



November 9, 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 Annual Book Fair is currently taking place. Everyone enjoyed the Ice Cream Social last night as well as the wonderful books and all that are part of the Book Fair. Special thanks to Mrs. Bradley for all her hard work that makes the Fair such a success..

Kindergarten's Fall Show is on Mon., Nov. 14, at 1:30. It is a delight to visit the classrooms and see how much has been accomplished since school began. Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us.

On Wednesday, November 16, we will be having Open House from 9:15 to 10:15. Please remind your friends and neighbors of this event. The children are what St. Denis is all about and they speak so well for our school. We will be having several opportunities for people to visit with us.

Please remember that the Visitation day listed on the calendar for November 17 has been moved to January 19. The eighth grade will have a regular school day on November 17.

The process for the Neumann Scholars Program will be beginning this week. We were happy to have a Neumann Scholar last year. Pierce Lockett is attending Archbishop Carroll High School for four years through the generosity of the Connelly Foundation. It would be wonderful for us to have a Neumann Scholar again this year.

On November 21 Grade 5 will be presenting their State Fair project. This is a wonderful event that takes place each year. We look forward to sharing what this year's fifth grade will present.

God Bless You!

Sister Gerald Helene, OSF
 Principal

NOVEMBER

- 10 Third Grade Saints Power Point Presentation 1:30
- 14 Kin Fall Show 1:30
- 16 Open House 9:15-10:15
- Confirmation Commissioning for Service
- 17 3rd Grade to the Aquarium
- Ladies Night Out
- 21 Grade 5 State Fair
- Peer Tutoring
- 22 Picture Re-take day
- Thanksgiving Prayer Service 1:30
- 23 Faculty Retreat No Classes for Students
- 24-25 Thanksgiving Holidays

Included with this newsletter:

- Safe Environment Opt Out Letter
- Optimist Club Football Skills Contest
- Little Hoopsters
- Learning Express Fundraiser Information
- Dorothy Day Evening of Reflection Flyer

DECEMBER

- 1 Advisory Board Meeting
- 2 First Trimester Ends
- First Friday Mass 9:30
- 5 Second Trimester Begins
- 6 McDonald's Night
- 7 8th Grade Trip to New York
- 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holyday No Classes

On our Website:

- Wawa Coupon Order Form
- Pie Sale Order Form

Safe Environment lessons will be taught the week of Nov. 28 if you do not want your child to be present for this lesson please complete the attached opt out letter and send to your child's teacher by Nov. 21.

Learning Express

Starting Monday November 14th and running through Friday November 18th, we will be participating in a fund raiser with Learning Express in Broomall. You will save 10% off of any purchases made during this time and 10% will also be donated back to St. Denis School. Catalogs will be coming home this week so be sure to look through their specials for Christmas or birthday gifts and get all your shopping done next week.

Dawgtion

For all those interested in helping with the spring fundraiser, *DAWG-tion 2012*, an event featuring silent & live auctions, great raffles, delicious food and a fun atmosphere, please come to our next meeting this evening at 7:30PM in the Cemetery Office. If you can not make the meeting, please visit our website at www.dawgtion.org for more information.

Brain Balance Achievement Center

A groundbreaking program for children with neurological disorders including add, adhd. Information is available on their website www.brainbalancecenters.com or by calling 610-880-0009.

During the upcoming holiday season Saint Denis School is coordinating collections of food and baby items to help local organizations. Students in grades 4 to 8 will bring items in for Thanksgiving baskets for Mercy Minister. Below are the letters being sent home to grades Ps through grade 3:

Dear 1st-3rd Grade Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your support for Our Holiday Food Drive. We will be delivering the food to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Community Food Program on November 22nd. They will then stock food cupboards around the area for the upcoming winter months.

I will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items through November 21st. Please send in any canned goods and non-perishable food items into school with your child. The students can place the canned goods in the box located in the Cares classroom .

Thank You,

May your Holidays be filled with many blessings for you and your family!

Cathy Clinton

Mercy Minister Coordinator



Dear Preschool and Kindergarten Parents,

Catholic Social Services in Springfield is in need of our help this holiday season. We will be collecting baby items through November 21st. Listed below are the items that are most needed. All items donated can be brought into school at anytime and the students can place the items in the box located in the hallway outside Mrs. Kearney's classroom.

Clothing Needs

Diapers
Stretch Suits

Feeding Equipment

Formula
4oz bottles

Bed and Bath

Baby Wash
Wash Cloths

Booties and socks
Pajamas
Cotton Shirts
Receiving Blankets
Snow Suits
Outfits Sizes 2T-6 (boys & Girls)

8 oz bottles
Bottle and Nipple Brushes

Bath Towels
Crib Blankets
Fitted Crib Sheets
Diaper Wipes
Baby Nail Clippers
Baby Ointment

Thank You for your cooperation!

May your Holidays be filled with many blessings for you and your family!

Cathy Clinton

Mercy Minister Coordinator



Sister Gerald with students at Trunk or Treat

SPOTLIGHT ON THIRD GRADE

What a busy beginning we've had! We are multiplication masters and are trying to reach our goal of reading 40 books each. We started using the First in Math program and are competing with schools all over the country on our math skills! We've invited our family to watch us show our PowerPoint presentations on our saints and will be visiting the Adventure Aquarium next week to kick off our research project on an animal! In our Social Studies class we designed brochures on our own community and in Science learned about 5 different properties of matter. We are writing letters to families who have lost loved ones in the past year and will be writing welcome letters to newly baptized babies of St. Denis. Who knows, someday we may even be in school with them! We hope so!

Students in Grade 2 Room 1 Mrs. Callan's Class





**SAFE ENVIRONMENT LESSONS
PARENT/GUARDIAN REQUEST TO EXCUSE STUDENT**

I request that _____ Grade _____,
Name of Student

be excused from participating in the yearly Safe Environment lesson offered at St. Denis School on November 28, 2011. I realize information for parents/guardians can be found at www.catholicschools-phl.org under Safe Environment. The points of interest for parents/guardians include:

- Brochure for Parents;
- Practical Advice for Parents;
- Teaching Touching Safety Guide
- Reporting Suspected Child Abuse.
- Grade level instruction PK through Grade 8

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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

Optimist Club of Havertown

Football Skills Contest

**STARS OF THE FUTURE- TEST
YOUR GRIDIRON TALENTS-
Passing, Punting & Place Kicking**

Boys and Girls age 8 to 13 yrs.

Saturday, November 12th
1:00 pm-3:00 pm

**HAVERFORD HIGH SCHOOL
PRACTICE FIELD**



save the date

March 24, 2012

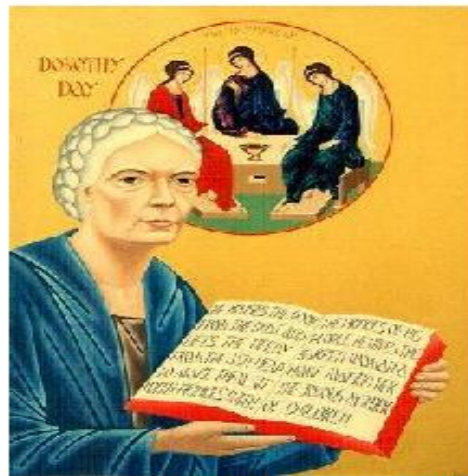
Saint Denis School
DAWG-tion



Please come join us for our Spring Auction Fundraiser!
If you would like to donate an item or service, place an ad in our ad book or volunteer for the event
visit www.dawgtion.org for more information.

St. Denis Advocates Working together to Grow Catholic Education

Dorothy Day Evening of Reflection



**Monday, November 14, 2011
7 to 9 P.M.
St. Denis School Library**

Dorothy Day lived from 1897 to 1980. Her life was a journey of conversion –she took seriously Christ’s command to love one another, and came to devote herself to working with the poor of New York’s Lower East Side. She inspired many by her advocacy.

The spirit of Dorothy Day is alive and well in Camden at the Romero Center. Celebrate her spirit and her work as we commemorate her birthday with a visit from those who are transforming lives and living in service to the poor. The Romero Center is known nationally as a model for doing the work of justice while offering dignity with the love of Jesus. Their work can “open the path to conversion and transformation, through compassion, reconciliation and justice.”

The Peace and Justice Committee welcomes you on November 14th, at 7pm, in the library at St. Denis School, Haverstown. Refreshments will be served. If you are able, bring non-perishables for collection.