



October 19, 2011

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.*



PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Dear Parents,

Another week has passed all too quickly. How busy it has been. You will recall that Friday was Spirit Day. The School Advisory Board made it so nice for the students. It is amazing how many things have St. Denis on them. We really had quite a variety. The SAB provided a treat for the students at lunch and everyone viewed the Lights, Camera, Action video. We're grateful to the SAB for helping to make the day such a good one.

Tonight many of the Diocesan and Private High Schools will be here beginning at 7:00 PM. I'm sure many of you will be present for this great opportunity for the students. Information will be available for all of the schools. It may be helpful to be aware of what is available for your child for HS.

This Thursday, Sister Lisa will be coming to speak with the students about the Missions. We're looking forward to Sister's visit.

Next Tuesday, October 25, there is no school for the students. Everyone will be attending the program at Archbishop Carroll HS.

Conferences are also being held for all grades. If you have not set your conference time, please be sure to do so. Information about conferences has been sent home. If you did not receive the paper, please let your child's teacher know.

Have a great weekend. God bless you!  
 Sister Gerald Helene, OSF

**Our One Call Now messaging system is now able to send text messages to your phone. If you would like to receive One Call Text Messages to your phone you must opt in. To opt in send the text message Alert to 22300 which is the SMS identifier for One Call Now.**

**OCTOBER**

- 20 Progress Reports  
Sr. Lisa from Holy Childhood Assoc. will visit
- 24 Pumpkin Festival
- 25 Inservice for Faculty no classes for students
- 27 Grade 8 Retreat  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Saint Presentation 1:00 pm
- 28 Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:00
- 31 Conferences no classes for students

**NOVEMBER**

- 1 All Saints Holyday No Classes
- 2 Mothers Meeting for First Sacraments
- 3 Advisory Board Meeting
- 4 First Friday Mass 9:30 am
- 7-9 Book Fair
- 8 Ice Cream Social

Included with this newsletter:

- YAA Sports News
- Night at the Races
- Giant Food Store School Program
- Haunt Jaunt

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# WAWA HOAGIE SALE

In what has become an annual tradition here at St. Denis, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be selling Wawa "Shortie" Hoagie Coupons as a fundraiser to offset some graduation expenses.

The cost of the "shortie" coupon is \$4. A "shortie" is \$4.45 after-tax at the Havertown Wawa.

These make great stocking stuffers or gifts. They are also great to just have for your own use & you'll be supporting our 8<sup>th</sup> graders!

To order through school send your request to Megan Allen care of Caroline 8-7.

We thank you, in advance, for your support of this fundraiser again this year, and look for our kids out there this weekend and in the following weeks selling them!

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## **Progress Reports**

Progress reports should be available on Gradebook beginning Thursday, Oct. 20. Please print out your child's report sign and send into school by Monday Oct. 24.



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*Calling All Vendors and Crafters  
Sell Your Wares in Time for Christmas at the  
Ladies Night Out at St. Denis  
Thursday, November 17, 2011  
7:00 – 10:00 pm (flyers on our website)*

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## **BASKETBALL**

### Boys 5th & 6th Grade Basketball Tryouts

Open to all 5th and 6th grade boys who attend St. Denis school or are a registered member of St. Denis Parish. The tryout sessions will be conducted in the St. Denis Gym and interested participants must attend all of the following tryout dates.

Sat Nov 5th- 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Sun Nov 6th - 4:00-6:00 PM

Sat Nov 12th - 4:00-6:00 PM

Any questions, please contact Marty Moran at 610-368-0179 (Cell)

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## **Archdiocesan Girls Choir**

For many years our Archdiocese has enjoyed our Archdiocesan Boys Choir, and beginning this month, we will add an ARCHDIOCESAN GIRLS CHOIR to our list of Archdiocesan Choirs. The girls Choir will rehearse from 10AM until noon at the Cathedral Basilica on two or three Saturday mornings per month. The Choir will be under the direction of Dr. John Romeri the new Cathedral Organist-Director. They will sing for major liturgies of the Archdiocese as well as once a month at the Cathedral Basilica 6:30 PM Sunday Mass with Archbishop Chaput. Membership will be open to girls from grades 4 through 12. Our hope is that as the group

develops there will be a performing group and a beginning group. Rehearsals will be held in Chapel Hall beneath the Cathedral Chapel.

Auditions week of Oct. 17 each afternoon into early evening

First scheduled rehearsal Sat. Oct. 22 10AM-noon. Welcome and parent meeting at 10AM

For information or to schedule an audition please call 215-587-3696 or email

[jromeri@adphila.org](mailto:jromeri@adphila.org).

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### **St. Denis Tuition Payment Options**

To make your monthly payments easier, we offer tuition payments by credit card (Visa, MasterCard and Discovery), or Electronic Fund Transfers where you supply us with a voided check and we will request your tuition payment through the bank every month. If you have any questions on how to use these payment options, please call Vickie Walsh at the rectory 610.446.0200 x102 or by email at [vwalsh@stdenishavertown.org](mailto:vwalsh@stdenishavertown.org).

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### **Do you know a boy who would like to sing in Verizon Hall?**

The Keystone State Boychoir (KSB) will celebrate its 10th anniversary with an event to be held at the Kimmel Center on Sunday 10/30 at 3pm. Please visit this website,

[www.keystonestateboychoir.org/B1K/registration.php](http://www.keystonestateboychoir.org/B1K/registration.php), to learn more about the concert which will bring 1,000 boys together to sing on the Verizon Hall stage. Boy singers ages 8 to 18, may register online if they wish to participate. Tickets to the event may be purchased through this website or through the Kimmel Center website. For more information please contact Tina Abate at 484-702-2194.

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### **5th and 6th grade Boys Basketball**

Come out to watch two great basketball teams. The St.Joe's Hawks will take on the Penn Quakers on Saturday January 21st at 1pm at the Palestra. Then stay for an intersquad scrimmage of the Saint Denis 5th and 6th grade Boys Basketball team.

Tickets are \$6. More information to follow as the date gets closer.

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### **SPOTLIGHT on Fourth Grade**

Where did the time go? October is half way over and the fourth grade is really keeping busy.

The month of the Rosary has been a busy one in Religion. We are studying the Ten Commandments and we continue to recognize every day, that Jesus is God's best gift to us.

In Reading, we are learning about the sinking of the Titanic. This story has kept us intrigued from day one. We are following the personal stories of the passengers, as well as the scientists who studied what happened years and years later. We will be doing a reenactment in class.

During writing class, we are working on informative paragraphs. Each child is researching a topic and giving pertinent information regarding this topic. They are learning how to put this piece together using a strong topic sentence, a strong closing and a full detailed body. Some of the topics include: Why is the sky blue? Why do zebras have stripes? Why does hair turn gray?

Our young 4<sup>th</sup> grade scientists are learning how to use microscopes and are observing many different specimens underneath the lens in our science lab.

We are learning about natural resources and how we use them. We are also learning some interesting facts about our state capital in Social Studies.

In Math class we continue to practice our multiplication facts on a daily basis and we are true experts at place value. We are currently surveying the class on our favorite things while creating bar graphs and pie graphs.

And finally- we are reading a favorite: The Witches by Roald Dahl. This book has each and every one of us on the edge of our seats...

Happy Fall to all, from the fabulous fourth grade.



Archbishop Prendergast High School  
*proudly presents:*

# HAUNTED HALLS

Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

5:30 – 8:00 PM

at Archbishop Prendergast High School

Cost: A canned good or donation for a local shelter

*Are you ready for Halloween? Why not get pumped by coming to Archbishop Prendergast's 3rd annual HAUNTED HALLS! Come join us for some fun activities, such as: Halloween games, costume door prizes, and everyone's favorite--- CANDY! **Do you think you're a grade school student who is brave enough to go beyond the "friendly" Halloween activities and enter Prendie's hallways? Take the risk and come on up and enter our Haunted Halls --- if you dare...***



Any questions?

e-mail: [prendiestudentcouncil12@aol.com](mailto:prendiestudentcouncil12@aol.com)



# FALL FESTIVAL

The Saint Denis Youth Ministry Program Will be  
Hosting a Fall Festival on Sunday October 23<sup>th</sup>

10:30 – 12:30

Saint Denis Grimes Center

Pumpkin Painting

Halloween Crafts

Halloween Games

Decorate a Trick or Treat Bag

Face Painting

Refreshments will be served



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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I give my daughter/son permission to volunteer to help with the fall festival.

My daughter/son will be working the following shift:

\_\_\_\_\_ 10-1 \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00-11:30 \_\_\_\_\_ 11:30-1:00

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I am also available to help with the Fall festival

\_\_\_\_\_ 10-1 \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00-11:30 \_\_\_\_\_ 11:30-1:00

Please contact Cathy Clinton with any questions 610-449-5948 or

[cclinton@stdenisschool.org](mailto:cclinton@stdenisschool.org)

# Don't Miss the Second Annual St Denis Haunt Jaunt 5k Run and Fitness Walk

Saturday, October 22<sup>rd</sup>

## Schedule of Events:

Registration opens at 2:00pm (Walk Up)

5K run begins at 3:30

Fitness Walk begins at 3:35

Kids Fun Run following ~4:15pm

Please register online at [www.runtheday.com](http://www.runtheday.com)  
Search by date (October 22<sup>nd</sup>) for the Haunt Jaunt



5k starts and ends at St Denis School  
Fun Run is limited to school grounds (no on-street running)

Refreshments in school gym after the race  
Run Sponsored by the St Denis YAA  
All proceeds benefit Youth Sports at SDS

St. Denis  
Night at the Races & Casino Night  
Saturday November 5, 2011  
St. Denis Gym

Gate Opens at 7:00pm  
First Race 7:30pm



Buy or Bet on a Horse



Play some Black Jack



Try a game of Craps

**Tickets:** \$25.00 a couple - \$30.00 at the door \$15.00 single

**Food:** Roast Beef, Ziti, Meatballs and more

**Drink:** Kegs of Beer or BYOB

**Sponsored by** YAA and St. Denis Fun Fair

Proceeds go to purchasing new tables for the Gym

See other side to Purchase tickets or buy a horse.

## Night at the Races and Casino Night

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Room # \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ tickets to the Night at the Races. I have enclosed a check for \_\_\_\_\_, made payable to St. Denis Parish.

I would like to buy \_\_\_\_\_ horses @ \$10.00 each. The name of my horses are:

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I have enclosed a check for \_\_\_\_\_.

Any questions, please call Kathy Morley 610.449-3703 or Tim Schlegel 610-716-2488.

Thanks for your support!!