



February 8, 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,

This Friday is the Confirmation retreat. A separate flyer was sent home in regard to this special day for the Confirmation class.

There will NOT be a Home and School Meeting this Wednesday as listed on the calendar. We anticipate having the meeting a little later in the year.

The forms for BLOCS are not available (Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools) and EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit). You can find the forms on the Archdiocesan website or request one from school.

God Bless You!

*Sr. Gerald Helene, OSF*

Sister Gerald Helene, OSF  
 Principal

**February**

- 10 Confirmation Retreat
- 14 PK Mom's Valentine Prayer Service
- 15 YAA Meeting 6:30 Grimes Center
- 20 Presidents' Day Holiday No Classes
- 21 Uniform Meeting 7-9pm in the Gym
- 22 Ash Wednesday Mass 10:00 am

**MARCH**

- 1 Advisory Board Meeting
- 2 InView Testing
- 3 Great Guy Dance Grs. 5-8
- 5-9 Terra Nova Testing
- 9 End of Second Trimester
- 10 Great Guy Dance Grs. K-4
- 12 Third Trimester begins
- 13 Group Picture Day – students must wear their school uniform



## YAA Parent Meeting

*The YAA will be conducting a Parent's meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the Grimes Center. The purpose of our meeting is to hear your thoughts on the future of our sports programs. We encourage you to submit your questions prior to the meeting at [bulldawgathletics@gmail.com](mailto:bulldawgathletics@gmail.com) that way we can ensure a productive meeting.*

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## Infant Clothing request

There is a family in need of infant boys clothes size 3 months and larger. If you have any clothing your child has outgrown that you are able to donate please send it in to school by Monday morning, Feb. 13.

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## Registration

Registration for new students to Preschool, Prekindergarten and Kindergarten is currently underway if you are interested in registering your child for any of these classes please contact the office for registration information. Options for PS (3 year old) and PK (4 year old) are full or ½ day and 3 or 5 day sessions.

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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 Paul Mariani, III a new student to our sixth grade this week.

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## **ST. DENIS IRISH NIGHT**

Saturday, February 25th  
7-11pm in the St. Denis Gym

"Vincent Gallagher Band" will entertain

Cost: \$20.00 per person/\$40.00 per couple  
(In Advance)

\$25.00 per person/\$50.00 per couple  
(At the Door)

Tickets will be available in the Parish Office  
for purchase

If you have any questions regarding ticket purchases, please contact Eileen Conroy at  
610-789-2006

We are looking for any kind of donation for our baskets.  
Please contact Beth Pergolini  
at 610-446-6629.

Proceeds raised will go to  
the St. Patrick's Day  
Parade Fund

Hope you can join us!

## Spotlight on 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

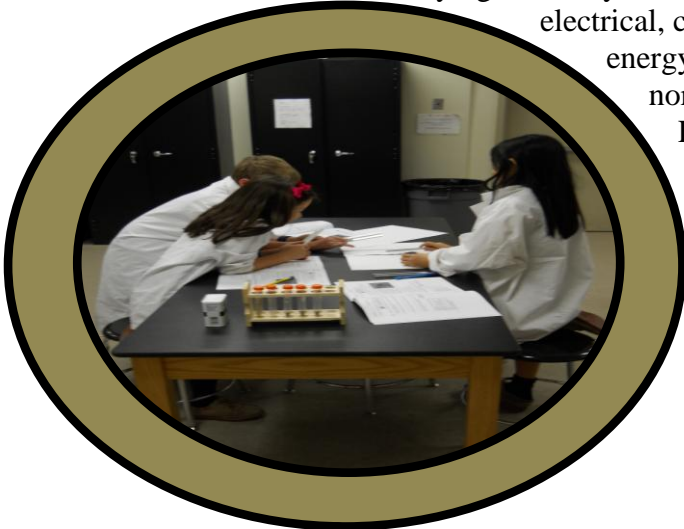
The new year has sure kept grade four busy this last month! We learned all about the first Sacrament of Initiation, Baptism, in religion class. We had conversations about our own Baptism and made greeting cards using Microsoft Publisher to welcome new Catholics into our Church. This month we are studying the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount. Together we are creating a quilt made up of what each Beatitude means to us. We have learned that the eight Beatitudes are truly alive and well in our community and we are searching the local newspapers for articles that show people living out the Beatitudes. If you should come across any articles yourself, please send them in to school so that we can add them to our growing collection!

In math class we have become experts in division and we are currently we are having fun learning about fractions. We can identify fractions as pieces of a whole and as parts of a set. Our class will be writing and solving story problems about fractions as well as comparing and ordering them.

During our ELA time we are reading and writing several fantastic stories, literally...fantastic. These stories could never happen in real life and include characters that do some pretty amazing things. This is sure to be one of our favorite genres!

In the science lab we are studying the many forms of energy such as kinetic, potential, sound, electrical, chemical, light, and heat. We have observed that energy is always around us and that it is never created nor destroyed, just as the Law of Conservation of Energy states.

Social Studies has been a blast this month! We have researched many famous



Pennsylvanians, reported on them, and created a model of them using a soda bottle. We are so grateful to live in a state that produces such fine citizens, watch our world, here we come!

We love fourth grade and we learn exciting things every day. If you are ever in the neighborhood, stop on by our busy classrooms, we would love to show you what we are working on!

Keep the Peace, Embrace Positivity, and God Bless,  
The Fabulous Fourth Grade



# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

## HAPPENINGS



SKATING SOCIAL



### Aid for Friends

The student body collected over 100 trays of food for the Aid For Friends Project. Mrs. Eileen Brophy, who is the moderator for the program, was very appreciative.

There were two pantries at two different Churches that were empty so we were going to share some of our food with them.

The Churches help each other out when they run low on food. Looking at some of the labels the recipients of the food are going to be eating gourmet meals.



### Faculty Lunch

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students showed their appreciation for the faculty and staff of the school by providing a homemade lunch and a note of appreciation for all of the hard work that they do.





## GAME DAY

children spent part of the afternoon playing board games with their younger “buddies”.



## 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.**



## St. Denis Sports

\*Track Practices for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders are M and W evenings from 5:45PM-7PM and Friday 6:45-7:45. Pee-Wee's (1st-3<sup>rd</sup> grade) practice to be on Friday's from 7:00-7:45.

Coaches may move practice to Tues/Thurs any given week if track is not available due to lacrosse MWF. First practice for 4-8<sup>th</sup> is Wed. Mar 14<sup>th</sup>, Pee-Wees start 3/16.

Sign-ups are at <http://www.wagdogs.com/>

If you are looking to register your child for a sport, it's easy! Just follow these steps: --Make sure you're a member. If you aren't, click on the [Become a Member](#) link and complete the form. It only takes a minute or two. Click on the [Login](#) link and login using your User ID and password, Click on the [Register for a League](#) link, Find your organization in the list and click on it, Follow the registration form instructions and make sure to complete all required fields (indicated by an asterisk(\*))

\*Contact coaches Tim Hepp 610-642-6743, Michelle Brown 610-789-3956

Novice runners (2001, 2002); Minors (1999, 2000); Cadets (1997, 1998 or after 9/1/96).

Penn Relays are April 24th. Penn Relay runners will be determined according to practice and meet participation and event times at practice meets. 5 boys and 5 girls for each level For Penn relays there are two age level Juniors (2000-2002) and Seniors (1997-99).

Meets will be at Haverford High unless announced; runners report by 12:00 (meets start at 12:30). Uniform tee-shirts will be handed out before first practice meet.

Practice meets--March 25, April 1, April 15, April 22, April 29 and May 5

Pee-wee race will be first followed by: (not all races to be run each week)

4X200

4x800 (novice first leg, Minor second, open for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> leg)

100

1600

400

4X100 relay

100 finals (not always run at practice meets) Long Jump tentative schedule:

800

200

4X200

4x400 (novice first leg, Minor second, open for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> leg)

\*Regional Medal meet—May 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> —time TBA.

\*District Meet Sun. May 20 at Plymouth Whitemarsh—time TBA.

\*Archdiocesan Finals June 2nd University of Penn—time to be announced

\*Parents--Track Team needs help at practice and at meets. Timers, Long Jump and Shot Put Officials and general organizing help especially needed during Sunday meets.

\*Previous Track experience not necessary—let the coaches know if you can help

\*No students are cut from the team and everyone gets to participate in the meets.