



October 5, 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 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.



PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Dear Parents,

We had a lovely celebration for the Feast of St. Francis on Tuesday. The children did a beautiful job with the readings, cantoring and singing. We are very grateful for the wonderful day.

Tonight is the Parent Meeting for Confirmation in the Grimes Center at 7:15 PM. We look forward to seeing all Confirmation parents. Thank you.

Tomorrow night, Oct. 6 is our monthly Advisory Board meeting. How grateful we are for all the Board is doing for us. Please remember that this Friday, Oct. 7 is the annual Golf/Tennis outing. Weather predictions are good for this very special fund raiser.

Forty Hours will end with Mass on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 9:30 for the students.

God bless you!
 Sister Gerald Helene, OSF

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has prepared signs and asks that we display them publicly throughout our parishes to generate awareness of School Bill 1 (SB1) the school choice bill. SB1 is currently in Harrisburg pending voting. If you can help our school by displaying a sign please come to the office it will be provided for you. Thank you for any help you can give to this project. God Bless You!

OCTOBER

- 5 Parent Confirmation Meeting
- 6 Advisory Board Meeting
- 9-11 Forty Hours
- 10-11 PS to Sugartown Strawberry
- 11 Kindergarten to Highland Orchards
End of Forty Hours Mass at 9:30 am
- 13 Father's Meeting for First Sacraments
- 19 High School Night – Grimes Center 7:00
- 20 Progress Reports
Sr. Lisa from Holy Childhood Assoc. will visit in AM
- 24 Pumpkin Festival
- 25 Inservice for Faculty no classes for students
- 27 Grade 8 Retreat
2nd Grade Saint Presentation 1:00 pm
- 31 Conferences no classes for students

NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saints Holyday No Classes

Included with this newsletter:

- YAA Sports News
- Pumpkin Festival
- Auction List for the Fall Classic Gold and Tennis Outing
- Ladies Night Out (on our website)
- Department Store \$ Orders (sent home with youngest and on our website)

THANK YOU

Dear St. Denis Families, thank you once again for your strong support of the Parkway Run to benefit CHOP's Cancer Center. Our team, Dawgn4aCure2011 had 110 registered team members – and more than half of our team members were from the St. Denis Community. Also, we raised \$250 on Sneaker Day. Thank you for your continued support of this worthy cause.
Joe and Deb Donnelly

The 12th Annual Saint Denis Fall Golf and Tennis Classic

Friday, October 7, 2010

Lunch and sign-in starts at 11:00

**Scramble shot-gun starts at 12:00 noon
(Edgmont CC)**

Tennis Outing

Lunch and sign in starts at 11:30

Please visit our website <http://www.sdsfallclassic.com> to sign up to play, be a sponsor and get any information you may need!

David Allen (610) 331-1025 and Pat Methven (610) 642-3477



*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)*

Remember to visit the photo gallery on the website for pictures of school events.

Open House Archbishop Carroll High School

Archbishop John Carroll High School will host three Open Houses during the 2011-12 school year.

The first Open House will be Sunday, Oct. 9 from noon to 2:00 p.m. Registration for the Class of 2016 will begin at that time.

The second Open House will follow very quickly on Tuesday evening, October 11 from 5 to 7:00 p.m.

The third Open House will be held Sunday, February 26, 2012 from noon to 2:00 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT on PRESCHOOL

Our preschoolers first few weeks have been filled with fingerplays, songs, crafts, stories, and lots of fun. We just celebrated Apple Week and made delicious apple tarts in school. We are looking forward to a class trip to Sugartown Strawberry Farm where we will go on a hayride to pick pumpkins. This has always been the highlight of our fall program. Also to celebrate autumn, we will have a Halloween show and parade. We wish everyone a Happy Halloween!!!

SCHOOL CHOICE

The School Choice flyers are posted on our website:

- [Vouchers will benefit taxpayers.](#)
- [Catholic schools are accountable.](#)
- [School choice works in other states.](#)
- [Catholics schools will not sacrifice their mission.](#)
- [School choice is not a public vs. private school issue.](#)

These documents and others will be kept up-to-date on webpage –
www.pacatholic.org/schoolchoice

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

the following are requirements to be a volunteer:

All volunteers must have on file current (within 5 years)

- child abuse clearance and criminal record check

All volunteers are also required to attend a safe environment class “Protecting God’s Children”

- You can register for this class at www.virtus.org. Saint Denis Parish will be hosting this class on Oct. 17. You will complete a verification form titled Standards of Ministerial Behavior.
- If you took the safe environment “Protection God’s Children” class prior to June 1, 2011 you must also have a technology addendum on file. This class was available online from early spring this year til Sept. 1. If you were unable to take this class online Donna Leonard will be holding a class on Thursday Sept. 29 at 6:45 in the Board Room of the Rectory.
- An additional class, Mandated Reporter Training, has been added for all personnel and volunteers who will be at school **on a weekly basis**. You can register for this class at www.aoptraining.com





PUMPKIN FESTIVAL OCTOBER 24TH

Due to the overwhelming success of our previous Pumpkin Festivals, all families are invited to participate in our annual festival on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 24th**. Each family interested in participating may carve or decorate a pumpkin and bring into school for our display. Use your imagination to create a family original!!! Please, only one pumpkin per family. Let this be a fun way to celebrate for Halloween, however, this is completely optional.

Please drop your pumpkin off at the gym between 7:50am and 8:00am on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH**. **YOU MAY PULL INTO THE PARKING LOT ONLY BEFORE 8:00AM. AFTER 8:00am YOU CANNOT COME INTO LOT.** You will need to park at the Grimes Center and walk down to the gym. You are invited to view the Pumpkin Patch during the day but you must sign in at the office. **ALL PUMPKINS MUST BE PICKED UP THAT DAY BEFORE 2:50pm. PLEASE DO NOT COME INTO SCHOOLYARD BETWEEN 2:50PM-3:30PM. LEFT PUMPKINS WILL BE PLACED OUTSIDE THE GYM DOOR FOR YOU TO PICK UP AFTER 3:30PM.**

Please let us know if you will be participating this year by returning the form below by Monday, October 17th.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

The Pumpkin Festival Committee

The _____ Family will participate in the Pumpkin Festival.

Parent Signature _____



YAA News for the Week of October 3

Homecoming is THIS Saturday. Festivities to begin at 8AM down @ Paddock!

Here are the results of our sports teams for this past week:

- Varsity Football: 10/1 @ St. Annie's: **WIN 16-14**
- JV Football: 10/1 @ St. Annie's: **WIN 22-13**
- 4th Grade Flag Football: 9/30 @ Sacred Heart: **WIN 21-0**
- 3rd Grade Flag Football: 9/30 @ Sacred Heart: **Tie 13-13**
- Varsity Field Hockey:
 - 9/27: @ St. Margaret's, **WIN 5-0**
 - 9/29: @ St. Bernie's, **WIN 2-1**
- 7th & 8th Grade Soccer:
 - 9/27: Notre Dame, **Loss 1-2**
 - 9/29: @ St. Thomas, **WIN 3-0**

Here's what we have to look forward to this week! HOMECOMING

- Varsity Football: 10/8: St. Francis, 10am @ Paddock
- JV Football: 10/8: St. Francis; 1130am @ Paddock
- 4th Grade Flag Football: 10/8: St. Pius; 8am @ Paddock
- 3rd Grade Flag Football: 10/8: St. Francis; 8am @ Paddock
- Cross Country: 10/9 : 1230pm @Belmont Plateau
- Varsity Field Hockey:
 - 10/4: @ SJCN , 345pm
 - 10/5: @ St. Francis, 4pm
- 7th & 8th Grade Soccer:
 - 10/15: Dot's, 4pm @ the Police Field

Upcoming YAA Events:

- October 15th: 6th,7th, and 8th Grade Dance: 8PM
- October 22: 2nd Annual Haunt Jaunt (register online at www.runtheday.com)
- November 5th: Night at the Races. First race starts at 730pm!!!!

If you're not making mistakes, you're not taking risks, and that means you're not going anywhere. The key is to make mistakes faster than the competition, so you have more changes to learn and win." ~ John W. Holt, Jr.

Auction Items
Surf & Turf Dinner for 8-10 people
1st Pew at 8th Grade Graduation
Golf - Philly Cricket Club
Golf - Spring Haven Country Club
Golf - Atlantic City Golf club
Guest Bartender at Oakmont Pub
1st pew at 4:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve
8th Grade Phillies Picture
Pre School and Kindergarten Phillies Pictures
A Night at the Fun Fair - Free rides & dinner
25 SJU Women's Basketball Tickets Any Game
SJU Men's Basketball Tickets
Villanova Men's Basketball Tickets
Bulldawgs Football JV Team Picture
Bulldawgs Football Varsity Team Picture
Happy Hour for 20 of your Closest Friends
Eagles tickets vs. Arizona Cardinals - November 13, 2011
Flyers Tickets
Flag Football Team Picture
Cheerleaders Team Picture
Field Hockey Team Picture
Long weekend at the shore, Sea Isle City, NJ

Raffle
SAMSUNG 32" LCD TV
Chinese Raffle
APPLE IPAD 2
Kindle
Bose Sound dock
Book/Reading Basket
Kids' Activities Basket
Movie Night Basket
Philadelphia Sports Teams Basket
Family Game Night Basket
Fall Harvest Basket
Kitchen/Culinary Basket
Assorted Gift Certificates
Wine Basket
Please Touch Museum
Mom's Bake at Home Pizza