Head of the School ines The Auction at Erie Day School is set for April 27th. Sponsorships are still available. Contact chaten @eriedayschool.com.

Good luck, Lego League SPARKS at the Penn State Behrend Competition!

Best wishes to our Math Counts competitors at Gannon University, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>!

Parents are reminded Enrollment Agreements are due Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>.

Safety Updates

Dear Parents,

Each day we take the safety and security of your children with the level of responsibility, research and reflection required. During a recent professional learning experience, *Conducting Trauma Informed Drills* with Joffe Emergency Services, the presenters underscored many of the practices we have in place and offered statistics related to school challenges. Data from 2023 points to parking lots as the number one location for violence on school campuses. You will likely find Mr. Brown, our security guard, in or near the parking lot throughout the day. Data such as these inform our practices as do our local observations and experiences. In that vein, we encourage everyone to use their Spartan mirror tags when pulling in/out to signal your family's vehicle(s) and belonging to campus. We have extra tags in the office.

Our January intruder drill offered additional internal perspectives concerning transitioning students (in the halls) and campus communication improvements to be made through PA Safety and Security Grant funding.

We also recognize all the ways in which we continue to educate students beyond the parking lot, plans and drills. Please find a list of upcoming educational events to come with safety and wellness in mind.

Future Educational Opportunities:

- Feb. 15 Mental wellness through music with a performance from members of the Erie Philharmonic
- Feb. 16 Financial safeguards with Junior Achievement
- Mar. 22 Anxiety Workshop with Brianna Morrow (for parents and children)
- Mar. 27 Crime Victim Center presentations with "Good touches/bad touches" and "Healthy boundaries"

With gratitude,