

SION ALLIANCE

Building the Bonds of Our Community

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Still Needed

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Spring Musical Concessions Organizer

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Happy Holidays Sion! We're a few short weeks away from spending time with our families and enjoying another break. We have much going on at school before the arrival of Santa. We have an opportunity to share our appreciation for the faculty and staff of Sion through the Holiday Fund. You should receive a letter and envelope in the home folder today. Please consider making a contribution that will be given to the wonderful Sion teachers, staff and administration.

Thank you to all who attended the Open House at Browne's last night, as well as the Pasta Dinner and Holiday Lighting before Thanksgiving. We look forward to sharing cookies and beverages with all who attend the Holiday concert on December 15th.

Calendar of Events

Friday, Dec. 2	Vive Sion Spirit Day
Friday, Dec. 2 -Sun. Dec. 4	5th and 6th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament in Sion Grade School Gym
Saturday, Dec. 3	Breakfast with Santa @ Sion High School
Monday, Dec. 5	Science Olympiad @Pembroke Hill
Thursday, Dec. 8	Head of School Holiday Reception for Parents
Fri, Dec. 9- Sun. Dec. 10	Late Start
Tuesday, Dec. 13	Grade School All School Mass @ 2:15
Wed. Dec. 14	5th and 6th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament
Thurs. Dec. 15	Sion Alliance Meeting in the Sanctuary
Tues. Dec. 20	Sion Petite/ Montessori Sneak Peek
Wed. Dec. 21	Christmas Concert with Art Showcase
Thursday, Dec. 22-	End of 2nd Quarter/ 1st Semester
Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017	Grade School Noon Dismissal
Tuesday, January 3	Holiday Break
Wednesday, January 4	Professional Development Day
Thursday, January 5	EDP Open
Friday, January 6	Professional Development Day
	Semester 2 begins
	Vive Sion Spirit Day



International Marketplace Night

The collective diversity of Sion will be celebrated at the International Marketplace on January 26, 2017. This bi-annual event is an opportunity for families to share the beauty of their culture. Students are given passports to have stamped as they move from one international display to another. All will experience the array of ethnic foods, clothing, pictures and more. If you would like to share the customs, arts, social institutions, and achievements of a particular nation, people, or other social group with Sion, please email Annie Riggs (ariggs@ndsion.edu) or Paola Clark (pclark@ndsion.edu). We would love to see a wonderful representation of our world in our cafeteria in January.

Sion Christmas Concert

Students should plan to arrive at 6:00pm. In alignment with our Fall Festival theme, "Bolt Around The World", students have been learning holiday songs from different countries around the world. Students should dress in appropriate holiday attire for the Christmas Concert and the colors that they may wear are: red, green, gold, purple, silver, black, and white. They can wear any combination of these colors, or just one color. It will look very festive! K-4 students will be using the Orff Schulwerk principles that we have been learning in class such as singing, instrument playing, and improvisation. In addition, student artwork and a brief overview of our Teaching for Artistic Behavior (TAB) research-based choice art education program will be displayed this night.



Sion Service Projects

Mathatma Gandhi said "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others". Families at Sion are serving others during the holiday season. Montessori children are giving mittens and hats to KC for Refugees. Primary level children are collecting pajamas for the Scholastic Reading Club Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive. Children in the Intermediate level are giving gifts through the Kansas City's Ugly Christmas Sweater Day on December 9th, a program for Operation Breakthrough. The Middle School children are donating toys and gifts through their maisons to the Catholic Charities program Project Shining Star. Thank you for your generosity,

Thank you

Thank you to all who attended Trivia Night and Mom's Night Out. We had a record year, bringing in over \$3,500 via Trivia Night and raising over \$500 via Mom's Night Out to support the Gala. The Advancement Office needs your support! Please consider donating an auction item. If you have ideas or items to donate, please contact Bridget Rutledge at 816-753-3810 ext. 2160 or brutledge@ndsion.edu.

Sion Alliance News

Holiday Fund Deadline - Monday, Dec. 12

If you would like to contribute to the Holiday Fund for the Teachers, Staff and Administration, please send in or mail your gift in the *Holiday Fund* envelope in your child's home folder.

Sion Stocking Caps

Is your little one's noggin getting cold in these dipping temperatures? Sion Alliance can help you keep your dear one warm with a Sion stocking cap. At \$15, it's a steal of a deal to help your child feel cozy this winter. Contact Stephanie Jensen (jensen_stephanie@yahoo.com) to buy one today.

Sion ALLiance Meeting - Tues., Dec. 13

Drop by the ALLiance meeting at 8 am on Tuesday to find out what is happening at school. Have a cup of coffee, mingle with other parents and get involved at Sion.

Join the Call-When-You-Need-Help list.

Do you want to get more involved, but aren't sure of how your schedule fits into the happenings at Sion? Email Julie Walker Browne (walkerbrowne@me.com) to be included in the *Call-When-You-Need-Help* list. We will email or call you when we have an event or need that requires parent volunteers. We know how busy the day-to-day lives of parenting and work can be. Hopefully, we can make being involved at Sion a little easier.