



February 1, 2012



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 21<sup>st</sup> 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,

What a wonderful turnout we had on Sunday for the opening of Catholic Schools week. Thank you so much for sharing the time with us! Yesterday we were blessed to have 2 Dads who served in the Military talk about their Service time. The students were most attentive to them. Today is Student Appreciation Day. They had a treat provided by the Advisory Board in the form of the Super Silly Circus today as well as a pretzel treat. Tomorrow is Vocation Day. We will have 3 speakers talk about their vocations. Sr. Mary Beth Antonelli, Vocation Director for the Srs. of St. Francis; Deacon Frank Connors and Mrs. Regina Shearn. Friday is Teacher Appreciation Day. We're sure the teachers will enjoy the things that are planned for them. Quizzo will be on Saturday night in the gym. Thank you to Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Ryan for their hard work that made the week such a special one.

There will not be Mass at 9:30 on Friday. We will have the Blessing of Throats in school.

Thank you to all who have sent in their Intent for Cardinal Foley. It is a big help in planning for the 2012-2013 school year. Enrollment is very good from both St. Denis and Annunciation. It is very exciting.

Next Friday is the Confirmation retreat. A separate flyer will be coming home in regard to that day.

God Bless You!

*Sr. Gerald Helene, OSF*

Sister Gerald Helene, OSF  
Principal

Faith. Academics. Service.

**Catholic Schools**

## February

- Feb. 1 Student Appreciation Day-every student will receive a pretzel for snack  
Super Silly Circus Assembly sponsored by the Advisory Board
- 2 Advisory Board Meeting
- 3 No First Friday Mass  
PK conferences, no classes for the PK 4 year old students  
**NO LUNCH SERVED** Students must bring their lunch, including a drink
- 4 Quizzo
- 10 Confirmation Retreat
- 14 PK Valentine Prayer Service for Mother's
- 20 Presidents' Day Holiday No Classes
- 22 Ash Wednesday Mass 10:00 am

## Magnet Treasure Hunt

Grade 2 room 3, Mrs. Ryan's class won today's Magnet Treasure Hunt organized by the Advisory Board. Mrs. Ryan's class found 13 magnets, they will be treated to doughnuts for breakfast one day in February.

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## Three or Free

First grade won the three or free pizza contest. If you would like your child's class to win a pizza party be sure to send in your three or free tickets.

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## Thank You

Sister Gerald, the Faculty, and students, would like to extend a very big thank you to Mr. Yeats and Mr. Dice for speaking to the students on Tuesday as we celebrated Our Nation during Catholic School Week.

Our Aid for Friends Service Project was awesome. We collected over 100 trays of food to be delivered to our community. Looking at some of the labels while packing them up for delivery, the recipients of the food are going to have a delicious five star meal.

Just a reminder, this is a project in our Church that happens all year that the students could participate in. Mrs. Brophy and her team would be forever grateful. Just fill the trays and deliver them frozen to the cemetery freezers.

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## DAWGtion

The DAWG-tion is only 2 months away. Mark your calendars for a great time on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration opens at 6:30PM.

If you have any gift cards you probably won't use, unopened games or other new 'gift' items, please drop them off at 46 Ralston Avenue or send an e-mail to [dorene12@verizon.net](mailto:dorene12@verizon.net) to arrange a pick-up. We are also in need of big baskets to wrap up our great auction donations. We greatly appreciate each and every donation.

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Welcome to Echo Gaugush, a new student to our sixth grade this week.

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Visitors Reminder: all visitors must sign in

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK January 29, 2012 to February 4, 2012

### Wednesday

Wednesday focuses on students. The students may wear their gym uniform and will receive a free pretzel. The Super Silly Circus assembly is scheduled today. Skating Social from at cost

### Thursday

Thursday focuses on vocations. Members of different vocations will speak briefly to the students to discuss vocations after the Prayer Service/Pledge of Alliance.

### Friday

Faculty, Staff, Volunteers are the days focus. The teachers will be treated to a luncheon courtesy of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Board games (no electronic games) will be played for an hour with buddies in the classroom from 1:30 to 2:30. Grades have been paired up: 8-2; 7-1; 6-K; 5-PK; 3-4.

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

## CATHOLIC HAPPENINGS



Bowling Party



CSW Opening Mass

### SUPER SILLY CIRCUS



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## Seussical, Jr.

Saint Laurence School Drama Club presents Seussical, Jr. on Saturday Feb. 25 in Prendie's Auditorium at 7:00 pm Admission is free donations gladly accepted.

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## Merion Mercy Academy practice High School Placement Test

For boys and girls in Grade 7 on Saturday March 10, 2012 from 9am to 1PM (lunch is included) cost \$35 register at: [www.merion-mercy.com/admissions](http://www.merion-mercy.com/admissions)

Students interested in taking the Summer Academy or Prep Time High School Placement Test Preparation Course are encouraged to take the practice test.

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## Summer Programs

Merion Mercy Summer Programs brochure's are available in the school office and on their website [www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms](http://www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms)

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## St. Patricks Day Parade Update

Have been getting many emails and quick messages in the last week that there are kids who want to go to the Parade but they did not respond to the first email

**Its fine!! All are welcome!!!**

**If your 5-8th grader would like to participate in the St. Patricks Day Parade**

**March 11, 2012**

**Leaving Grimes Center at approx 9-10am**

**Cost \$20 (includes the famous St. Denis St. Patricks Day sweatshirt and the bus)**

**Please email Maria at [mwarnick@live.com](mailto:mwarnick@live.com) for more details.**

**PS If you have told Maria verbally that your child wants to go, please email to be sure they are on the list.**

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