

## + DID YOU KNOW:

Over 13 million children in this country go to school hungry each day?



### Hungry Kids Are:

- more likely to miss school because of illness
- unable to sustain concentration
- likely to fall behind academically
- more likely to suffer from depression and anxiety
- prone to developing behavior problems

## + Food Insecurities

- A family that has enough money to buy groceries only three out of four weeks.
- Mom skipping dinner so her kids can eat.
- Choosing between buying groceries and paying the rent.

“There are food insecure and hungry kids in every congressional district and every demographic,” according to **Lucy Melcher**, Director of Advocacy and Government Relations for the non-profit, **Share Our Strength**, which runs the **No Kid Hungry** campaign.

## SMS Families Can Help!

Join us in helping the teachers of our sister school, **Metro Catholic in Cleveland, OH**. Students at Metro Catholic are coming to school hungry and the teachers try to fill their bellies the best they can.

***During the month of December we will be collecting pre-packaged, pre-wrapped, healthy breakfast foods that these teachers can give to their students.***

Foods such as granola bars, pudding or fruit cups, Belvita snack bars, protein bars or other *non-perishable* individually portioned breakfast items.

**Participate in the SMS BREAKFAST WARS: The class that donates the most breakfast items will receive a Spudnut Donut reward!**

Won't you help? Send in your donation to St. Mary School by **December 21<sup>st</sup>**. It's as easy as adding just one item to your grocery cart the next time you go shopping. Thank you for caring.



## Saint Mary Lego Club

**Who:** Students in grades kindergarten through third

**What:** Structured and guided Lego building challenges. Children are responsible to provide their own Legos in order to participate.

**When:** Every Wednesday 3:30pm- 4:15pm

The first session will begin on January 16<sup>th</sup>

(More specific dates will be given once I know how many students are interested)

**Where:** Discovery Hall

Please return the below slip if your child is interested. Permission slips are due back by Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>!

Space is limited.

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**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

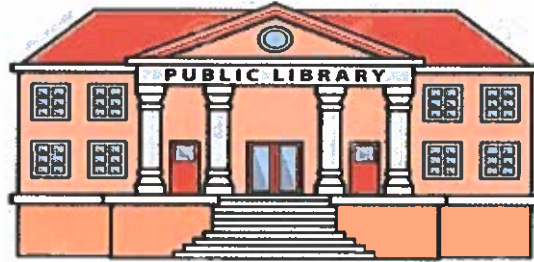
**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you be interested in volunteering to help with Lego Club?**

Yes or No

More information will be provided after winter break once I receive all permission slips. Thank you, Mrs. Schiele



## Cuyahoga County Library - Berea Branch

### Once Upon a Fairy Tale - A Great Lake National Puppet Theater Performance

(Ages 3 and up with a caregiver)

The magic of puppetry and storytelling come alive as the Great Lakes National Puppet Theater presents *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* and *Rumpelstiltskin*. **PLEASE NOTE:** Registration is required for all attending—children and caregivers.

**Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

### STEAM Team: LED Art

(Grades 4-8)

Fourth through eighth-graders, want to light up your artwork? Get ready to create your own art with LEDs and simple circuits. Registration required.

**Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

### Noon Year's Eve Celebration

(Ages 2 and up with a caregiver)

Families are welcome to celebrate the New Year early with a giant dance party. Ring in 2019 with music, a ball drop and a countdown at noon. **PLEASE NOTE:** Registration is required for all attending—children and caregivers.

**Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 a.m. – 12 noon**

### Lunch Bunch Book Club

(Grades 4-6)

Students in grades 4 - 6 are invited to enjoy a lively book discussion and a pizza lunch. The book *RESTART* by Gordon Korman will be available starting November 26th at the Berea Branch. So, pick up a copy, read the book, and join us for a great discussion on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>! Registration required.

**Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

**1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**





## Extended Care & Preschool Day Care Christmas Break 2018

SMS Extended Care & Preschool Day Care will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the following days: **Thursday, December 27; Friday, December 28; Wednesday, January 2, 2019; Thursday, January 3, 2019; and Friday, January 4, 2019.** Parents are required to complete and return this form prior to utilizing the day care program on any of these days. This pre-registration form will allow us time to prepare for the number of children attending with the correct amount of supervisors and supplies.

You will be notified, in advance, if the Extended Care & Preschool Day Care will be closed on any of these days due to lack of enrollment.

**\*\*Reminder: If you register your child and do not attend without a 24 hour notice or you do not register your child and you use the day care, you will be charged a \$20 fee.**

Return this completed form to your child's classroom teacher. You will be billed at the end of the month for time used at Extended Care. Thank you!

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My child/children will be attending the Extended Care & Preschool Day Care on:

**Yes Thursday, December 27**     **Yes Friday, December 28**

**Yes Wednesday, January 2**     **Yes Thursday, January 3**     **Yes Friday, January 4**

Child Name

Grade

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