



Saint Philip Neri School

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School Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in a school-wide service project associated with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. SPN participates in this program every other year. The fundraiser is a MATH-A-THON, which supplements the math curriculum while teaching our students the importance of helping others.

Participation is easy. In the next few weeks, the students will see a video presented by Nickelodeon's Miranda Cosgrove. She will describe the program and show the students how they can truly make a difference. At that time, the students will receive a consent form. Please sign and return the form by Friday, February 19th so your child can participate in this exciting project. Each participating student will then receive a Sponsor Form Envelope and Math Funbook to complete and collect donations. When all donations and Funbooks are received, students will receive prizes based on their contributions.

The money we raise through this program will help battle childhood cancer and other serious diseases. Our donations also make it possible for St. Jude to treat patients regardless of a family's ability to pay.

Thank you for your anticipated support and participation in this great fundraiser!

Mrs. Annechini

and

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

A REMINDER--

Please submit your **Registration Forms for the 2010-11 Academic year** as soon as possible – and no later than March 1st

SCHOOL BUSES

Students may *only* ride a school bus if they are scheduled to do so.

Students may only ride a bus in the school district where he or she lives. This includes play dates with children in other school districts. *Although we know that this may sometimes present a problem, we could have our bus privileges taken away if we do not obey this law.*

Please remember - *if Philadelphia Schools are closed*, there is NO transportation for the children coming to St. Philip Neri from Philadelphia. *And in the case of delayed openings*, there is NO transportation from Philadelphia to SPN, but transportation is provided home as usual at the close of the school day.

WAY TO GO!

Congratulations to the following 8th grade students who received scholarships for high school next year:

- Katie Costello Patriot Scholarship at Archbishop Carroll
Merion Mercy Academic Scholarship
- Beth Crawford Mount Saint Joseph Academic Scholarship
- Catherine Fuller Merion Mercy Academic Scholarship
- Luke Feeney Roman Catholic Principal's Scholarship
LaSalle Presidential Scholarship
- Dan Koenig Roman Catholic Trustees' Scholarship

THANK YOU!

Special thanks to Katie Costello, Dan Koenig, Kyle Rogalski and Tim Loughery who spoke at the masses last Sunday for *Catholic Schools Week* . They did an outstanding job!

Thanks to all for their support of *Penn State's Dance Marathon for Pediatric Cancer*. SPN contributed \$550 from our last tag day.

PLEASE NOTE

COMMUNICATION EMAIL DISTRIBUTION: To all organizations, please send your event flyers to the following email address by 12:00 PM Tuesday of the week you want the flyer distributed: communicationspn@gmail.com. Please "cc" Mrs. Hunt or Mrs. Annechini.

Also, the weekly Communication Information and the Newsletter are archived on the school website for your convenience

WEATHER EMERGENCY:

- For morning school cancellation or late arrival due to snow or ice, you will be notified by the SPN Emergency Alert system, by the Colonial school district if you reside in their territory or please listen to KYW radio/online or 6ABC TV/online.
- When this situation arises during the school day, you will be notified by the SPN Emergency Alert System, by the Colonial school district if you reside in their territory or listen to KYW radio/online or 6ABC TV/online. During the school day our Emergency Closing Policy will go into effect. The children will be released from the classroom according to the information indicated on their Emergency Form. If your child is a car rider, please go directly to your child's homeroom for pick-up. Do not come to the Main Office. In the event of a weather emergency, we will follow the lead of the school districts

SPN SCHOOL HANDBOOK is found on the school website. This handbook contains our school policies. Certain sections of the handbook have been revised and these revisions will be explained in upcoming newsletters. Please read and familiarize yourself with these policies. It is our hope that a clear understanding of these expectations will allow us, both faculty and parents, to build a cooperative partnership.

Illness:

When to keep your child at home:

Children are not to be sent to school when taking Tylenol (or any other aspirin type product) to reduce a fever. A child needs to **be fever free for 24 hours** before returning to school.

The school reserves the right to send a child home who exhibits any of these symptoms during the school day. If the parents cannot be reached, the emergency contacts will be tried.

Communicable Diseases:

Any students suspected of having any form of communicable diseases must remain out of school for the indicated time, and must return to school with a parent's or a physician's note indicating the type of treatment. Since these diseases are contagious, school authorities (the main office and the classroom teacher) must be notified. It will be the job of the school to notify the classroom and school community.

Cell Phones:

Cell phones may be carried in a book bag for emergency use. **Cells phones must be "off" during school hours and may not be used in school or on the school grounds without**

the permission of a teacher or staff member. Text messaging is prohibited in school. Cell phones will be confiscated if they are used during the day without permission.

SPN THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS...

St. Philip Neri Theatre Group presents “Guys and Dolls” on March 19th – 21st. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this great production. Play times are 7:30pm for Friday and Saturday with a 2pm matinee on Sunday. Check the flyer in this week’s Communication envelope for information on being a Patron. Over 80 SPN students are participating in this production!

FROM THE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

TRIVIA NIGHT 7 - A GREAT SUCCESS!

Many thanks to the over 450 participants who competed for the coveted title of “SPN Trivia Night Champion.” Thank you for supporting this terrific annual fundraiser!

SPN Trivia Night continues to be powered by McM Entertainment (www.McMEnt.net)

SPN FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE – THIS FRIDAY!

Bring your favorite “Little Lady – or Ladies” and join us this Friday, February 5th for the Father-Daughter Dance. Doors open at 7pm with dinner available from 7:30-8:30pm. The evening concludes at 10pm. Cost is \$45 per family. Evening also includes DJ entertainment by Bill McMenamin and photo of each family. Contact Linda Pizzi with any last minute reservations. And, don’t forget flowers!

SUPER BOWL HOAGIE SALE IS THIS WEEKEND!

Our annual Hoagie Sale benefiting the Home and School Association will be held this Sunday, February 7th. Turkey and Italian hoagies will be available for \$5 each. Pre-orders are requested. Please fill out the order form in the Communication envelope and return it asap. Volunteers are needed to make the hoagies on Saturday, February 6th as well as Sunday morning. If you can help out, please contact Greg Sutcliffe at 610/825-5287 or Jim Marino at 215/487-7471 (or bsturtle@comcast.net)

FROM THE CYO

SPRING SPORTS SIGN-UPS – Tonight is the last night!

Registration for Baseball, Softball and Track and Field will be held tonight from 6:30pm – 8 pm in the Main Entrance lobby. The following information applies to each sport –

- Baseball – open to grades 5 – 8; Registration fee \$75
- Softball – open to grades 5 – 8; Registration fee \$75
- Track and Field – open to grade 4 – 8; Registration fee \$30

Please make every effort to sign your child up tonight if you have not already done so and they plan to participate in a spring sport.

GOOD LUCK!

Best of luck to our boys and girls Varsity A Basketball teams who will begin playoffs next week. Playoffs are scheduled for Monday- Wednesday, February 8th – 10th at SPN. Check with your child for confirmed days and times and come out to support our teams!

PHOTOS NEEDED!

Please forward photos of any and all sporting events to Kendra Feeney at mjfeeney17@verizon.net for inclusion in the yearbook.

FROM THE WILLIAM JEANES LIBRARY

Children in grades 1-6 are encouraged to participate in the library’s annual book writing contest. Entries are due by February 12th. The “book” is actually a fictional short story which can, but does not need, to be illustrated. Winners receive a bookstore gift card. First and second place winners have their stories included in a volume that becomes part of the library’s book collection and also get a copy of their story bound in a beautiful hardback edition. Specific instructions can be picked up at the library. The instructions can also be downloaded from the library’s website, www.jeaneslibrary.org.



ON THE CALENDAR

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| February 3 | CYO Sign-ups |
| February 5 | Spelling Bee |
| | Father/Daughter Dance |
| February 7 | Hoagie Sale |
| March 19-21 | SPN Theatre Group presents
“Guys and Dolls” |

THE NEXT ISSUE

Saint Philip School Newsletter is published bi-weekly during the academic year. Our next issue is Wednesday, February 17th. Please forward all items for the next issue to Katie Shields at embrians@comcast.net by February 15th.