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Letter from the HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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Hello All!

The St. Stephen's Super Sellers did it again! On January 9th, our Buffalo Sabres 50/50 Alumni Raffle ticket sales record fell to UB Dance. But on Friday we took back the top spot, surpassing UB Dance by almost 400 tickets!! WAY TO GO SUPER SELLERS!!! We only have 2 regular season games left, March 5th and March 26th. Be a part of the excitement!!!

BINGO!! We had almost 200 people come out on a cold January night for our second annual Family Bingo Night! It was a BLAST! Thanks to **Mrs. Ende**, our esteemed caller, for keeping the fun going all night long and thanks to **Peg White** and her crew for a well organized, well run event!

On January 15th Trooper Chris Pyc came to talk to us about the things we can do to keep our children safe on the internet. Trooper Pyc has been assigned to the Grand Island Schools for many years and all of the incidents he talked to us about happened right here in our own back yard! He warned us about predators who send out emails in the hope of receiving one or two responses. He also warned us about the most prevalent problems - cyber-bullying and sexting – problems that mostly come from the children's CLASSMATES, starting as early as 5th grade. Trooper Pyc stressed that the most important thing that we as parents can do is MONITOR our kids usage – by putting the computer in a common area in the home and by using monitoring software (both for the computer and the cell phones).

Don't forget CLUB EAGLE is this FRIDAY! We are turning the cafeteria into a "night club" complete with Karaoke and dancing – fun for ALL ages! You won't want to miss it!

On Friday, February 19th our Lenten Fish Fry's begin. The Fish Fry's take place every Friday for 6 weeks and, in total, it is our largest fundraiser. It is a HUGE undertaking and we are very grateful to **Rosanne Panzica and Ellen Colan** for the countless hours they put in to ensure that things go off without a hitch. However, Rosanne and Ellen can't do it alone...they need our help and lots of it! There is something for everyone to do, from filling salt shakers to making potato salad to cleaning-up. Please give generously of your time to this important fundraiser. Look for sign up sheets in this week's envelope.

Hopefully you have given serious consideration to running for an office in the Home School Association. Everyone has something to offer...a fresh idea, a different perspective. Nominations for the Executive Board for the 2010-2011 school year will take place this month and elections will be held in March. Check out this week's envelope for more information. It's a great way to get involved and to meet the awesome families at SSS...you'll love it!

On behalf of the entire Home School Association, I would like to wish **Mrs. Ende** a very **Happy Birthday** on February 14th!

Have a Happy Valentine's Day!

Christine 

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