



November 30, 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,

We hope you had a very Blessed Holiday. We are so grateful for all you do to make St. Denis School the special place that it is. Can you believe that today is the end of November? December is always a busy month. Thank you for all that you do to keep Advent the special time that it is. How important it is to prepare for the birth of Christ.

Thank you to all who helped with the yard this week. Please keep all cars in the right area—let's not wait until an accident occurs to follow this rule. Keep up the good work.

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 process for the Neumann Scholarship continues. After grades are completed for the first trimester, letters will go home to the students who qualify to sit for the test. We look forward to having some students take 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.

We had our November Birthday Prayer Service this morning. We're grateful to Mrs. Anthony and the Student Council for taking care of this event.

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

Seminarians from St. Charles will be coming to speak with the 7th and 8th grade boys tomorrow. What a nice opportunity for the boys to learn about the priesthood.

We'll look forward to seeing you all at McDonald's on Tuesday (the Feast of St. Nicholas). It's always such a fun evening from 5 to 7 PM

The eighth grade will be on their trip on December 7. On December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation, there is no school.

God Bless You!

Sister Gerald Helene, OSF
Principal



DECEMBER

1	Advisory Board Meeting	13	Faculty Inservice at DCIU
2	First Trimester Ends, First Friday Mass 9:30		No Classes for students
	Christmas Bazaar	14	Open House 9:15 – 10:15
5	Second Trimester Begins	15	Band Concert 8:30am gym 7:30 pm Grimes Center
6	McDonald's Night	16	PS, PK and Kin Breakfast with Santa Dismissal 3:05
7	8 th Grade Trip to New York		
8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holyday No Classes	19	PS, PK, Kin Christmas Show 10am
9	Report Cards distributed	21	Christmas Pageant 10am & 7:00 pm
		23	No Classes Christmas Holidays
		Jan 3	Classes Resume

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA EARLY CHILDHOOD CHRISTMAS SHOW

Our Breakfast with Santa is on Friday, December 16th. The children in grades PS, PK and Kin will be served breakfast (cereal and munchkins), have a picture with Santa, sing songs, have a story time and watch a short Christmas movie. It is a wonderful day and the children have so much fun. The Student Council will help with this event along with all the Early Childhood Teachers. The children may wear dress clothes/holiday clothes.

Our Early Childhood Christmas Show will be on Monday, December 19th at 10am in the gym. Children will wear holiday clothes. Thanks so much!

The Early Childhood Teachers



SPOTLIGHT ON Prekindergarten

PK –B am Class

It has been a busy few months in the PK-4B classroom. Since September the students have been working on learning the letters of the alphabet. Each week we focus on one letter and the children have a cooking project, a craft, show-n-tell, religion lesson and story time related to that letter. So far the children have :



Tasted **A**pples, learned about **B**aptism , became **C**lowns, had a **D**ay with **D**ad, made green **E**ggs and ham, attended **F**irst **F**riday Mass, had a visit from the Oakmont **F**ire Company, made **G**ingerbread, talked about **H**eaven,The **H**oly Spirit and **H**earts, had **H**at day, and made homemade **I**ce cream.

We also had a Halloween celebration complete with a costume parade. We are

currently practicing our Thanksgiving songs for our Thanksgiving show and feast. The children are looking forward to their upcoming Christmas show and "Snack" with Santa.



PK-A Full Day Class

Pre- K- A had a Thanksgiving show and prayer service for the parents. The children sang and danced a square dance. Each child thanked God for the gift of God , family or friend. The parents wrote a letter to their child, telling why they were thankful for the gift of their special son or daughter



Congratulations to Jack Breslin who competed in the Cross Country Nationals held in late November in West Virginia. The event brought runners from across the country. Jack finished 47th out of 123 and his Philly CYO "A" Team won 2nd Place for Novice Boys. Awesome job, Jack!



GRECCIO LIVE NATIVITY CELEBRATION



Come and celebrate the "Meaning of the Season"

**NEUMANN UNIVERSITY LIVE NATIVITY
GRECCIO FESTIVAL**

Sunday, December 4th

Liturgy at 5 p.m. in Sacred Heart Chapel

Children can pet Nativity animals 5:45 p.m.

Greccio Festival 6:30 p.m., Bachmann Bldg. front

Enjoy Christmas music and refreshments and meet Santa after re-enactment

Gospel Choir Concert follows at 8 p.m., Meagher Theater

**For more information contact Melissa Hickey at
610-558-5525 or hickey@neumann.edu**



THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE November 22, 2011



Student Council and Mercy Ministers delivered 12 turkey Baskets (complete Thanksgiving dinners), collected by students in grades 4-8, to Project H.O.M.E 's Saint Columba's in West Philadelphia. The students in grades 4-8 collected the items to make a complete Thanksgiving dinner.

Students in Grades 1-4 collected canned goods to help stock the Archdiocese food pantry in Delaware County and students in pre-school and kindergarten collected baby items to help Catholic Social Services in Springfield.

Saint Denis Varsity and Junior Varsity Thanksgiving Day game vs. St. Margaret's School. The Varsity wore the new throw back Saint Denis Football Jersey's. Thanks to all the past, present and future Saint Denis families that came out to support the team.



ST. DENIS
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Holiday Grand Opening of the Thrift Nook

Crafts

Bake Sale

DECEMBER 2ND
FROM: 6:00PM
UNTIL: 9:00PM
GRIMES CENTER

Santa's Secret Shop

Reindeer Raffle

Food

50/50 with Mrs. Claus

Pictures with Santa in our Professionally staged picture area!

CUT OFF AND RETURN TO THE PARISH OFFICE

Will you bake something for the Bake Sale? Yes No

Can you donate craft items for purchase? Yes No

Can you donate your time? 6:00—7:30PM or 7:30—9:00PM

Are you and your family considering attending the bazaar?
Yes No #attending

New & Improved Saint Denis Little Hoopsters

**Basketball Clinic –
Instructional Program
For
2nd, 3rd and 4th Graders
Cost: \$30**

This Program will consist of eight Saturday Evenings of Instruction on Basketball Fundamentals and Games. The Clinic will be divided into four groups:

2nd Grade Girls & 3rd & 4th Grade Boys:
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

2nd Grade Boys & 3rd & 4th Grade Girls:
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Dates: Dec. 3, 10, 17; Jan. 7, 21, 28;
Feb. 11 & 19

Sign-Up will be via wagdogs.com

For Additional Information:
Call Kieran Spillane at 610-649-1750 or
e-mail at spillane@pbworld.com

ST. DENIS & TADDEO'S

HOLIDAY

FUND RAISER!

Complete your holiday decorating with poinsettias, wreaths, pine roping, cyclamen, Christmas trees and much more and know that:

10% will be donated to:

**St. Denis School
Advisory School Programs**

DATES: December 1 – December 8
TIME: 8 am to 5 pm (4 pm on Sunday)

CODE: STDEN

YOU MUST BRING IN THIS INVITATION TO REDEEM YOUR DISCOUNT!

*

May not be combined with any other offer, markdown, coupons, VIP awards, or discounts.

TADDEOS GREENHOUSE

**ST DENIS LANE
HAVERTOWN, PA
610-446-1863**

**Taddeo's Greenhouse
22 St. Denis Lane
Havertown, PA
610-446-1863**