



## January 18, 2018 Happy New Year!

You are receiving this email as part of the Joseph Sears School Parent Volunteer Association (JSSPVA) community.

For more information, visit our [website](#).

---

### In This Issue:

- New Student Picture Day: January 18
- Sears Benefit: Havana Nights ~ February 3
- Creative Dramatics
- Lunchroom Composting & Recycling
- Chess Tournament and Session II
- Sears Newcomers
- JSSPVA Nominating
- Calendar of Events ~ January
- Alliance for Early Childhood
- FAN
- KWBA



JOSEPH SEARS  
EST. 1899

---

## New Student Picture Day is January 18

If you are a new student and have not yet had your photo taken by Stuart Rodgers Photography, then Thursday, January 18 is Picture Day for you!

All new students of any grade are to report to the south corridor of the Gym between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. to have their school picture taken.

Please dress accordingly. Students will receive order forms with proofs approximately two weeks after the photos are taken so be sure to check back packs at the end of the month.

For questions please contact: Mirofora C Geroulis  
at [mirofora.geroulis@hotmail.com](mailto:mirofora.geroulis@hotmail.com) or Marjorie Bransfield



## **Havana Nights Sears Benefit: February 3rd, 6 p.m. - Midnight**

It will be a fabulous night with great friends, amazing Cuban food, Salsa dancing and lots of ways to support the JSSPVA! This is our one big party of the year so let's make it count!

**THE BENEFIT WEBSITE IS LIVE! BUY YOUR TICKETS!**

Check out [www.bit.do/KenilworthHavanaNights](http://www.bit.do/KenilworthHavanaNights)

Email either Crystal ([penningtoncrystal@gmail.com](mailto:penningtoncrystal@gmail.com)) or Betsy ([betsykilroy@gmail.com](mailto:betsykilroy@gmail.com)) with any questions.

---

### **Back by Popular Demand!**

**Creative Dramatics will run a second session starting on Wednesday, February 7th and will meet every week until Spring Break.**

**We expect to have two groups: 3rd & 4th grade and 5th-8th grade.**

**The class runs during the lunch/recess time and participants engage in a variety of improvised scenarios, creative movement exercises, vocal training and character creation. What's not to love about being**

inside during winter recess and learning new skills?

[Sign up forms will be sent home the week of January 22nd.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Julie McConnell at [juliefmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:juliefmccconnell@gmail.com)

Thanks and happy new year!

---

## **Lunchroom Recycling Help Wanted**



**[Click HERE to sign up!](#)**

We are once again asking for parent volunteers to help supervise lunchroom waste sorting. Daily, there are two volunteer spots (Multipurpose Room and Village House) from 11:40am-12:30pm. Please use the link above to sign up from now until the end of March. Mrs. Nahrwold will hold a quick training class on January 24 at 11:15 am in the Multipurpose Room for those interested.

Sears is thrilled to participate in the Trex Film Recycle Challenge. Many of us recycle cardboard, glass and plastics, but throw out (into the landfill) plastic bags and plastic films (think bread bags, dry cleaning bags, etc). Through the end of the school year we are collecting plastic films which will be recycled by Trex to create beautiful and environmentally responsible outdoor products. The School will be eligible for prizes based on our collection efforts. This is an easy way for us to make a positive impact on the environment. Please send plastic film materials in with your child to recycle and encourage them to recycle their film waste from their lunch (Zip Lock bags). Trex boxes are located in the hallway outside the front office, in the basement hallway and near the Baker building doors.

**What is Trex?**

Trex Company is the brand leader in alternative lumber in North America. They make Decking and Railing products from a unique combination of reclaimed wood and plastic. Trex purchases approximately 200 million pounds of used polyethylene and an equal amount of hardwood sawdust each year.

## **Recycling Facts:**

- **98% of the materials used to make Trex are reclaimed plastic and wood**
- **A 2x6x16 Trex decking board uses 2,250 plastic bags**
- **There are 140,000 recycled plastic bags in a 500 square foot Trex deck**
- **For over a decade, Trex has recycled over 4 billion pounds of plastic. This includes various types of polyethylene packaging and grocery bags.**

## **Items that can be collected for recycling by Trex:**

- **Polyethylene stretch and shrink wrap**
- **Grocery Bags**
- **Newspaper sleeves**
- **Paper towel / toilet paper over wrap**
- **Cleaning and dry produce bags**
- **Dry cleaning bags**
- **Case Wrap (used to wrap soda bottles, canned goods, water bottles, etc.)**
- **Zip lock bags (dry and clean)**
- **Bread bags (dry and clean)**
- **Salt bags (shaken)**
- **Ice bags (no moisture or hard / metal clips)**
- **Garment bags**
- **Bubble Wrap**
- **Polyethylene foam (used in wrapping furniture)**
- **Other Polyethylene packaging (Recycle Code 2 and 4)**
- **Cereal bags**

---

## **CHESS TOURNAMENT**

The next chess tournament is to be held on **Thursday, January 25th**. Registration is free and available to all current chess members. Please click [HERE](#) for information about the event and registration process.

## **CHESS CLUB SESSION II: January 30- May 17**

Thinking of trying chess but didn't sign up for the first session ? Don't worry - we have room for all levels of students, from beginners to advanced, and would love you to join in ! Registration is open to all students from Kindergarten to 8th grade.

Chess club is held during the lunchtime period in the Link area over three days, namely Tuesday ( 2-3rd graders ), Wednesday ( K - 1st graders) and Thursday ( 4-8th graders).

To register , please click [HERE](#) to register for the second session, which starts the week commencing January 29th.

**Please complete a new registration form for each student and either pay online or send a check, payable to JSSPVA, to the**

## **Newcomers Wants YOU!**

**Are YOU super friendly, enjoy meeting NEW people, and having FUN? We need folks like YOU! The Newcomer Committee is looking for host families to welcome and support new families in town. We assign you a new family and you are their contact and support person for anything and everything. Invite them for coffee or go for a walk! Easy and Fun!**

**If you are interested in learning more or want to sign up please contact Anne Crowley, annecrowley72@gmail.com, 847.977.6772  
Many Thanks!**

**Anne Crowley and Deb Ponko**

**The Newcomer Co-Chairs**

---

## **JSSPVA 2018-19 Board Nominations**

**The Nominating Committee is beginning the process of slating the JSSPVA Board for the 2018-19 School Year. The JSSPVA is the heart of the Sears Community and its volunteers coordinate many of our most treasured Sears programs and traditions including: Family Fun Day, Sears Cafe, Book Fair, Newcomers Committee, the Sears Benefit, Enrichment, etc. Are you interested in becoming more involved in your child's school? Do you have a suggestion of someone who has a special talent who might be just right for the PVA? The time is now! New Sears families are welcome and encouraged to get involved!**

**[Click HERE to fill out the PVA Volunteer Interest Form](#)**

**The Nominating Committee will review all interest forms received.  
We look forward to hearing from you!**

**Please contact Nominating Chair, M'Liz Simonds at timandmliz@comcast.net or 847-571-5214 for more information.**

---

## **Calendar of Events:**



**Thurs, January 18:** New Student Photo Day, 7th grade Spelling Bee, Kindergarten Field Trip, Geography Bee Final District Competition

**Fri, January 19:** 8th grade class Spelling Bee, 3rd grade Parent Social Gathering

**Sat, January 20:** 6th grade Parent Social Gathering

**Tues, January 23:** JSSPVA Board meeting 8:20 a.m. MPR

**Wed, January 24:** District Spelling Bee

**Thurs, January 25:** Winter Chess Tournament

**Fri, January 26:** Junior High Drop In

Visit the [School Calendar](#) for chess, scouts, sports, music & other activities that are not listed here.

*\*note- times and dates subject to change, check the Sears Calendar for updates.*

---

## Community Events:

---

**BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE ALLIANCE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD:**

### **PARENT PROGRAM**

**The Anatomy Of A Meltdown:  
All Behavior Has Meaning**

**Friday, January 26, 9:30-11 am**

**Church of the Holy Comforter  
222 Kenilworth Ave, Kenilworth, IL 60043**

**Free and Open to the Public**

**View the flyer [HERE](#)**

**Register [HERE](#)**

*When a child has a meltdown, it is not easy for anyone involved. In this workshop, parents will learn the difference between a tantrum and a meltdown. Using a neuro/sensory perspective, individuals will discover what is happening to the body when feeling overwhelmed, under attack, hijacked, and helpless. By understanding the anatomy of a meltdown, parents will be better equipped to offer help and support during these challenging times. Facilitated by Jennifer Rosinia, PhD OTR/L.*

### **FAMILY PROGRAM**

**Let's Play Community Winter Play Day**

**Saturday, January 27, 9:30-11:30am**

**Free Event | Open to the Public**

**View the flyer [HERE](#)**

*Tired of running from one activity to the next? Are you and your kids feeling over-scheduled and exhausted? If so, be sure to join our Winter Community Play Day. Bundle up because the event will be held in snow, rain, or shine! Play activities from 9:30 - 11 a.m., and Storytime by the Glencoe Public Library from 11 - 11:30 a.m. Find more details about the location and play activities on The Alliance's website: <http://www.theallianceforec.org>*

### **PARENT PROGRAM**

**Tinkering Workshop with Gever Tulley: Strategies to Empower Your**

**Child Through Risk-Taking Using Real Problems**  
**Monday, February 12, 2018**  
**9:30-11:00am**

**Hubbard Wood School's Idea Lab**  
**1110 Chatfield Rd, Winnetka, IL 60093**  
**Free Event | Open to the Public**  
**View the flyer [HERE](#)**  
**Register [HERE](#)**

*During this workshop, parents will work together to design, build, and problem solve a unique project using tools and materials. The experience will begin by learning to safely use drills and clamps, and then everyone will have an opportunity to BUILD! The project is a surprise, but parents can count on coming away with ideas to help children explore their world, as well as understand the inevitable, powerful learning that results from hands-on learning. Gever Tulley is a TED speaker, founder of Tinkering School and Brightworks in San Francisco, and author of Fifty Dangerous Things (You Should Let Your Children Do), and Dangerism! Why We Worry About the Wrong Things and What It's Doing to Our Kids. For more information, visit [gevertulley.com](http://gevertulley.com)*

---

## **Upcoming FAN Events:**

**Marley Dias - "Marley Dias Gets It Done (And So Can You!)"**  
Founder, #BlackGirlBooks, Editor in Residence, [Elle.com](#)  
February 1st, 6:00 PM (note earlier start time)  
Evanston Township High School Auditorium  
Click [HERE](#) for flyer.

**Anya Kamenetz - "The Art of Screen Time: How Families Can Balance Digital Media and Real Life"**  
Lead digital education correspondent, NPR & Author, Generation Debt, DIY U, The Test, and the forthcoming The Art of Screen Time  
February 6th, 7:00 PM  
New Trier High School/Winnetka, Gaffney Auditorium  
Click [HERE](#) for flyer.

---

**[Register for KWBA Baseball Now at  
www.kwba.org](http://www.kwba.org)**

**Dear Parent,**  
**Does your son or daughter want to get out of the cold and take some swings?**  
**Baseball season is right around the corner**  
**and REGISTRATION IS OPEN for kids Grades 1-8.**  
**Register early. We expect to have record numbers of kids**

playing baseball and you don't want to miss out!  
Want to coach? Register as a coach, and we will provide you with webinars and a live coaching clinic run by Illinois Baseball Academy and Board Member volunteers. Also, all children will receive weekly skills clinics run by Illinois Baseball Academy coaches, included in their registration fee!

[Click HERE To Register Now](#)

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Happy New Year,

Rob Daniels,  
Secretary, KWBA



---

JSSPVA \* The Joseph Sears School \* Kenilworth

The PVA Contact will be delivered to your inbox bi-monthly  
Kris Whisner, PVA Communications  
[josephsearsschoolpva@gmail.com](mailto:josephsearsschoolpva@gmail.com)

[Visit our Website](#)  
for PVA news, dates and helpful information