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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Open House & Pasta Dinner
January 30th
- ◆ Catholic School Week
January 31st-
February 6th
- ◆ SPXS Alumni Basketball
Game
February 5th

SPXS Boys' Basketball Team Wins Christmas Tournament

The SPXS varsity boys' basketball team, with assistance from our junior varsity players, opened their season by winning the Annual Christmas Tournament, sponsored by Saint Francis Xavier Preparatory School in Hyannis. Led by eighth graders Joey Florio, Sean Kilty, Jack Lawson and John Paul Rezendes, the Crusaders defeated the Angels 43-34 under the direction of coaches Keith Powell, Marc Powell and Doug Mayo.



The Christmas Tournament is the annual start of the middle school basketball season for the six schools that participate in the Cape Cod Super Six Conference. Along with the eighth grade players, this season's team roster includes: John Fowler, Ryan Crahan, Shane Cummings, Jack Fasano, Conor Kilty, Morgan Silva, Raphael DaSilva, Quinn Mayo, Jack O'Keefe, Liam Powell, and Demetris Skordas.

The SPXS girls' basketball team played

well in the Christmas Tournament, too. Players this season are: Julia Di Preta, Mia Giannakoulis, Kelsy Ganley, Caitlyn Marrs, Aveen O'Brien, Ashlin Enright, Brianna Johnson, Ashleigh Reen, Ana Wolfe, Ariana Duckett, Caitlyn Reen, Julia Abercrombie, Abby Luciani, Ashley Luke, Holy Merhi and Roisin O'Brien. The coaches of the girls' teams, Damon Burchill, Michelle Jumper, and Meg Willis look forward to a great season!

SPXS Yarmouth Food Pantry Initiative

In November, as part of Cardboard Box City Night, SPXS students were asked to bring in donations for the Yarmouth Food Pantry. The guest speaker of the evening was Mrs. Sue Martin, who spoke about the great need the pantry has for donations throughout the entire year, not just during the holiday season.

In order that the pantry continues to receive the donations it needs throughout the year, SPXS students and families are being asked to bring in items each month. The following items are suggestions of what to donate to the

pantry in February and March:

February

Pasta - dry or canned
Spaghetti Sauce

March

Canned Soup
Canned Tuna/Chicken

Donation boxes are located in each classroom and in the foyer of the school.

Direct donations can be made daily from 10 AM to noon at 845 Rte. 28 in South Yarmouth.



Some of our SPXS
Cheerleaders

SPXS Cheerleading Squad Kicks Off Their 1st Season

Forming a SPXS cheerleading squad to cheer at our basketball games has been a goal for the Athletics Department for several years. After finding the perfect cheer coach, Ms. Lori Dutra, this goal has finally been realized!

This year's cheerleading squad, which is open to students in grades 5 - 8, will cheer on the Crusaders basketball teams at home games.

Seventh graders Sarah De Castro and Julia Ubertaccio are part of the squad, along with sixth and fifth graders Haleigh Burchill, Yasmin Veloso, Ingrid Andrade and Taytum Trani. The squad has been training weekly at the Cape Cod Cheer Center in Hyannis.

As a special bonus, Shannon Cummings (SPXS '14, PJPII '18) has returned to help Miss Lori coach the cheerleaders into a spectacular squad!

SPXS Basketball Program Scores with Students

SPXS Lower School students from grades K-4 have been honing their basketball skills on Saturday mornings in the SPXS gymnasium. The younger students are learning the skills (dribbling, shooting and passing) they will need to excel in the SPXS Middle School Basketball Program. The players are also learning defense, offense and rebounding basics. Third grader Bobby Plum says, "I like to play any sport where I can be on a

team. I like to bond with my teammates." Parent coaches Michelle Jumper, Katie Mullen and Marc Powell have been working with SPXS students in grades K- 2. Coach Corsi trains the girls' team for students in third and fourth grade, while Mark Sullivan coaches the third and fourth grade boys. Victoria Imad (SPXS '21) enjoys each Saturday session because, "I love the games we play to become better players!"

"I love Lower School basketball because I get to learn how to shoot the ball, so when I'm in Middle School, I can be part of the team - Molly St. Jean (SPXS '21)"

SPXS Drama Clubs to Present Spring Productions

Our Middle and Lower School Drama Department is in full swing, rehearsing for the annual spring musicals with Mr. Gamache. This year's Middle School production will be *Hairspray, Jr.*, with Julia Di Preta in the starring role of Tracy Turnblad. The play is set in 1962, and spunky teen Tracy has one big dream -- to dance on the popular *Corny Collins Show*. When she finally gets her shot, she suddenly becomes a TV star.

The Lower School Drama Club's production of *The Jungle Book KIDS* is also in rehearsal. Adapted from Disney's animated film and the works of Rudyard Kipling, the "man cub" Mowgli, played by second grader Angelina Manchuk, meets a giant bear named Baloo (Molly St. Jean) and learns about the swinging rhythms of the jungle. Stay tuned to the *Crusader Chronicle* for performance dates.

Faculty Spotlight: Our Principal, Mrs. Dailey

Student reporter Julia DiPreta (SPXS '16) sat down with Mrs. Dailey to ask her a few student generated questions.

JD: What do you like about being the principal of SPXS?

MD: I love being principal here because it's such a vibrant community. I admire the dedication of our faculty and staff and the generous spirit of our families. I love being with the students each day and how every day is different.

JD: Why do you like the students wearing uniforms?

MD: I think when students wear uniforms there is less focus on the external appearance and more on the internal person, especially at the middle school level.

JD: Growing up, what did you like about school?

MD: Math was a favorite subject. I was a math teacher before I became a principal. I went to an elementary Catholic school and walked home for lunch each day. I liked having a break in the middle of the day!