



# St. Dorothy

## ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Spiritual, Academic, Moral Preparation for the 21st Century

### Principal's Newsletter

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Dear Families,



November is the month of the Holy Souls but it is also known as the month in which we focus on gratitude. Every day before morning prayers, I ask the students to focus on one thing for which they are grateful and, at the end of the day, I ask them to revisit that intention.

There is so much for which to be grateful :our faith, our freedom, our country, our families, our health – the list can go on and on. This month let us all spend some time each day thanking God for His many blessings.

#### Forensics

The first meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 8 at 7:30 p.m. Interested students are asked to bring something to read aloud. I strongly recommend this activity. What the students learn during their time in forensics will last a lifetime and will serve them well. Thank you to Mr. Bob Smith for his commitment and dedication to this very worthwhile activity.

Volleyball



Congratulations to the JV Volleyball team for winning the Region 25 championship! The girls worked hard, were determined and played with heart to bring that championship home for their school. The 2016 JV Volleyball team players are: Aly Albanese, Alessia Astuto, Meredith Burke, Ashley Ciampitti, Nikki DiDonato, Sophia Doan, Katia Hemphill, Ciara Julien, Emily McKenna, Madison McLaughlin, Molly Mishinkash, Lauren O'Mara, Abigail Shade, Helene Stranick and Lucy Wolf.

#### O'Hara Buddies

Students from Cardinal O'Hara High School visited our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students last week and the two groups spent time praying, socializing, and completing an activity. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade was chosen because they will be receiving two sacraments this year – Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Many of the students who came from O'Hara were former students of St. Dorothy.



**Time Change**

Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour this weekend.

**Be Sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit**



On Saturday, Archbishop Charles Chaput will confirm 98 of our PREP and school children. Please keep them in your prayers as they receive this final sacrament of initiation.

**Catholic Community Choir**

St. Dorothy is well represented this weekend in Catholic Community Choir's fall production of The Lion King Jr! We are very proud to see these students taking the stage - Julia Flatley, Abby Griffin, Alaina Gross, Finley Gust, Meghan Kohler, Maggie Lain, Keara McCaffrey, Kaitlyn McCullough, Becky and Gloria Naab, Georgia and Ginger Purcell, Keeley Danese, Emily Griffin and Will Griffin.

**Showtimes:** Thursday, Friday, Saturday, November 3-5 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 PM. Performances are at Cardinal O'Hara High School and tickets are \$12 each at the door.

**Conferences**

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 8. I will be available if you would like to speak with me. Please feel free to stop in.

**Young Authors' Day**

On Wednesday, November 9, professionals from a variety of fields in the Arts will be visiting the students and sharing their craft with them. Some professionals are authors, newspaper editors, and script writers. The day will end with a storyteller.

**Veterans' Day Celebration**

We are looking forward to honoring and thanking veterans on Friday, November 11, beginning at 9:30 in Church with a prayer service. Please make sure you invite any veterans you know to the celebration. We are still looking for photos, so, if you have any, please send them in. They will be returned to you.

**Art Class**

Mrs. Quigley is suffering from stress fractures in her foot and was told by her doctor to stay off of it for a few weeks. Mrs. Meredith Pagliaro has graciously agreed to take the art classes until Mrs. Quigley returns.

**Save the Date**

There will be a parent Home and School meeting on Monday, January 23. Dr. Pat McCormack, IHM, will give a presentation on helping children gain self-discipline. Dr. McCormack is an international speaker on educational formation topics and is the author of several publications. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.

**Cyber Security Presentation**

This past Tuesday, parents of students in grades 7 & 8 were invited to a meeting conducted by Representative Jamie Santora and a member of the District Attorney's office on keeping their children safe while using social media.

On Wednesday, representatives from Representative Santora's office, the District Attorney's office, and Upper Darby police met with the 7 & 8 grade students to teach them about the dangers of misusing the various social media apps that are available to them.

Thank you to the Home & School Board members who arranged this program for the students. We are hoping to have a similar meeting for the students in grades 5 & 6.

Parents play a huge role in keeping their children safe through the monitoring of their devices.

### **Safe Environment Lessons**

On Friday, November 15, all students in grades K-8 will have a Safe Environment lesson. These lessons, which are basically safe touch, are taught twice a year throughout the Archdiocese. They are a response to the Dallas Charter created by the Bishops of the United States to keep our students safe. You may preview the lessons at:

<http://www.aopcatholicschools.org/about/programs/>

**NO FIRST FRIDAY LITURGY  
TOMORROW.**

### **Prayer Corner**

Please remember the following in your prayers: Craig McAnally, the father of Erin, Caitlyn, and Colin, Karen Stevenson, and Jim Morrissey, the uncle of Brynn and Riley.