

SION ALLIANCE

Building the Bonds of Our Community

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Volunteer Still Needed

Thank you to all the families who shared their heritage with the school community at the International Marketplace. Students who attended had a blast traveling from country to country, getting their passports checked with a stamp from the many countries represented: China, India, England, Ireland, Pakistan, Nepal, El Salvador, Lebanon, France, Kazakhstan, Serbia, and Mexico. It was a special event teaching us about the food and culture from around the globe. The pride of the many heritages represented was clear to all and a beautiful representation of our Sion Mission.

February is our shortest month, but Sion is not short on activity. Take in a basketball game from our many boys and girls basketball teams. Come to mass on Wednesday, February 8th. Join the students at the Black History Month Assembly on Tuesday, February 21. Sign up to visit your child's teachers at the Parent Teacher Conferences. All of the hard work our teachers do will be celebrated and supported through our presence and contributions at the Sion Gala on March 4th. We hope to see a record number of parents in attendance at the Gala.

FEBRUARY

Calendar of Events

Friday, February 3	Vive Sion Spirit Day Breakfast Club K-5
Tuesday, February 7	8th grade NAEP Testing
Wednesday, February 8	Grade School Mass Montessori Field Trip - Wonderscope
Thursday, February 9	Late Start
Friday, February 10	Parent Teacher Conferences No School
Tuesday, February 14	ALLiance meeting Valentine's Day parties - M-5 Valentine's Day mixer - Middle School Sion Petite/Montessori Sneak Peek
Wednesday, February 15	President's Day
Monday, February 20	Black History Month Assembly
Tuesday, February 21	Spring Kindergarten Round-up
Wednesday, February 22	Late Start
Thursday, February 23	Missouri Math League
Tuesday, February 28	Class Pictures
Wednesday, March 1	Vive Sion Spirit Day
Friday, March 3	Breakfast Club - 6th-8th grade

Sion Gala News

Buy your Sion Gala Tickets

We can't toast to Sion without YOU! Now is time to reserve your seats for the Gala on Saturday, March 4! Put your table of ten together and join us for a night of fun and fundraising for our amazing school. Kindly return your RSVP via check or purchase online at ndsion.edu/shop by February 17. A block of rooms has been reserved for March 4, 2017 at the InterContinental Hotel for the Gala. Contact the hotel directly at 816.856.9717 or www.kansascityic.com. RSVP for the Gala and extend the fun with a room at the hotel! The Gala not only supports our school with the funds needed to sustain the quality education our children receive, but it is a blast to visit with the amazing parents that make up our community.

Sion Gala Auction

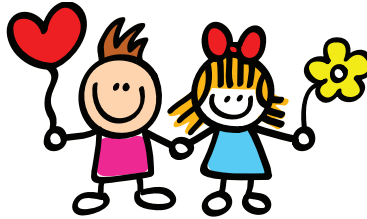
Do you have something new or valuable to donate to the cause? Tickets to a Royals game, theatre tickets, autographed sports equipment? The gala auction committee will be collecting auction items for the Gala on Thursday, February 9th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Be a part of making our Gala Auction a successful one. We ask that you bring an item valued at \$50 or more to support our Gala.

Welcome to Sion

We are thrilled that the Kindergarten and 2nd grade classes each have a new student. Siblings Emery (K) and Mia Bartel (2) joined us in January.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

The signup for conferences with your child's teacher(s) can be accessed via the Wednesday Weekly on 2/2. Conferences are held on Friday, February 10th. EDP will be available for children while you visit with teachers. A special thank you to the parents who will be supporting the teachers with lunch on this day.



Valentine's Day Parties

Students in all grades will celebrate friendship and love on the afternoon of February 14th. Montessori through 5th grade will have class parties where they will exchange Valentines with their friends. Middle School students will celebrate with a mixer in the Grande Salle. If you haven't already received information about this fun day, you will soon. Happy Valentine's Day!

Sion Alliance News

Sion ALLiance Meeting - Tues., February 14 @ 8 am in the Sanctuary

Drop by the ALLiance meeting at 8 am on Tuesday the 14th to find out what is happening at school. Have a cup of coffee, mingle with other parents and get great news about Sion. Division Heads Dr. Clark and Ms. Riggs are always on hand to share what is happening in the middle school and primary/intermediate levels. Admissions and Advancement representatives also bring news to our table.

Sion Outerwear

Did you miss out on the Outerwear sale? All may not be lost. Contact Stephanie Jensen (jensen_stephanie@yahoo.com) to secure a Raglan t-shirt, hoodie or fleece jacket for yourself or for your child. We have the following select sizes and quantity available for purchase:

Raglan t-shirts : Adult: X Small - 2; Small-1; Large-1 ; X Large-1 (\$25) Child size 2 (\$20)
Women's fleece: Adult Small-2; Adult Large-1;

Book Fair Update

The generosity of our Sion community yielded a big return at the Book Fair in November. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Mrs. Nelson purchased nearly 120 new books for the Sion library from the fundraiser. Here are just some of the purchases made so far that our children can enjoy:

Montessori

Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert
Nanette's Banquette by Mo Willems
Stripes of All Types by Susan Stockdale

Primary

Woodpecker on a Waffle by Steve Breen
Boy, Were We Wrong About the Dinosaurs by Kathleen B. Kudlinski
Steamboat School by Deborah Hopkinson
A Well Mannered Young Wolf by Jean LeRoy

Intermediate

Famous Fails! by Crispin Boyer
Homework Strike by Greg Pincus
I Survived Nature Attacks by Lauren Tarshis
2 copies of all the books listed on 2017-18 Mark Twain List

Middle School

The Way Things Work Now by David MacCauley
Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gratz
Code of Honor by Alan Gratz

