



December 7, 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,

Our eighth grade is spending the day in New York. Hopefully the weather there is better than it is here. They have a great schedule and will be doing many pleasurable things.

Tomorrow is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday. It is a special day for us since Mary under that title is the patroness of the US. There is no school tomorrow. The Mass Schedule for the holyday is: Wednesday at 5:30 PM; Thursday at 6:30, 8:30, 10:00 and 5:30.

What a wonderful time we had last night at McDonald's. Thank you so much to everyone who came out on such a rainy night. We're grateful to the teachers for working the cash registers and being hostesses to all. Thank you to the families for your patience. The lines were so long and you were all wonderful. I know the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Report cards will be distributed on Friday. As you know the company, River Valley, has been bought out by OptionC. River Valley has had employees with health issues over the summer. It was a small operation (3 people). They did a wonderful job for us and we have been very happy with their service. There are still several issues with the programs and the companies are doing their best to iron them out. The problem is holding the teachers up with completing the reports. A letter will be coming home with the report card to explain the changes in them. If you have any questions after receiving the report, please call.

We have the second part of our In-Service on December 13. There is no school for students on that day.

Our next Open House will be held on December 14 from 9:15 to 10:15. The faculty, staff and students are always most welcoming. The children are what St. Denis is all about and they speak so well for our school. We will be having several other opportunities for people to visit with us.

The Christmas Band Concert will take place on Wednesday, December 15. A morning concert will be held for the students. The evening concert will be at 7:30 in the Grimes Center.

The process for the Neumann Scholarship continues. Nine students have qualified to sit for the test. It is a wonderful opportunity for a full scholarship to an Archdiocesan High School.

Confessions will continue for the next few weeks. Students will attend the 8:30 AM Mass and have the opportunity for Confession after the Mass.

Our First Trimester ended on December 2. Report cards will be distributed on December 9.

Seminarians from St. Charles were here on December 1 to speak with the 7th and 8th grade boys. What a nice opportunity for the boys to learn about the priesthood. They also visited all of the classrooms. The students asked many good questions.

God Bless You!

DECEMBER

7	8 th Grade Trip to New York	16	PS, PK and Kin Breakfast with Santa
8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception		Dismissal 3:05
	Holiday No Classes	19	PS, PK, Kin Christmas Show
9	Report Cards distributed		10am
13	Faculty Inservice at DCIU	21	Christmas Pageant 10am & 7:00pm
	No Classes for students	23	No Classes Christmas Holidays
14	Open House 9:15 – 10:15	Jan 3	Classes Resume
15	Band Concert 8:30am gym 7:30 pm Grimes Center		

Lost and Found

A black North Face fleece size Large was found and not yet claimed. If this is your jacket please contact the office. Thank you.

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.

SPOTLIGHT ON Second Grade

The second grade students at St. Denis proudly represented a Saint of their choice at the annual Saints' Museum. Parents, grandparents and fellow students enjoyed learning about the saints as the children shared important facts and dressed as their particular saint. In Nov. we wrote letters consoling the families in the parish who experienced a death of a loved one. We wanted to let them know that we are thinking and praying for them. We studied hard and enjoyed a challenging Thanksgiving spelling bee. And now in Advent we are enjoying angel stories. They are real life experiences that people write down and share in story form because they felt an angel came to help them. Each story teaches us that God loves and cares for us in the particular way of sending His angels. They remind us that God does not leave us to live this life by ourselves but accompanies us in many different ways. We the second graders of Saint Denis School wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and a healthy and happy new year. Peace !!!!

Hands on Vocabulary

Each year the sixth graders in Mr. Tyrrell's computer class take a hands on approach to their vocabulary lesson. It is a vocabulary lesson on the parts of a computer. Instead of just giving the students a list of words and definitions and having them memorize it, the students dissect old computers going over each part as they take them out.

This year the students took over the cafeteria and each student had their own computer to take apart. In the end, 32 computers were stripped down to their bare components. Each student removed the hard drives, memory CPU, CD/DVD drives, power supply and mother board from their respective computer.

The students learned both a valuable lesson on the interworkings of 21st century technology and a hands on skill as they enter "Computer Generation 2.0".

The remains of the computers were responsibly recycled by Staples in the Manoa Shopping Center.



Are You Ready To Quit Smoking?

Participate in SmokeFREE
Main Line Health's FREE Six-Session
Smoking Cessation Program
Participants May Be Eligible for FREE
Nicotine Replacement Products (patch, gum, or lozenge)

Radnor Fire Company

121 South Wayne Avenue
Wayne, PA 19087
2nd Floor Meeting Room

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and February 7
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

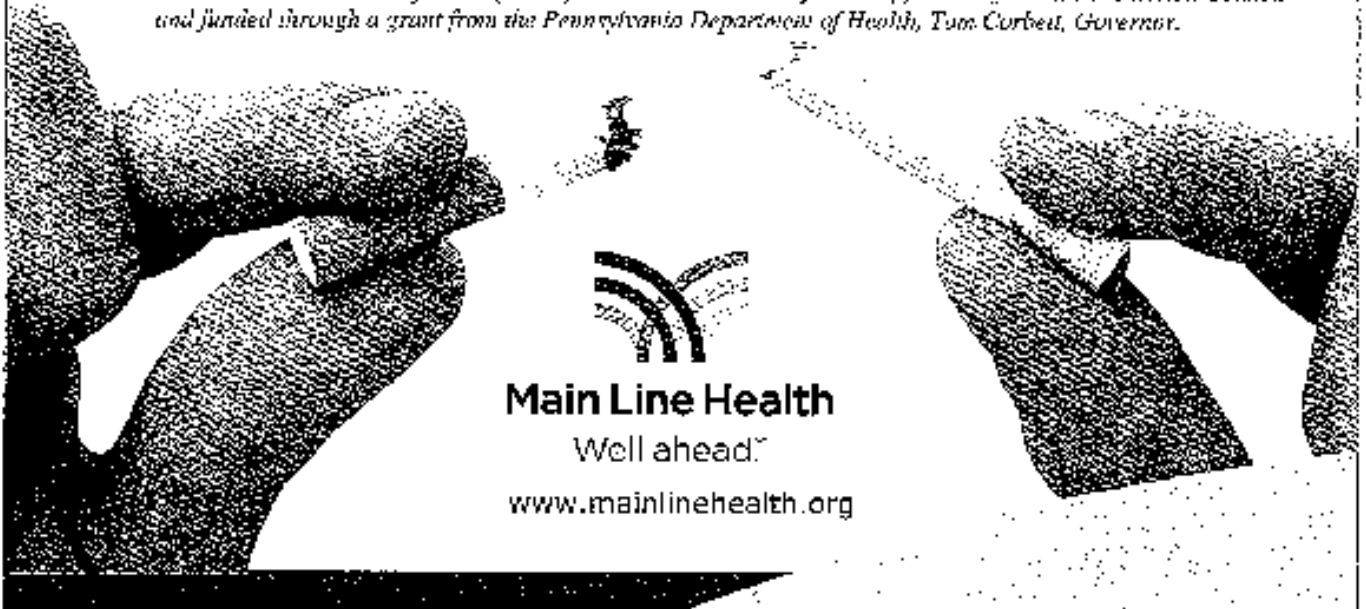
Conshohocken Library

301 Fayette Street
Conshohocken, PA 19428
Lukens Room

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and February 7
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

To find out more about the SmokeFREE program and to register,
Please call Kara Chivalotte at 484-337-8329

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