

Saint Philip Neri School

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Dr. Carol Stack
Principal



Message from the Principal

It is hard to believe that we are entering the last quarter of this school year. I really think this has been the fastest school year ever!!! As we bring this year to a close and begin preparations for next year, we want all of you to be informed of some highlights of upcoming activities. Please refer to the attached calendar for the exact dates, mark your calendar, and plan to join us!

With all the spring activities planned at school and at home, let us be sure that we take the time to celebrate the Easter season. The children have been learning about, and living out, this time of preparation, the Lenten season. Let's bring this season of reconciliation and renewal to its rightful culmination by bringing your children to Holy Week services. The events that are reflected on and revisited during Holy Week bring closure to the season of Lent and usher in the most important celebration of our faith, Christ's Resurrection.

The faculty and staff of St. Philip Neri School would like to wish you the joy and peace of the Easter season, and may the spirit of the risen Christ shine His light on you and your families.

Sincerely,

Carol Stack, Ph.D.
Principal

Basketball

Congratulations to the Junior Boys' Basketball Team who won the City Championship Game at St. Margaret Mary in Slidell against Our Lady of Lourdes on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 by a score of 43-41. Team members include Mason Drouant, Sean Finnegan, Ryan Licali, Dylan Scheurich, Stephen Sigle, Adam Sinibaldi, Danny Spring, and Brandon Womac.

Congratulations also to the Girls' Basketball Team who won the City Championship Game at St. Joan of Arc against Our Lady of Lourdes on Thursday, March 12, 2009. Team members include Emma Bell, Brianna Dyess, Brooke Egan, Rachel Hall, Katie LeRouge, Danielle McClendon, Kayla Noto, Brandi Rambeau, Natalie Romano, Hannah Stierwald, Sara Uzee, and Marissa Waguespack. The Girls' Basketball Team won the City Championship last year also.

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Alumni Choir

St. Philip Neri School would like to invite any former member of our school choir to join our newly formed Alumni Choir. The rehearsals are on Mondays from 4:45 - 5:30 in the Music Room.

Geography Bee

Congratulations to Stephen Sigle who won St. Philip Neri's Geography Bee. Stephen qualified to participate in the State Bee in Baton Rouge.

Yearbook 2008-2009

If you have pictures of SPN students (sports activities, field trips, classroom activities, team pictures, etc.) and would like to share them, you can send them to Karen Arrigo. She can accept them digitally, by e-mail at karrio@stphilipneri.org, on disk, or printed copies. The pictures will not be returned and not all pictures will be used. Pictures need to be sent no later than June 1, 2009.

Book Fair

Mrs. Gwen Gernon and Mrs. Debra Ulfers would like to thank all of the parents who supported the Spring Book Fair.

Living Stations of the Cross

The seventh graders will be performing the Living Stations of the Cross on April 7th at 2:15 in the Parishioners' Center. All parents are invited and welcome to attend.

Tutoring

Linda Schambach will be available to tutor this summer for PK - 3rd grade. Her phone number is 737-2557.

Jump Rope For Heart and Hoops For Heart

SPN students jumped into the fight against heart disease and stroke by participating in Jump Rope For Heart and Hoops For Heart. Students in grades 1st-7th participated during their P.E. classes. Students rounded up sponsors to donate money to benefit the American Heart Association. The Grand Total from both events was \$2012.00!!!!!!!

Congratulations go out to Audrey Reynaud (1A) and Jack Sekinger (1B) for being our top fund raisers!!! Each raised \$150.00 for the AHA. Great job!!

Several students brought in \$5.00 to \$125.00. Some students jumped rope or shot hoops in honor of a relative or friend affected by heart disease or stroke. All donations are greatly appreciated and SPN is proud of you for your caring spirit in helping others. SPN STUDENTS ROCK!!!!!!!

Drama

SPN Drama presents Disney's "Beauty and the Beast, Jr." in the Parishioner Center - May 8th and 9th at 7:30 P.M. and May 10th at 4:30 P.M. Tickets are \$10 for reserved seats, or general admission is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. For reservations, email sheryl.abrams@cox.net, or call 887-5600, xt. 82, or you can make reservations on the SPN website.

The St. Philip Neri Summer Drama Camp will begin registration in April. The camp will take place from June 15th-August 6th, 4-6 P.M. Mondays-Fridays and is only \$125 for St. Philip students. Students will learn about theatre through various activities and present a full production towards the end of camp. For more information, please contact Stacy Taliancich at 504-887-5600, xt. 82.

Field Day

SPN's annual Field Day will be held on April 9, 2009. Games will run from 9:00 to 11:00, followed by a parents' vs. teachers' volleyball match.

Parents are needed to set up before school and to help run the events and water stations. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be sent home soon with your child. Parents, please consider signing up for an hour or two to help make Field Day 2009 a fun and successful day! Thanks!

Reminder! There is a 12:00 dismissal on Field Day.

Terra Nova Testing

During the week of April 20-24, our students in grades 3rd-7th will be taking standardized tests. This year, the Archdiocese has mandated that all Catholic elementary schools use the **Terra Nova** testing program. **Terra Nova** is a norm-referenced achievement test used nation-wide to assess students' achievement.

We **strongly encourage** everyone to arrive at school at the designated time (8:30). Testing will begin at 8:45, and if students are tardy, they will not be allowed into the classrooms until testing is completed. Testing will be done by subject, and all test sections for each subject area must be completed for scoring to be done. We cannot guarantee that make-up tests will be an option due to the strict testing parameters of this test.

Also, please avoid any doctor/dentist appointments in the mornings during that week. Students will be tested in the morning until lunch time. Plenty of rest and a good breakfast will help to ensure that our students do their best.

Chess Club

We would like to welcome Mr. Greg Agamy to St. Philip Neri. Mr. Agamy is our new Chess Club Moderator.

May Fair

If anyone is interested in sponsoring a booth for the May Fair, please contact Christopher Grace at 830-4976 or 669-2142. The May Fair is also in need of volunteers to work the food and game booths, as well as helping set up and cleaning up. This is a great opportunity to socialize and make new friends while helping our school, our children, and each other. If you can give up any amount of time, please contact James Falcon at 427-3530 or Eddie Crawford at 258-7686.

Baseball

Congratulations to the following boys who were selected to the baseball teams: Adam Sinibaldi, Stephen Sigle, Tyler Molero, Ryan Licali, Billy Healy, Peyton Giacone, Sean Finnegan, Jeffrey Fernandez, Joshua Couget, Parrish Carter, Daniel Perrin, Jeremy Gaudet, Glenn Gebo, Austin Cantrelle, Will Fulham, Connor Haynes, Noah Martin, Josh Rambeau, Easton Rooney, Daniel Benitez, Cole Grieshaber, Jayme Haydel, and Casey Manning.

Cabbageball

Congratulations to the following boys for being selected to the Cabbageball team: Michael Olivio, Cameron Pigeon, Brandon Bonona, Garrett Perez, Mason Manale, Nicholas Pajares, Adam Grote, Justin Ortego, Michael Landry, Jacob Rubi, Mason Drouant, Jacob Held, Douglas Miller, Luke Bernard, and John Plauche. Congratulations to the following girls who were chosen for the girls' team: Eve Blakemore, Jessica Riddell, Hannah Stierwald, Savannah Grass, Danielle McClendon, Katie LeRouge, Jessica Hart, Sarah Uzee, Darby Penny, Andrea McDonald, Kayla Pillittere, Emma Bell, Marissa Waguespack, and Rachel Hall. Good luck on a great season!



