



“Each of Us Caring for the Whole of Us”

January 13, 2021

Dear St. William the Abbot Families,

It has been quite the week for all of us as American citizens since my last letter! There have always been tumultuous times throughout our history, yet we remain that shining city on a hill for much of the world. We pray that good people on both sides of the aisle come to respect the various differences in beliefs and opinions, all while continuing to work for the common good. There is no doubt that we are a great nation, and we give thanks to God for the blessing of freedom we enjoy as Americans! May God continue to bless the United States of America!

I mentioned last week that our Early Childhood Program is filling up quickly. We are near capacity in Nursery, with Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten enrollment increasing daily (which is wonderful)! Please contact the main office at 516 785-6784 to apply/enroll for the 2021-2022 school year. Thank you!

Each Saturday evening at 5:00pm, SWS families receive a text blast with the Student Health Questionnaire attached. ***PLEASE make sure to complete the survey by 7:00pm that evening.*** That way, you won't get our annoying reminder on Sunday evening, or a phone call on Monday morning. You see, there's always a silver lining! I would be most grateful for everyone's cooperation!

A reminder for remote learners, all assignments, tests, projects, etc. must be submitted on time. Please make sure to follow your Schoology classes and posted information to keep current with assignments.

Have a great week,
Mrs. Bricker

Catholic Schools Week
2021
St. William the Abbot School



WE "CAN" MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Students are asked to bring a **CAN** of food to school by Wednesday, 02/03/21.
All donations will go to the SWA Parish Food Pantry.

Sunday, 01/31/21

- **Scheduled Tours for New Families from 10:30am-2:00pm.**

Monday, 02/01/21

- **Pajama Day /Reading Buddies Day!**
- Students may wear their pajamas (and sneakers) to read a favorite story and make a craft with their Virtual Buddies. No slippers, please.

Tuesday, 02/02/21

- **Student Recognition Day!** Students may dress down (please follow dress down guidelines).
- Extreme Science 2.0 Virtual Live Stream Assembly for Grades K-8
- 8th Grade Pizza Party @ 1:00pm

Wednesday, 02/03/21

- **"Color A Smile" Day!**
- Students are asked to wear brightly colored clothes to school for "Color A Smile" Day.
- "Color A Smile" is a nonprofit organization that distributes student drawings to Senior Citizens, Overseas Troops, or anyone in need of a smile! Each student will create and submit a "smile!"

Thursday, 02/04/21

- **"BEE-lieve in Miracles Day!**
- Accepting donations for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Celebration of Mass at 10:30am for Grades 6, 7, and 8; Live-Streamed for Grades N-5.
- Virtual Spelling BEE @ 12:30pm (to be live-streamed).

Friday, 02/05/21

- **Teacher Appreciation Day!**
- Show your teachers a little love!
- 12:00 pm Dismissal

NYSSMA INFORMATION 2021

NYSSMA stands for New York State School Music Association. It is an organization dedicated to providing quality music programs in our schools. One branch of NYSSMA is its festival which provides students a chance to play or sing a solo in front of an adjudicator for a grade. Along with the solo, sight reading or sight singing is required for all instrumentalists and singers; scales for tonal instruments and rudiments for percussionists.

Solos must be chosen from the official NYSSMA Manual which is listed in order of difficulty through six levels: level one being the easiest. I will keep a Manual in my office. Students usually work with a private teacher on their solos: however, I will try to schedule an online conference through Schoology if a student needs help with his/her solo or sight reading or singing. If your child is interested in participating in the solo NYSSMA Festival, please fill out the form below. Here are some of the other details that you will need to know:

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: Thursday, March 11th

Students may start now to register if they are ready.

DATES OF THE FESTIVAL: Tuesday, April 13th –Tuesday, April 20th

Please note that students will not be receiving a specific time for their solo. There is an upload window and the students may upload their solos at any point during that window.

WHERE: Students will upload their performance during the above dates.

Students will receive a URL to upload their performances.

COST: Level 1-4	\$16.00
Level 5-6	\$24.00

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MUSIC SELECTIONS: All solos must be listed in the current NYSSMA Manual. Check this carefully with me.

The current manual is Edition 32 Effective July 2018.

Students will also have to upload a PDF of this music to the platform, so please make sure the students are able to make a scanned copy of their music including all necessary pages.

If your child is planning on going for more than one instrument, please fill out a separate form and check for each one.

GOOD LUCK!

Mrs. Vincente Batsford

NYSSMA Registration Form 2021

Deadline March 11th, Festival upload dates Tuesday, April 13th –Tuesday, April 20th

NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ CLASS _____

INSTRUMENT/VOCAL PART: _____

NAME OF SOLO: _____

COMPOSER OF SOLO (Last name, First initial): _____

LEVEL OF SOLO: _____

PAGE NUMBER in NYSSMA MANUAL: _____

BEST TELEPHONE NUMBER TO GET IN TOUCH: _____

VOCAL

Please check the solo to make sure it is in the right key and the right part for your voice!

No substitutions or changes from the NYSSMA Manual will be allowed!

You must submit your solo with a piano recording.

ALL SOLOISTS

Is your child playing MORE than ONE Solo at this festival? (Yes or No) _____

If YES, then please fill out a separate form and check for each solo.

*I give my child (first and last name) _____ in class
_____ permission to participate in the NYSSMA Non- All State Solo and Ensemble Festival.

Signed _____

Email contact information _____

Enclosed is a check made payable to **St. William the Abbot School** for: (Circle one)

Levels I- IV \$16.00

Levels I- IV Piano \$22.00

Levels V-VI \$24.00

Levels V-VI Piano \$30.00

Please note that "Levels" are for the music, NOT your child's grade in school.

Write your child's first and last name, grade and school on the memo line on the face of your check.

Note that NYSSMA Fees are NOT REFUNDABLE.

One check should be written for each solo your child/children performs.

Please attach a Student with Disabilities Form if your child has any special needs.