



Programs for Parents

2017-2018 Academic Year

November

- 29 Coffee and Conversation: Executive Function Strategies** ■
Executive functioning is the set of cognitive processes that help students organize and respond in meaningful ways in order to accomplish goals. **8:15 a.m.**

December

- 6 I3 Collaborative: 25th Anniversary Speaker Series: Bringing Wonder to Life** ■
Sam Drazin was born with Treacher Collins syndrome, a craniofacial anomaly similar to the main character of R.J. Palacio's *Wonder*, a novel read by our Middle School students. Sam shares his story at our Parents Association meeting and later, with students, facilitating meaningful conversations around what it means to be different. **8:15 a.m.**
- 12 Think Big: Here Comes Kindergarten** ■
Research shows that schools ending in Eighth Grade lead the way to preparing students for success in life. Discover all that awaits your rising Kindergartener. Stay after for the *Friendly Beasts* Dress Rehearsal! **8:15 a.m.**

January

- 10 Think Big: March to June for Eighth Grade Leaders** ■
Leadership and legacy define the Eighth Grade year. Eighth Grade parents meet on topics ranging from their role in the Eighth Grade Play and completing the high school search to preparing for Capstone and graduation. **6:30 p.m.**
- 19 Think Big: Building a Bridge to Middle School** ■
Fifth Grade is a critical transition time. This session, for Fourth Grade parents, provides information about daily school life, strategies to support 'tweens, and highlights that distinguish our program. **9:00 a.m.**
- 26 Think Big: Step up to First Grade** ■
What a momentous year this is! We discuss routines, workshops, and the approaches to teaching and learning that build upon all the Kindergarten milestones and prepare your child for success throughout Lower School. **9:00 a.m.**

February

- 1 State of the School Celebration and the I3 Collaborative: 25th Anniversary Speaker Series: The Wonder Years Can Last Forever with Doug Lyons** ■ ■
Haley DeMaria, Board of Trustees Chair, and Lisa Nagel, Head of School, open this special event, sharing school updates and highlighting progress of our Strategic Plan. Doug Lyons, Director of the Connecticut Association of Independent Schools, offers a keynote address, bringing 40 years' experience as a school leader to bear on his understanding of the impact a Twos-Eighth Grade program has on lifelong learning. **7:00 p.m.**
- 8 Coffee and Conversation: Middle School in the Digital Age** ■
Join a roundtable meeting to discuss 21st century skills and strategies to help adolescents navigate in the digital age. **8:15 a.m.**

March

- 1 Coffee and Conversation: The International Baccalaureate World School Program at St. Anne's School** ■
Updates. Timelines. Impact. Our IB leadership team shares details related to our on-going work as an IB candidate school. **8:15 a.m.**
- 22 Coffee and Conversation: Connection Parenting** ■ ■
Connectedness is a feeling of being a part of something larger than yourself. Why is it essential in childhood development? Join Lisa Nagel, Head of School, to learn techniques to guide and foster healthy parent-child bonds that support your child's wellbeing. **8:15 a.m.**

April

- 25 Think Big: Upper School Fair and the High School Process (Seventh Grade Families)** ■
Admissions representatives from more than twenty-five regional day and boarding schools interact with our students as Seventh Grade families learn the step-by-step process that guides their child to a successful launch to high school. End of year events and next year's Capstone Project will also be discussed. **6:00 p.m.**

May

- 11 Coffee and Conversation: The Assessment Toolkit** ■
Review the variety of student assessments and tools we use to authentically assess learning, maintain challenging expectations, gauge acquisition of knowledge, and more. We will also share with parents standardized test scores for students in Fourth through Seventh Grades. **8:15 a.m.**



All programs will be held in the Learning Commons and hosted by St. Anne's School administration, unless otherwise noted. If you would like to attend any of our Programs for Parents, please email Georgette Koelker at gkoelker@St.AnnesSchool.org or call 410-263-8650.

■ Program for Young Children	■ Twos - Eighth Grade
■ Lower School	■ Open to the Public
■ Middle School	