSMENTS IN APRIL

Students in grades 3-6 will begin NYS Assessments on April 11. The English-Language Arts (ELA) Assessment will be given over 2 days—**April 11 and 12**. The NYS Math Assessment will be given on **May 1 and 2**. These tests measure student learning of Common Core Standards. Rest assured our teachers have worked very hard to ensure that your children are well prepared for these assessments.

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD TO BE SUCCESSFUL ON THESE TESTS?

- Make sure your child has a good breakfast.
- Make sure your child is well rested.
- Make sure your child comes to school!

It is very important for students to be in attendance on these days. Please try not to schedule dentist or doctor appointments during testing periods, since it is very difficult to arrange make-ups for these tests. They often require taking our teacher assistants away from students with whom they are scheduled to work during the school day. Thank you for your cooperation and support.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

On **Monday, April 16**, we will be celebrating and thanking all of our wonderful volunteers. We hope you will join us for this special Prayer Service at 8:45, followed by refreshments in the cafeteria.



REPORT CARDS DISTRIBUTED

Please look for report cards which will be sent home with children on **Friday, April 6, 2018**.

DRESS CODE

A friendly reminder about our dress code. Please make sure children come to school dressed according to the dress code. This can be found on the April page of the school calendar. As the weather gets warmer (we hope) students will want to dress appropriately. On any days where it is 70 degrees or warmer, long shorts may be worn, but spaghetti strap shirts and flip-flops are not allowed.



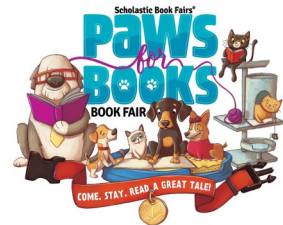
YEARBOOK NEWS



Our 6th graders have been working hard on this year's yearbook, a great way to commemorate all of the wonderful memories of 2017-2018. Don't miss the opportunity to contribute to this year's book, as well as order yours! Yearbook orders and Love Lines are due by **April 13**. You may order both of these by going to <https://online-pay.memorybook.com/parent> and using school code 87444. You may also turn in yearbook order forms to the school office. Love Lines are \$4 each and may also be turned into Mrs. O'Keefe through the school. Yearbooks are \$23.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We will be holding one more book fair May 14—17 with a fun summer theme —*Paws for Books—Come! Stay! Read a Good Tale!* Stay tuned for more information on this great event!



MANY THANKS TO OUR GALA SPONSORS!

We are so appreciative of our Gala sponsors, especially **Diamond Sponsor, Donaldson Funeral Home**. Many thanks also to **Platinum Corporate Sponsors:** 2 Mama Birds, Cheers Design and Event Planning, Fiacco and Riley Construction, and Orvis Street Discount Wine and Liquors, **Gold Sponsors:** Frenchie's Ford and Chevrolet, Heritage Homes and Phillips Memorial Home, **Silver Corporate Sponsor:** Owl's Nest, **Bronze Corporate Sponsors:** Allstate Insurance — Anson Burke, In-Law Brewery, and Snider, Kyriakopolous & Snider, and **Copper Corporate Sponsors:** Massena Savings and Loan and Mort Backus.

Many thanks also to **Coach's Corner** for providing us with our delicious food, and **Orvis Street Discount Wine and Liquors and In-Law Brewery** for providing the bar!