

SCPA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A Note From Ms. Renner Middle School Principal

Greetings from the Middle School!

October and early November are gearing up to be very busy times at SCPA. Activities happening in the next thirty days include the middle school play productions, Marathon, Halloween costume day, fall music concerts, winding up fall sports and kicking off winter activities along with the end of Quarter 1 and Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Thank you for supporting your student and SCPA at these many fall events. We appreciate all of the parent and volunteer time and effort that goes into planning and supporting the functions at SCPA!

Middle School Play on Friday and Saturday: Students have been practicing since August to prepare for the performances of *Good Good Trouble on Bad Bad Island* and *Cinderella and the Substitute Fairy Godmother* on Friday, October 13th and Saturday, October 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. We hope you join us for these exciting theater department productions. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and are available for purchase and reserve seating at www.stcroixprepackactivities.org or at the door.



St. Croix Prep Marathon on Wednesday, October 18th:

As a school, we have raised \$80,806 on our way to the \$100,000 goal for this year's marathon. The middle school has an individual goal of raising \$30,000 and as of Monday, we had raised \$23,453 of that amount.

Upcoming Dates

- **October 13th/14th** - Middle School Play Performances at 7pm
- **October 17th** - Picture Retake Day
- **October 18th** - SCPA Marathon Day!
- **October 19th-24th** - No School!
- **October 26th** - Halloween Costume Forms are due
- **November 1st** - 7/8 choir concert at 5pm
- **November 2nd** - End of Qtr. 1
- **November 3rd** - No School



The funds from the 2017 SCPA Marathon will be used to help pay for the new science textbooks we have purchased for middle school this year and to help finish the built-in cabinets in most of the middle school classrooms. The built-in cabinets will provide much needed support for textbooks and other supplies in our classrooms. Most of the storage we currently have has been in use since the start-up of the school. Students and staff will greatly appreciate the streamlined look of the new cabinets and the increased storage space in our classrooms.

Technology for classrooms is also on the list for marathon support. We are continuing to purchase mobile labs with chrome books for use in classrooms and for online testing.

Final incentive dates are nearing! Students who reach a goal of \$150 by October 18, will receive a long sleeve performance SCPA spirit wear shirt. Students who reach a goal of \$200 by October 18, will receive an exclusive SCPA pom-pom winter beanie hat in addition to the shirts. Donations can be made online at www.crowdrise.com/scpamarathon or by check or cash in envelopes available in the middle school office.

Marathon Day is October 18th and due to our field construction project, the event will be held at Washington County Fairgrounds. Buses depart from SCPA to the fairgrounds beginning at 9:45am. Opening ceremonies are at 10:30am. Lower and Upper school run from 10:50-11:10am. Middle School runs a 1 mile course by Period 1 Marathon teams from 11:10-11:30am. Parents are encouraged to attend and cheer on their students!

We will enjoy a Domino's pizza lunch at the fairgrounds followed by Closing Ceremonies at 12:30pm.

Students will be bused back to SCPA to continue activities within their divisions. Middle school students will be participating in our annual tug-of-war competition between classrooms. The winning class takes on the Middle School Staff for bragging rights. More information on SCPA Marathon day-of-details will be emailed in upcoming days.

If we reach the \$30,000 Marathon goal as a middle school, we will have a No-Homework Day on Tuesday, October 31st, along with a Marathon Celebration day on Friday, November 10th. Middle School students and staff will participate in activities such Dodge ball or Big Base, classroom games/activities and movies. We will also have "Five Fun Fridays" and each grade will pick a "theme" dress up day for the division. "Comfy Day" on Friday, November 10th will be the staff selection for their theme day.

Halloween Costume Approval form due Thursday, October 26th: Students that wish to participate in dressing up for Halloween on Tuesday, October 31st should choose a character or object/event from a literary work or history. Costumes must be school appropriate and not include blood, violence or weapons. For safety reasons, students may not wear full face masks or items that obscure vision.

If we meet our Marathon Division Goal of \$30,000, students may "Skip the Essay" this year and instead fill out the form with the name of the costume they will be wearing and include a description or sketch/picture of the costume. Complete the Costume Approval form available in the middle school office or also included at the end of this newsletter and turn it into the Middle School Office by Thursday, October 26th. Ms. Renner will notify students and staff of approved costumes by Friday, October 27th.

Fall Music Concerts starting November 1st: The first music concerts of the year are scheduled to begin in the Performing Arts Center on Thursday November 1st at 5:00pm, with the 7th and 8th grade choirs. The 7/8 Symphonic Band and Orchestra concert will be held on Tuesday, November 28th at 5:00pm. Fifth grade band, choir, and orchestra concerts will be held on Thursday, November 30th at 5:00pm, followed by the sixth grade concerts at 6:00pm.

Students are allowed to wear their black and white concert uniforms to school the day of their concert. Concert dress code is a white top, black dress slacks or skirt, and black shoes. Boys must wear a collared shirt - polos are acceptable but no t-shirts. Shirts/tops and dresses must have sleeves or worn with a sweater or jacket over the top. **Leggings are not allowed.** Skirts must be dress code length past finger tips for choir and should be longer than knee length for sitting in band and orchestra.

Quarter 1 Ending on November 2nd: Students will not have school on Friday, November 3rd as teachers complete grades for Quarter 1. ParentVUE will be closed from Wednesday, November 1st until Wednesday, November 8th. You will receive an email when report cards are posted and ready to view electronically.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 9th and Thursday, November 10th from 4:30-7:00pm. Please mark your calendars. Students are welcome and encouraged to attend conferences with their parents. Conferences will be held arena style in the gymnasium. Watch for more information in upcoming emails.



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Online Resource Guides for Parents & Students

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Textbooks for Social Studies, Math, Science, and Language Arts have online access that students may use at home. Students have received their log-in information from their teachers and it should be recorded in their planners.

Links on 'how to use videos' and login information to help you learn how to use these resources and can also be found on our website.

* Click on the following link for the Science textbook login page (<https://connected.mcgraw-hill.com/connected/login.do>)

* Click [here](#) for Grade 5 Math and Pre-Algebra (www.connected.mcgraw-hill.com)

* Click [here](#) for Algebra and Geometry (www.connected.mcgraw-hill.com)

* Click [here](#) for Social Studies (www.connected.mcgraw-hill.com)

* Click on the following link for the Language Arts/Reading textbook login page (my.hrw.com)



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Middle School Teacher Blogs

Middle School Homework Calendar 2017-18

<https://sites.google.com/stcroixprep.org/scpamiddleschool/home>

* Teacher blog pages are also linked to the Middle School Homework Calendar

Eric Blythe - Pre-Algebra & Algebra

<https://sites.google.com/a/stcroixprep.org/mr-blythe/>

Danial Davis - Language Arts 7 & Logic 7

<https://sites.google.com/stcroixprep.org/ddavis>

Lynn Ellis - Language Arts 7/8

<https://sites.google.com/stcroixprep.org/scpamiddleschool/7th-grade/mrs-ellis-english-language-arts?authuser=0>

Amanda Erickson - Language & Logic

<https://sites.google.com/stcroixprep.org/mrs-erickson-reading-logic/home>

Cory Hoffmann - Social Studies 5 and 8

<https://mrhoffmannhistoryblog.wordpress.com>

Kyle Manley - Band 5-8

<https://sites.google.com/stcroixprep.org/scpaband/>

Angie Schumacher - Language Arts 7/8

7th: <https://sites.google.com/a/stcroixprep.org/scpa-7th-grade-literature-and-language-arts/home>

8th: <https://sites.google.com/a/stcroixprep.org/scpa-8th-grade-literature-and-language-arts/home>

David Sorenson - Art 5-8

Middle School Art: <https://sites.google.com/a/stcroixprep.org/mr-sorenson-s-art/>

Wolf Ridge Trip: <https://sites.google.com/a/stcroixprep.org/wolf-ridge/>

Gretchen Tiede - Life Science 7 & Earth Science 8

<https://sites.google.com/stcroixprep.org/scpaband/home?authuser=0>

Helen Tracy/Ashley Koehnen - Language Arts 6 & Reading 5/6

<https://sites.google.com/stcroixprep.org/htracy/home>

Kurt Vallin - Pre-Algebra & Geometry

Pre-Algebra: scpaPreAlgebra.blogspot.com



Homework Help - Recess Study Hall - Latin Lab

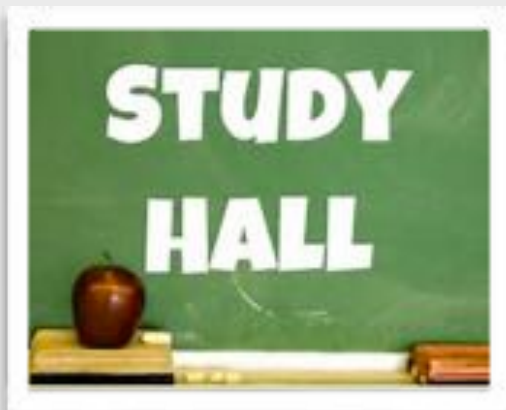
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Study hall help is available every day during Middle School Recess from 12:22pm-12:42pm. Students need to get a pass from their teacher prior to lunch. Quarter 1 study hall teachers for 5/6 are Mrs. Schutte and Ms. Vouk in room #249. Study hall teachers for 7/8 are Mr. Vallin, Mrs. Schumacher, and Ms. Schimschock in room #287. Mr. Sorenson also opens the art room for students during lunch provided they get a pass from him beforehand.



Latin Lab is offered Tuesday & Thursday mornings in room #287 from 9:00am-9:25am.

Peer Tutoring is a program offered to all students by upper school students who volunteer their time to help meet your student's goals. Tutoring sessions are used to focus on specific areas that need improvement. Click [here](#) for a copy of the peer tutoring form.

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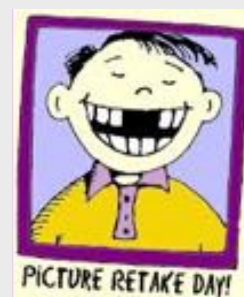
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Picture Retake Day

- * Picture retake day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17th
- * Please bring photo packages on retake day and return them to the photographer.



My School Anywhere Family Directory

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The St. Croix Prep Family Directory is ready to roll out for another school year. The directory is a great way to reach out to other families in our school community who have chosen to be part of this system.

With access you can search for families, students and faculty and update your family data if anything changes. You can also view and print the directory.

***Note: Only families who have given their permission to be included will be included.**

A link will be emailed to all SCPA families as a reminder for how to access the directory and from there you can update your student and family information as well as access contact information for other families who have Opted In.

New families will be emailed a link to access the directory and to Opt In.

This is the **ONLY** form of contact information St. Croix Prep families will have access to. SCPA staff **CANNOT** give out family information if requested.

Thanks for being a part of the St. Croix Prep community!

Enjoy! Photos from Ms. Tiede's 7th Grade Science Classes

Photos of 7th graders showing off their cell projects!



AMC 8 Math Test Opportunity

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Hello Middle School parents,

Next month the SCPA middle school is administering the AMC 8 Mathematics test. Your child has an opportunity to take this on November 14th. It will cost \$10 per student to be paid via FeePay under 'Activities'. This is an optional offer for students. The problem solving exam has been offered in schools in the nation since 1950 and currently has over 350,000 participants each year.

Interested students are to ***inform*** their math teacher by Friday, October 18th. We will order the tests and have preparation materials for students to practice as desired. For a description of the test and for more general information please click [here](#).

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Washington DC Registration Deadline

The registration deadline for the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. is **Friday, October 13th**. Any students interested in attending the trip should be sure to head to the [Brightspark](#) page and register using the web access code **TPSKZF4**.

Feel free to contact Mr. Hoffmann with any questions.





Name: _____ Grade _____ Costume Choice: _____

SCPA Halloween Costume

To be completed by anyone wishing to wear a costume on Tuesday, October 31st.

Forms are due Thursday, October 26th
Please turn them into the middle school office!

Your costume must:

- Be a character/person or object/event from a literary work or from history.
- Not have any blood, violence, weaponry, or go against any school dress code rules. Also, for safety reasons, **NO** full face masks/costumes that obscure vision.
- Be approved by Ms. Renner after she reads your costume description.

Task: Please answer the following:

- 1) My costume will be _____.
- 2) Describe what you will be wearing for your costume in detail. (It is ok to include a picture or a sketch.)

Name: _____ Grade _____ Costume Choice: _____

Description: _____

Please draw or attach a picture of your costume in the box below if helpful.

