

Saint Philip Neri School

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Dr. Carol Stack
Principal



Message from the Principal

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 2nd 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.

We also want to welcome Mr. Armand Sinibaldi to our faculty. Mr. Sinibaldi is working with our 5th-7th graders by conducting a "sports clinic class." This clinic gives the students the opportunity to learn rules, regulations, methods and techniques of various team sports through special drills, exercises, and practices. Each week students alternate music classes and sports clinic classes. With registration underway for 2010-2011, 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.

One new program that is in the planning stages and scheduled to begin next school year is the addition of a nursery program for babies ages 6 weeks to 20 months. We are very excited to be offering this program, and we are hoping that it is a service that would help meet the needs of parents. More information regarding this program will be included in the registration packet.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and encouragement. Our supportive parents are one of St. Philip Neri's greatest assets.

Sincerely,

Carol S. Stack, Ph.D.
Principal

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New Parent Open House

St. Philip Neri School will host an Open House for New Parents on Tuesday, January 26th, 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 2010-2011 school year, please inform them of our Open House.

Registration Information

Please look for detailed information regarding registration for the 2010-2011 school year. The information will be sent home on January 21, 2010. In-house registration for students currently attending SPN and new siblings will take place during the week of January 25th-29th. **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 registration fee by cash, check, Visa, or MasterCard. Registration forms and fee payments must be turned into the office no later than Friday, January 29th at 3:00 P.M. Any questions regarding registration should be directed to Christine Grote or Angie Murray (887-5600).

If you are registering a new sibling for the 2010-2011 school year, you should include their name(s) on your family registration form and include their registration fee in your payment. All documentation required for new sibling registrations must be brought to school on February 10th from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. **Registration documentation includes: birth certificate, Baptism certificate, immunization record, social security card, and if registering for grades 1st-7th, the most recent report card and test scores.** **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.

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.

SPN School Night at the Hive

Don't miss the opportunity to see CP3 and the New Orleans Hornets as they take on the Phoenix Suns for a night full of excitement and entertainment! Before the game begins, Father Saloy will give the invocation and our SPN Cheerleaders will perform!

Limited seats are available for SPN! Last day to purchase tickets: January 22nd. Tickets are \$14 each. Please make checks payable to St. Philip Neri School. Ticket order forms have been sent home; however, more order forms are available in the school office. For more information, contact Angie Murray at 887-5600.

Catholic Schools' Week

In honor of Catholic Schools' Week, we would like to honor and thank you, our parents of St. Philip Neri School, for your continued support. We would like to invite you to help us celebrate Catholic Schools by attending our student Mass at 9:00 on February 5th and then join us for a small reception at the Parishioners' Center. Also, please plan to join us at Lakeside Mall on Saturday, January 30th, to view our students' artwork and hear our SPN Student Choir perform at 11:30.

Drama

COMING SOON! The SPN Drama program will present its Spring Musical, Disney's "Alice in Wonderland, Jr." on May 14, 15, 21, and 22 at 7:30 P.M., and May 16th at 2:30 P.M. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for children, and \$10 for reserved seats. Reservations can be made online or by calling 887-5600, ext. 82.

District Honor Choir

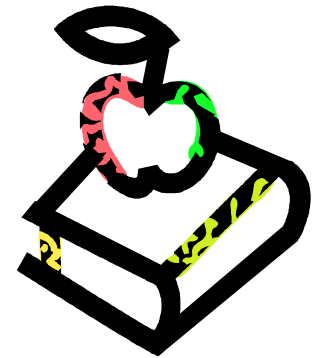
The District Honor Choir will be performing on Sunday, February 28, 2010, at 2:00 P.M. at the Loyola University Music Complex. The District Honor Choir members are Scarlett Abrams, Joseph Arrigo, Katie Bancroft, Bryce Davis, Gabrielle Falgoust, Virginia Falgoust, David Hart, and David Murray.

Krewe of Vikings Parade

Gather your family and friends for the Krewe of Vikings Parade on February 12th at 2:20 P.M. Come see this year's reigning **King, Dylan Pearce and Queen, Mallory Panzavecchia**. Catch the throws from the wonderful floats of the PK4 and Kindergarten students, as well as the 3rd graders who will be walking again this year. The cheerleaders and the pep squad will also join in the parade! Come out and have a great time!

Standardized Testing and 3rd Quarter Exams

The Archdiocese has revised the dates of standardized test week to March 15-22. This week was originally exam week for our 5th-7th grade students. In an effort to maximize instructional time within the 3rd Quarter, we have decided to cancel 3rd Quarter Exams for 5th-7th graders. Students' report card grades will be determined by multiple assessments throughout the nine week period.



Geography Bee

A Geography Bee was held in grades 6 and 7. The winner of the SPN Geography Bee was Joseph Arrigo. Joseph took a written test to qualify for the Louisiana State Geography Bee held in Baton Rouge in the Spring. We are waiting to hear the results of the written test. Good Luck, Joseph!!

2009-2010 Volunteer Incentive Program

As we begin the 2nd 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 2010-2011 tuition. Mark your calendars now..... May Fair is April 30th/May 1st.

We're So Proud!

Congratulations are in order for two SPN students who have been selected to perform with the District 6 Elementary Honor Band. **Scarlett Abrams**, clarinetist, and **Ronnie Kimball**, trombonist, will perform in a special concert in January at Tulane University. This is a fantastic accomplishment!

Spirit Poster Contest

Teresa Peneguy won the spirit poster contest. She won a \$10 gift certificate to Smoothie King. The contest was sponsored by the Student Council.

Vocations Program

Across the country the month of January is set aside as Vocation Awareness Month. During this time, we provide guest speakers for our students to give them the opportunity to learn more about a possible vocation to the priesthood, brotherhood, or sisterhood. We also provide time for special prayer and devotions for this purpose. Each homeroom in grades 4th-7th has the opportunity to house a special **Vocations Cross** for a week while devoting special time to pray for vocations.

We would like to invite our SPN families to pray for increased vocations together as a family. As a symbol of our unity and commitment, we would like to extend to our families the opportunity of having the **Vocations Cross** in their home. If you would like your child to bring home the **Vocations Cross** for a weekend of prayer and reflection, there will be a form sent home for you to complete and return. The Cross will go home with your child on a Friday and should be returned to school on Monday morning. More information and a reservation form will be sent home. Please give your family this opportunity to pray together, and hopefully, to generate a dialogue regarding the urgent need for vocations.

Reminders

We have an early dismissal on Friday, January 15, 2010 at 12:00. There is no afternoon bus service on this day. Aftercare will not be available on this day. We will not eat lunch at school on this day.

Monday, January 18, 2010, we have no school for the Martin Luther King holiday.

Black and Gold Day

We will be celebrating our support of the New Orleans Saints in their first play-off game.

On Friday, January 15th students may wear jeans and their favorite Saints shirt with uniform shoes!

Cold Weather

With the recent spell of cold weather we have been experiencing, we would like to remind parents of uniform regulations. Girls in grades PK2 -PK4 may wear red or white tights; girls in grades K-7 may wear red, black or white tights. LEGGINGS that end at the ankle are NOT part of the uniform.

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 kids!