



St. Dorothy

ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Spiritual, Academic, Moral Preparation for the 21st Century

Principal's Newsletter

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Dear Families,

While November always focuses on thanking God for what He gave us, let's consider the following:

- We are able to turn on the tap water and drink the clean water that flows. Many children in the world have no access to clean water.
- We choose from a variety of shoes to wear – sneakers, boots, flip flops. Many children walk miles each day with no shoes.
- Sometimes we grumble at the meal that is served because it is not of our liking. Many children in the world will not eat today because they have no food.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, let an attitude of gratitude permeate our entire beings. Let us be thankful for all that God has given us –the big and the small blessings.



Malvern Swim Meet



Congratulations to Pierce McGuinn and Reilly Schaffer who placed 3rd overall in the competition. Pierce had the highest points of students in grades 4-6 who competed.

Turkey Cup Champions



Congratulations to the Varsity Soccer team for winning the Turkey Cup. The team competed against St. Bernadette's.

PJ Drive

Monday, November 28 is the last day for the Kindergarten Pajama Drive. Pajamas that have been collected will be donated to a homeless shelter in Upper Darby.

Classroom Happenings

Day of the Dead

Spanish teacher Senor Colmenares brought an ancient Mexican tradition to the 6th grade students.

He taught them about Day of the Dead which combines the ancient Aztec custom of celebrating ancestors with All Souls' Day, a holiday that Spanish invaders brought to Mexico starting in the early 1500s.

The holiday, which is celebrated mostly in Mexico on November 1 and 2, is like a family reunion—except dead ancestors are the guests of honor. Day of the Dead is a joyful time that helps people remember the deceased and celebrate their memory.

Senor Colmenares set up a candlelit altar that depicted one that families created in their homes so spirits can find their way back to their relatives. The altar also offers some of the favorite foods of the deceased—just in case they get hungry. Items that were important to the ancestors when they were alive, such as a favorite book or musical instrument, are placed on the altar as well.

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/celebrations/day-of-the-dead>.



Class Pictures

Since all students in grades K-8 will have their pictures taken tomorrow, they must all be in their school uniform.

Smart Aid

The new Financial Aid application cycle for the 2017-18 school year is now open. Families who applied in 16-17 will only need to:

1. Login in (using the username and password from 16-17)
www.smartaidforparents.com
2. Update your information
3. Submit and pay the \$25 application fee

4. Return to the site and upload your 2016 taxes when completed but no later than 3/31/2017.

Current and prospective families should complete the first 3 steps of the application by December 31, 2016.

Instructions and other information that will help you with this process will be posted with this newsletter

Prayer Corner

Please remember Karen Stevenson and Jim Morrissey in your prayers.

We will be praying for the following families next week:

11/21 Davis (Michael), Davis (Blake), DeGuio
11/22 Delaney, DeMaio, DeNick
11/23 Denofa, DiDonato, Dinh

**HAVE A VERY HAPPY
THANKSGIVING.
THANK YOU FOR GIFTING US WITH
YOUR CHILDREN. WE ARE BLESSED
TO HAVE THEM HERE**

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK.

A LOOK AT THE DAYS AHEAD

11/18 Class pictures
11/23 10:00 Kindergarten
Thanksgiving play
Noon Dismissal
No CARES
11/24 Happy Thanksgiving
11/25 No School
11/28 Classes resume
12/2 First Trimester ends
9:00 First Friday liturgy
12/3 Breakfast with Santa
12/4 10:00 Class Mass gr. 5
12/5 2nd Trimester begins
12/8 Feast of the Immaculate
Conception
10:00 Mass
School is in Session
12/9 No School – Teacher
Inservice
7:30 Upper Darby Choir –
Church
12/12 Report Cards distributed
12/15 7:00 Christmas Nativity
K-8 – Church
12/22 Noon Dismissal
No CARES
12/23 No School
12/25 Merry Christmas
12/26 – 1/2/2017 No School
1/3 Classes resume