

April Value Theme
Stewardship

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Th-F 4/24-25** 6th Grade Signature Trip
- Th 4/24** PA Meeting for Worship,
8:15-9:15am, MH
- Mon Apr 28** **NO SCHOOL**
- W-F 4/30-5/2** 7th Grade Signature Trip
- Wed 5/7** Coffee and Conversation
with Dana Harrison,
8:30am, Westview
- Th-F 5/5,6,8** PA Plant Sale
- Th 5/22** **MS Music/Drama/Dance
Performance, 7:15pm,
PAC**
- Mon 5/26** **NO SCHOOL** –
Memorial Day

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All School Service Day

This weekend, April 26th, is Sandy Spring Friends' first All-School Saturday Service Day.

Come join us in Yarnall Lobby where we will be making healthy snacks, collecting toiletries and creating artwork for Shepherd's Table, a local organization providing meals and assistance to the homeless. Hours are 10am-2pm, so come after a soccer game, before softball practice, or in-between gardening. Bring your family. All ages can participate!!

MS Performing Arts Evening

Our Middle School Performing Arts Evening and Art Show will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 7:15 PM in the Performing Arts Center. All students currently participating in 6-8 music, 7-8 drama, and 8th grade movement will be performing that evening. Please come early and see our Middle School Art Show on display in the lobby.

7th Grade Parent Night

The third 7th Grade Saturday Night (parents only) will be held at the home of Suzanne and Charlie Weiss (Jake's parents) on Saturday, April 26th at 7:00.

Please RSVP to Suzanne at bushka7@verizon.net to let her know whether you will be bringing an appetizer or dessert. Soft drinks and coffee will be provided, so please provide your own adult beverages.

A number of parents have already RSVP'd yes, please join in!

Looking forward to seeing you there.
Michelle and Barbara, 7th Grade Reps.



Old Crayons Needed

Michelle Puhl-Price is asking for any old crayons you may have and do not want. The 8th grade is working on a Batik Flag project and needs old, broken crayons that no one ever uses. If you have crayons you would like to donate, please drop them by the front office or Michelle's art room.



Athletic Schedule *

Day	Date	Team	Time of Game	Time Returning
Wed	4/23	Boy's Baseball vs. Norwood – AWAY	3:30pm	6:30pm
Thur	4/24	Girl's Softball vs. Norwood – AWAY	3:30pm	6:30pm
Fri	4/25	Boy's Lacrosse vs. Heights – HOME	3:30pm	
Tues	4/29	Girl's Lacrosse vs. St. John's – HOME	3:45pm	
Tues	4/29	Girl's Softball vs. Queen Anne – HOME	4:00pm	
Tues	4/29	Boy's Lacrosse vs. St. John's Episcopal - AWAY	3:45pm	5:30pm
Fri	5/2	Boy's Baseball vs. Heights – AWAY	3:00pm	5:30pm
Mon	5/5	Boy's Baseball vs. Queen Anne – AWAY	3:45pm	7:00pm
Mon	5/12	Boy's Baseball vs. Hebrew Academy – HOME	4:30pm	

**Athletic schedule may be subject to change. For the daily athletic schedule and changes resulting from inclement weather, call 301.774.7455 x398 for a recorded message. Schedule changes, directions and game results are available on the school's website at www.ssfs.org/middle (click on the link for the Athletic Department).*

SSFS 5K Wildebeest Stampede

Calling all Sandy Spring Friends School families! Come run in the first ever SSFS 5K Wildebeest Stampede on Saturday, May 31! Help us celebrate Alumni Weekend 2008 by lacing up your running shoes and getting ready for a true cross country race that will take you into the woods, up and down hills, onto the Rural Legacy Trail and past Sandy Spring pond.

Entry Fees Prior to Race Day:

SSFS Community* \$10 SSFS Family Rate** \$40 (advance registration only)
All Other Runners \$15

Race Day:

All Participants \$20

*SSFS Community: Alumni, Students, Faculty, Staff and their immediate family.

**SSFS Family option is available for up to 6 family members living in the same household. Use one form per runner and mail together.

A commemorative race t-shirt guaranteed to pre-registered runners.

A special thanks to Aaron Meisner '84 and Wachovia for sponsoring the race shirts.

To register, please complete the form found at (http://www.ssfs.org/about/fliers/alum_race_form_08.pdf) or contact Mary Mazzuca at 301-774-7455, ext. 107 or mary.mazzuca@ssfs.org. To ensure adequate time for delivery, please do not mail Friday, May 23, 2008.

Counselor's Corner

Friends,

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for all of the kind wishes I have received throughout my pregnancy. From deliveries of ginger ale to encouraging e-mails, I have been overwhelmed by the generosity and thoughtfulness of our wonderful community. The community's support is one of the reasons why as excited as I am to begin this next phase of life and welcome my child to the world, as I head to maternity leave, it will be difficult to say good-bye to all of you and to end the year. Unless the baby has other plans, my last day for the school year will be Friday, May 16th.

I feel unbelievably fortunate that Jen Cort, Director of Student Support Services, will fill in for me during my leave. Jen will teach the Life Skills classes, and provide counseling for students as needed. Because she is part-time, her role will be more limited than mine. Jen will gladly respond to phone calls and e-mails if you have a concern about your child. She can be reached at extension 119 and via e-mail at jen.cort@ssfs.org. While out on leave, I will be unable to check e-mail or voice mail, so please direct all concerns to Jen. The students will have the opportunity to meet Jen and will be encouraged to make an appointment with her if they would like some support. Fortunately, many of the students know Jen well as she was the Lower School Counselor for many years before taking on her current role. Jen is not only a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, author, wife and mother of two, but an incredible resource for parents, students and faculty. I could not be more pleased that the community will have the benefit of working with her in my absence.

This year has taught me a great deal about priorities. SSFS is a special place and I feel so fortunate to be part of this community. While my role as middle school counselor will always be a priority in my life, I have become increasingly aware that my family must be an equal, if not greater, priority. With that in mind, I will no longer be able to respond to e-mails or phone calls during the evening or weekend hours when I return in September. As parents, I know you will be understanding and supportive of this shift. Thanks again to all of you for your support, kind wishes and sound advice. Have an amazing summer and I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Best,

Lauren

PA NEWS

PA Diversity Committee Meeting

Interested in learning more about ways to help SSFS with their student recruitment efforts? Then you won't want to miss the next PA Diversity Committee meeting!

When: Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Time: 7:00 pm - 8 pm

Where: Yarnall Lobby Conference Room

Join us for an evening of learning and exchanging thoughts and new ideas that could help in the ongoing recruitment efforts of a diverse and vibrant student body. Admissions Director, Karl Gedge along with the entire Admissions Team: LS - Linda Cooper, MS - Louise Steinfort and US - Sara Brigham will join us in a discussion about diversity recruitment at SSFS.

Your thoughts, ideas and input are welcome!

Please RSVP to stwinter@comcast.net or sydney.jacobs@verizon.net by April 21st

PA Meeting for Worship

PA Meeting for Worship - Thursday, April 24th - 8:15AM Meetinghouse



Yes, it *is* this weekend!!

SSFS All-School Service Day

Saturday, April 26, 2008

10am-2pm

Yarnall Lobby---and points around campus

- healthy muffin baking for Shepherd's Table
- bowl making for Empty Bowl 2010
- art creating for soup kitchen walls
- travel toiletry collecting for the homeless
- blanket making for hospitalized children
- book reading for kids on giving, helping the hungry

lunch wraps for sale

(ingredients donated by *Whole Foods Grocery*)

Please clear out your shelves and bring travel shampoos,
lotions for our collection



Community Service hours given to Upper School students
Come for an hour, come for the day
Everyone is welcome!