



December 21, 2011



PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

SAINT DENIS SCHOOL
MISSION
STATEMENT

St. Denis School is its people and the Christian values by which it lives, educates and learns. As a community of lifelong learners, the parents, administration and teachers are dedicated to the realization of the full potential of each student in spirit, mind and body by:

- * nurturing our spiritual journey through the sacraments, prayer and service to those in need;*
- * striving for academic excellence while developing skills required for the 21st century;*
- * promoting physical wellness.*

Our Baptism calls us to respond to the presence of Christ in others by living our core values of Faith, Mercy, Integrity, Cooperation and Respect.

Dear Parents,

"It's here. The most wonderful time of the year." May God bless you and your families on Christmas and throughout the New Year. Thank you for all you have done for St. Denis and its children. We are most grateful for your time, talent and treasure and we look forward to your continued support in the New Year.

A special thank you to the Mothers who made it possible for our teachers to have a delicious, restful luncheon today. What a gift it was to everyone.

Tonight our annual Christmas Pageant will be held at 7:00 PM in Church. The eighth grade, under the guidance of Mrs. Boyle and Mr. Purri, have been working hard to provide this special evening for us. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Neumann Scholars will take the test on January 21 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. It is a wonderful opportunity for a full scholarship to an Archdiocesan High School.

I'm sure you remember that school will be closed on December 23. School will resume on January 3rd.

Our First Friday Mass will be on January 6. It is being prepared by the seventh grade.

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and generosity for everything you have given to the projects the students and teachers have undertaken for Christmas. Many people have been touched by your kindness and I'm sure God will bless you all for your remembrances.

I know how humbled I am for your generosity to me. It is a privilege to be here with you and to assist in the education of your wonderful children. Thank you!

Have a safe time.

God Bless You!

Sincerely,

Sister Gerald Helene, OSF
Principal



DECEMBER

- 21 Christmas Pageant 7:00pm
- 23 No Classes Christmas Holidays

JANUARY

- 3 Classes Resume
 - 5 Advisory Board Meeting
 - 6 First Friday Mass 9:30
 - 10 Used Uniform Sale 5:30-7:30
 - 16 MLK School Holiday No Classes
 - 19 8th Grade High School Visitation Day
 - 26 Grade 4 Famous PA Presentation
 - 27 Progress Reports
PS, & PK Conferences No Classes
for PS & PK Students
- Jan. 29-Feb. 4 Catholic Schools Week
- Jan 29 Catholic Schools Week Mass 11:30
Open House 12:30-2:00
 - Feb. 1 Student Appreciation Day
 - 2 Advisory Board Meeting
 - 4 Quizzo

Haverford Township Recreation Department is offering a Winter Break Camp that will run from 12/27-12/29. The camp will include bus trips to Wynnewood Lanes and Crazy Village (an indoor family fun center). The camp will play games as well as have arts and crafts projects available. The program will take place from 8:30-2pm for ages 6-10 and will cost \$100 which includes the two trips. Please register soon because space is limited. In order to register follow the link listed below.

[Haverford Township Recreation Winter Break Camp](#)

Spot Light on the Library

This November year Mrs. Gates, the librarian from Archbishop John Carroll, visited with the students in eighth grade. She presented the students with some tips for their research projects and spoke about what is expected in high school for research projects. Questions were taken from the students and at the end Mrs. Gates gave them access to research databases that are used by the students at Archbishop Carroll. She also provided them with access to one particular database for their debate projects the students are working on this month.

In all library classes, we have discussed plagiarism and the ramifications of using someone else's work and not giving them credit. The younger students' role played and took a student's work and put their name on it and entered it into a contest. The older students had a meaningful debate on the subject. As we move forward, students in grades one to three will create a bibliography. Students in the older grades continue to use bibliography, and are being taught endnotes and footnotes.

The annual Saint Denis Book Fair was held in the first week of November and was a huge success. As a result, the library was able to purchase seventy books both fiction and nonfiction for all students in grades Pre K to eighth.

USED UNIFORM SALE IN JANUARY

Our first mid-year Used Uniform Sale will be on Tuesday, January 10th from 5:30 - 7:30pm in the cafeteria. We are looking for donations of any outgrown boy and girl uniforms (especially sweaters, jumpers, kilts and skorts) in good condition. Donations can be dropped off in the school office or at the

home of Lynn Fitzgerald (2114 Chestnut Ave., Ardmore). Thank you to everyone who has dropped off items for the sale throughout the fall. All proceeds from the sale go to School Advisory Board programs.

Haverford Blaze Lacrosse

New in 2012: the recreational lax program, formerly run by Haverford Township, joins the Blaze organization and offers expanded opportunities for younger players.

Grades K-2: a clinic-style introduction to lacrosse in an appropriate environment that includes skill-building stations and fun scrimmages to put the skills into practice

Grades 3-4: a great program for those with limited or no experience. This team-based program focuses on skills, terminology, game strategy and intramural league play.

Grades 4-8: a competitive travel program that plays other lacrosse clubs in our region. Player evaluations begin in February, so register today!

Spring 2012 registration is open now! To register online and for details about the Blaze, our programs, schedules and more, please go to www.blazelax.com



PK-B



K-A



K-B



1-5



1-6



2-1



2-3



3-2



3-4



4-2



4-3

Student Council held a Christmas Door Decorating Contest below are photos of the doors. Sister Gerald and the teachers decided that every classroom put forth so much effort that all students are awarded an “out of uniform” day on Thursday Dec. 22. Students may wear neat clothing.



5-4



5-5



6-8



6-10



7-9



8-7



HONORS

Early Childhood

Christmas Show

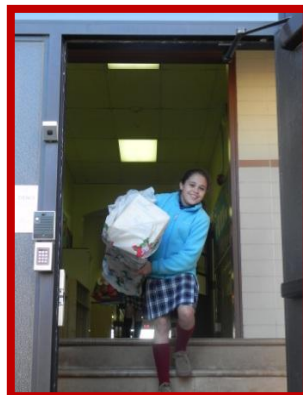


Breakfast with Santa



MERCY MINISTERS

Mercy Ministers in grades 4 through 8 collected hats, gloves and toys for 94 children who attend the afterschool program at Mercy Neighborhood Ministries.



Delaware County
Excellence in Teaching Awards

Presented by Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union

ATTENTION STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND EDUCATORS

Now Open for Nominations!



Do you know a Delaware County teacher that deserves recognition for exceptional service to their school and students?

Visit www.fmfcu.org/excellence to submit a nomination.

All nineteen recipients will be honored at:

The Partners in Learning Celebration on April 19, 2012 and recognized in the Delaware County Daily Times.

Recipients are awarded a monetary prize and a donation is made to the teacher's school.

**Nominate an Outstanding
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December 12, 2011

Gerald Helene, OSF
St. Denis School
300 E. Hagle Rd.
Havertown PA 19083-1621

Dear Gerald Helene, OSF,

We are pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the 2012 Delaware County Excellence in Teaching Award! This award, created by Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union and Delaware County Intermediate Unit, recognizes outstanding and dedicated Delaware County teachers. We are searching for educators who show outstanding performance of their daily responsibilities and devotion of time and energy that go beyond the basic requirements of their position.

Judging is based on an individual's contribution or performance during that school year or for their cumulative efforts. Nominations may be submitted by anyone (students, parents, teachers, administrators, etc.) in the nominee's school or community, both past and present.

Eligibility

- One public school teacher from each of the 15 public school districts located within Delaware County
- One teacher from the Delaware County Intermediate Unit
- One teacher in each category from a Delaware County non-public elementary, middle, and high school (total of three).
- All nominees must be Pennsylvania-certified active teachers in a Delaware County public or non-public school and must provide direct instruction to students in a classroom setting.

Recipients of this award receive a monetary award as well as a commemorative keepsake. The recipient's school also receives a monetary award. Last year a total of \$28,500 was awarded to schools and educators. All recipients will be honored at Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Foundation's Partners in Learning Celebration on April 19, 2012.

Please distribute this information to your **staff, faculty, volunteers, and parents**. Enclosed is a flyer, please feel free to make as many copies as you deem necessary. Nominations can only be submitted via our website at: <http://www.fmfcu.org/excellence>. The deadline for nominations is **January 31, 2012**. If you have any questions, feel free to send an email to excellence@fmfcu.org or call us at 610-325-5000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Durate".

Rick Durate
Executive Director

**WINTER CHEERLEADING CLINIC AND BASKETBALL
GAME HOSTED BY:
ARCHBISHOP CARROLL CHEERLEADERS AND COACHES**

Who: Girls grade 5-8 (no experience needed!)

When: Friday January 6th, 2012

Where: Archbishop Carroll HS cheer clinic in west gym, basketball Game in east gym

Time: 3:30pm start time with dismissal following JV basketball game @ 5:30pm for 5&6 graders and Varsity basketball game @ 7pm for 7&8 graders.

Cost: \$40 per girl, includes admission into the basketball games!!
Please make checks payable to ACHS Cheerleading Clinic

Registration: Deadline is Monday, January 2nd. Please include name and grade. Please fill out and bring attached permission slip with you when you arrive to the clinic. You can register at cheerleading@jcarroll.org. Any questions please do not hesitate to email Jennifer Dawson Head Coach ACHS Cheer at above email address.

CLINIC: One day clinic on 1/6/12 is taught by the Archbishop Carroll cheerleaders and coaches. We will teach stunts, jumps, cheers, dance and tumbling. No experience is needed. Following the clinic, girls grades 5-6 will cheer at the JV boys basketball game vs. O'Hara with the JV Archbishop Carroll cheerleaders. Girls grades 7-8 will cheer at the varsity boys basketball game vs. O'Hara with the varsity Archbishop Carroll cheerleaders. Don't forget to pack something to eat, water bottle, and sneakers as it will be a long evening.

GAME: Archbishop Carroll boys basketball game is on 1/6/12 vs. Cardinal O'Hara. JV game time is 5:30pm. Varsity game time is 7:00pm. Girls will cheer on the sidelines with the Archbishop Carroll JV and varsity cheerleaders!! Please wear sneakers and something red and white!!

Archbishop Carroll Cheerleading Clinic

I, _____ give my child _____ permission to participate in the cheerleading clinic and basketball game. I am aware of the obvious risks of cheerleading and I realize that all necessary precautions will be taken. I give my consent if an accident should occur, my child be taken to a medical facility and treated if necessary. Archbishop John Carroll High School, cheerleaders and coaches are not liable for any injuries sustained at the clinic.

Participant Name: _____ Participant Age: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____.

Address/city/state/zip _____.

Phone: _____.

Emergency contact & phone: _____.

School: _____.

Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia will be awarding **2,000** new, four-year K-8th grade scholarships to low-income Philadelphia families seeking to expand the educational options for their children. CSFP scholarships are awarded by random lottery and may be used at any private or parochial school in the Philadelphia area. Applicants may Apply Online now, or call us to request a paper application! Application deadline is March 1, 2012.

Kindly forward this information to any clients or members of your community who could benefit from this scholarship program. Contact us at (215) 670-8411 if you have any questions!

Thank you.

