



*Each of Us Caring for the Whole of Us!*

February 3, 2021

Dear St. William the Abbot Families,

Catholic Schools Week has had quite an inauspicious and snowy start! We are back today, however, and ready to celebrate St. William the Abbot School and Catholic education! Our theme today is, "Color A Smile," and we are all wearing bright colors on this somewhat dreary day. Our students will be creating artistic masterpieces which will be shared with those who may need a reason to smile! We are also collecting canned foods all week, so please continue to send your donations in for the SWA Food Pantry. This has been a tough time for many of our neighbors and we are happy to do our part to help those in need. *We have collected 323 cans of food today alone! **We Can Make a Difference!***

*Catholic Schools Week Sunday* was quite different this year. As you know, the building was only open for *Scheduled Tours*. I am happy to report that of the 16 families that visited the school on Sunday, 10 have already applied for enrollment! It was a successful day, and we have more tours coming up this week. If you know of anyone interested in scheduling a tour, please direct them to [www.stwilliamtheabbot.net](http://www.stwilliamtheabbot.net) for a list of available time slots. Tours can be booked directly through the school webpage!

*Our NCEA DAY OF GIVING ends at 12 Noon today!* Please [CLICK HERE](#) to make a donation to SWS. As you know, our fundraising events have been severely curtailed due to Covid-19, and the costs associated with re-opening and maintaining the safety of our students and staff have been substantial. The always generous SWS community has already donated nearly \$5,000 since Noon yesterday. We appreciate your ongoing support of our school!

Please join us tomorrow for our CSW Mass which will be live-streamed beginning at 10:30am. The link for the Mass can be found on the school website. Also, our Spelling Bee will be a Facebook Live Presentation, beginning at 12:30pm. Again, please join us for this SWS CSW tradition!

Happy news to share! First, as you may or may not know, Ms. Milteer began a medical leave of absence last week, but we received great news that her procedure was a success and recuperation is underway. We hope to welcome Ms. Milteer back in March! Second, as you probably do know, Ms. Bongermينو sustained an injury during a bus drill back in October. That'll teach me not to have bus drills! Long story short, we do anticipate that Ms. Bongermينو will return either immediately after the February break, or shortly thereafter. There is a light at the end of the tunnel! We can't wait to welcome her back, and we are so thankful to Mrs. Ferri for her hard work and dedication during a very difficult time in education. She has been a trooper. Lastly, and I would venture to say that very few of you know this, Ms. Fasolino will return on February 10th as our AIS teacher for the remainder of the school year. She is busy planning and consulting with our classroom teachers in order to provide the support services that our students may require. Happy news all around! God is good!

Thank you for your continued support of SWS through this once-in-a-lifetime school year (we pray)!

Have a great week,  
Mrs. Bricker

February is **American Heart Month**



# BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, February 6, 2021

8:00am – 3:30pm

## Seaford Community Blood Drive

**Location: American Legion Hall**

**2301 Penatiquit Avenue, Seaford**

*Click on link below to schedule an appointment:*

[https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/277267](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/277267)

*or scan the QR code below and enter Seaford Community or call 1 800-933-BLOOD*



**Walk ins welcome if social distancing permits. For more information call George Brennan 516-322-4148**

**DONORS PRESENTING:**

- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19
- May **NOT** donate if they have a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May **NOT** donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

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## 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

***Please make checks made payable to St. William the Abbot School***

**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.