

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL
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THIRD QUARTER BULLETIN

Message from the Principal

Dear SPN Parents,

Happy New Year to All!!!! I hope everyone had a restful and joyous holiday season. I want to thank so many of you for the beautiful and thoughtful Christmas gifts. Your generosity and good wishes are overwhelming. I feel truly blessed to be a part of the St. Philip Neri School family.

We are about to begin our very busy second semester. Please take some time to read through this bulletin for information and dates for activities and events that will take place during the next nine weeks and beyond.

With registration underway for 2012-2013, we are busy planning for programs, projects, and schedules for next year. As always, we welcome comments, concerns, and ideas from our parents. Next to our children, you are the most important part of our school community, and we value your opinions and ideas. Please make an appointment to visit and talk about any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have.

Once again this summer we will have our SPN CampTastic. Our camp, run by St. Philip Neri School and staffed by SPN personnel, will be in session **from June 2 – August 3 during the hours of 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.** with before and aftercare available. Day Care without camp activities will be available from **7:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. from August 6th- August 10th**. More information will be sent home regarding our summer camp

Once again, thank you for your continued support and encouragement. Our supportive parents and grandparents and dedicated faculty and staff are St. Philip Neri's greatest assets.

Sincerely,
Carol S. Stack, Ph.D.
Principal

SPN School Night at the Hive

Don't miss the opportunity to see the New Orleans Hornets as they take on the Oklahoma City Thunder for a night full of excitement and entertainment on **Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.!** The SPN Choir will sing the National Anthem before the game, and the Cheerleaders and Dance Team will perform.

Vocations' Program

The month of January is set aside as the month of Vocation Awareness. The entire school will join together in prayer each morning to pray for vocations. The Vocation Cross will travel home for a weekend with fourth – seventh grade students and their families who wish to devote special time in prayer for vocations. Father Bruno, who works out of the Vocations' Office at the Archdiocese, will be celebrating a Vocations' Mass on **Friday, March 2, at our 9:00 A.M.** Student Liturgy. Immediately following the Mass, Father Bruno will speak to our fifth – seventh grade students concerning God's call to each one of us, as well as discernment to a religious vocation.

Registration Information

Please look for detailed information regarding registration for the 2012-2013 school year and camp registration for this summer. The information will be sent home on **January 19, 2012 .PLEASE NOTE: NO FAMILIES WILL BE ISSUED A REGISTRATION PACKET IF THE ACCOUNT IS IN ARREARS.** In-house registration for students currently attending SPN and new siblings will take place during the week of **January 23 - 27. At the time of registration, only registration fees will be due.** Registration fees are \$165 for the first or only child, and \$150 for each additional child. You may pay the registration fee by cash, check, Visa, or MasterCard. Registration forms and fee payments must be turned in to the office no later than **Friday, January 27 at 3:00 P.M.** Any questions regarding registration should be directed to Christine Grote (887-5600).

If you are registering a new sibling for the 2012-2013 school year, you should include his/her name(s) on your family registration form and include the registration fee in your payment. **All documentation required for new sibling registrations must be brought to school on February 8 from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.** Registration documentation includes the following: birth certificate, Baptism certificate, immunization record, and if registering for grades 1st-7th, the most recent report card and test scores. Please note: The only immunization record that will be accepted is the State of Louisiana Universal

Certificate of Immunization. Registration for new siblings is not complete until all fees and documentation have been received by the school. More information regarding this procedure will be included in your registration packets.

2011-2012 Volunteer Incentive Program

As we begin the second semester of the school year, we will begin to prepare for our annual May Fair. Please keep in mind that volunteers who donate their time and talent to setting up, working in booths, or in the clean-up/take down process will be eligible to participate in a raffle for \$1000 off of next year's tuition. For every 2-hour block of time donated, you earn one chance! There will be four \$1000 prizes awarded to apply towards the 2012-2013 tuition. Mark your calendars now..... **the May Fair is May 4 - 5.**

Cold Weather

We would like to remind parents of uniform regulations regarding cold weather wear. Girls may wear black or white tights; LEGGINGS that end at the ankle are NOT part of the uniform, nor may girls wear sweatpants under their skirt / jumper/ smock.

We have observed children arriving on campus on very cold mornings in short sleeves and short pants...no jacket and often not even a sweatshirt. **On cold days, please be sure that you send appropriate outer wear for your children. Although it may be cold, the children will go outside to play for recess if the sun is shining.**

A good rule of thumb: If the sun is out, so are the children!

Catholic Schools' Week

In honor of Catholic Schools' Week, we would like to thank you, our parents of St. Philip Neri School, for your continued support. We invite you to help us celebrate Catholic Schools by attending our student Mass at **9:00 A.M. on February 3.**

Also, please plan to join us at Lakeside Mall on **Saturday, January 28**, to view our students' artwork and see our SPN Student Choir and Dance team perform at **11:00 A.M.**

New Parent Open House

St. Philip Neri School will host an Open House for New Parents on **Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00 P.M.** Prospective parents will gather in the Parishioners' Center for an overview of the school, and then they will have the opportunity to walk over to the school, visit the classrooms, and meet the faculty. If you know of

anyone interested in attending St. Philip Neri School for the 2012 - 2013 school year, please inform them of our Open House.

Krewe of Vikings Parade

Gather your family and friends for the Krewe of Vikings Parade on **February 17 at 2:15 P.M.** Come see this year's reigning **King, Blane Guillory and Queen, Daniela Padilla.** Catch the throws from the wonderful floats of the PK4 and Kindergarten students. The cheerleaders and the dance team will also join in the parade! Come out and have a great time! In the event of inclement weather, the parade will be rescheduled for **Friday, March 2.**

Also, be sure to look for the SPN Cheerleaders and Dance Team in the Driftwood Parade on **Saturday, February 2.**

Important Security Reminders

Please remember to refrain from using cell phones when driving in the parking lot; all drivers need to pay full attention when maneuvering in the parking lot where our students are being dropped off and picked up. Also, when coming on the school campus, all visitors must sign in at the office, leave their car keys, get a visitor's sticker, and then return to the office to sign out and get keys when leaving.

Yearbook

The yearbook could use your help. Anyone who has pictures of the students at school activities, field trips, Christmas pictures, sports games, etc., and would like to share them, we could use some for the yearbook. Pictures for the 2011 - 2012 school year can be sent in hard copy or on CD to school to Karen Arrigo's attention, or they can be emailed to her at karrigo@stphilipneri.org.

Standardized Testing and Third Quarter Exams

The Archdiocese has set the dates of standardized testing for **March 21 - 27.** In an effort to maximize instructional time, there will be no quarterly exams for fifth – seventh grades. Students' report card grades will be determined by multiple assessments throughout the nine-week period.

Parishioners' Center Guidelines

This is a reminder to anyone interested in using the SPN Parishioners' Center or the SPN Assembly Hall: you must contact Jill Rabalais in the school office (887-5600) to reserve the date and time. Reservations are not complete until paperwork for the event has been processed.

Second Annual Fall Run

The Second Annual SPN Fall Run, held on November 12, was a huge success. Over 150 runners participated on a beautiful day. It was a wonderful way to bring our community together as parents, grandparents, and children spent time together in an activity that combined physical activity, music, and refreshments.

Thanks to the number of participants and generosity of sponsors, the run generated over \$4000 that has been earmarked for our Technology Fund. We especially want to thank Troy Gardner and Namon Huddleston for their help in coordinating this successful activity.

Honor Band

Abigail Southworth has been selected to play in the District 6 Elementary Honor Band. She competed with 4th-6th grade musicians from four parishes, and she was the only 4th grade trumpet player selected. The concert will be held at Tulane University on **Sunday, January 22, 2012**. Abigail started playing trumpet under the direction of Claire Conti in September, 2010.

Soccer

The members of the 2011 – 2012 Junior Varsity Soccer team are as follows: Adrian Aguilar, Alexandra Bertot, Logan Bertot, Matthew Boudreaux, Henry Ehrhardt, Jonathan Fernandez, William Freese, Brienne Kron, Jonathan Manning, Robert McDonald, Hunter Molero, Marie Murphy, Michael O'Shea, Ryan Paladino, Carson Perez, Jessica Phillips, Stephen Powers, Justin Reech, and Connor Shifflet. The following students are members of the Varsity Soccer team: David Benitez, Eric Chacon, Kenneth Cooley, Brandon Couvillion, Joshua Crawford, Grant Gebo, Garrett Hingle, Y Ho, Jason Manning, Daniel Miller, Tyler Pregeant, and George Rohr. The team is coached by Mr. Danny Benitez and assisted by Mr. Eddie Crawford.

Boys' Basketball

The following students are members of the Senior Boys' Basketball team: Drew Benitez, Evan Couget, Conner Culotta, Jonathan Fernandez, Jeremy Keen, Adam Handlin, Zach Handlin, Casey Manning, and Jacob Marshall. The Junior Boys' Basketball members are as follows: Adrian Aguilar, Brandon Couvillion, Daniel Miller, Josh Herbert, Luke Hightower, Stephen Powers, Matthew Boudreaux, Josh Christoffersen, Cole Capitano, Kyle Groetsch, Justin Reech, Ryan Paladino, and Christian Liang. The team is coached by Mr. Armand Sinibaldi and assisted by Mr. Aaron Paladino.

Student Council

The Student Council is involved in a service project that not only provides funds for the school, but also encourages our students and their parents to “go green.” Please send your newspapers to your child’s homeroom on Wednesdays. Members of the Student Council will pick up the papers and deposit them in the recycling bin on campus.

3rd Quarter Dates 2012

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| 1/11 | SPN Night at the Hive |
| 1/12 | Grandparent Club Meeting – 9:30 A.M. – P.C. |
| 1/13 | Second Quarter Report Cards |
| 1/16 | No School – Martin Luther King Holiday |
| 1/18 | Class Pictures |
| 1/19 | Mission Day – Wear SPN Spirit shirt - \$1 for St. Jude Children’s Hospital |
| 1/19 | School Board Meeting – 7:00 P.M. – P.C. |
| 1/20 | Ladies’ Co-op and Men’s Club Mardi Gras Dance |
| 1/23 -1/27 | In-House 2012-2013 Registration |
| 1/23 | Second Grade Parents’ Sacramental Meeting |
| 1/26 | Ladies’ Co-op Day at the Races |
| 1/27 | Third Grade Grandparent Mass |
| 1/30 – 2/15 | World’s Finest Chocolate Sale |
| 1/30 – 2/3 | Catholic Schools’ Week |

1/28 Art Display and Choir/Dance Team Performance at Lakeside Mall

1/28 Young Ladies' Tea

1/31 Spirit Day

2/1 Third Quarter Progress Reports

2/1 – 2/9 Candy Grams

2/2 Men's Club Meeting

2/4 Driftwood Parade – Cheerleaders march

2/5 Family Mass 9:30 A.M.

2/7 New Parent Open House

2/8 New Sibling Registration 3:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

2/9 Grandparents' Club Meeting – 9:30 A.M.

2/9 Ladies' Co-Op Meeting

2/14 Mission Day – Wear Spirit Shirt - \$1 for the American Heart Association

2/15 Payment #4 of Quarterly Tuition Due

2/17 Second Grade Grandparents' Mass

2/17 Krewe of Vikings Parade

2/17 Spirit Day

2/20 – 2/24 Mardi Gras Holidays

2/27-2/29 New Student Registration

3/1 Men's Club Meeting

3/2 Krewe of Vikings Rainout Date

3/2 Fish Fry

3/4 Family Mass – 9:30 A.M. – Church

3/5 – 3/9 Spring Book Fair

3/8 Grandparent Club Meeting – 9:30 A.M. – P.C.

3/14	Seventh Grade Pictures
3/15	School Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.
3/16	Mission Day
3/16	Records' Day – 12:00 P.M. Dismissal – No P.M. Bus – No Aftercare
3/20	Spirit Day
3/21 – 3/27	Terra Nova Testing – Grades 3 – 7
3/23	Third Quarter Report Cards
3/23	No Mass
3/24	Crawfish Cookoff
3/30	First Grade Grandparents' Mass