



St. Dorothy

ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Spiritual, Academic, Moral Preparation for the 21st Century

Principal's Newsletter

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Dear Families,



Pope Francis tells us, "We all have the duty to do good." With a New Year upon us, how can we exercise that "duty"? Because, according to Pope Francis, doing good is not an option, it is our responsibility.

Perhaps we can focus on one area in our lives where we need to focus on doing good. Do we gossip, are we unkind, is there someone we need to forgive? What about our prayer life? Does that need to be strengthened?

Let's see if we can make an effort to heed Pope Francis' message this year.

NCEA AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Audrey Neill who has been awarded the 2017 National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) 2017 Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award. This award recognizes excellence and distinguished service in Catholic school education. Mrs. Neill is one of only forty-two awardees across the nation.

She will be honored at the NCEA 2017 Convention in St. Louis, MO in April. We are proud of Mrs. Neill and are grateful she is a member of our faculty.

School Closing/Delayed Opening

In the event school will be closed or will open late the following procedures will be followed:

Families will be notified via the electronic phone system

Status of school will be announced on KYW radio. The school number is 491. Status will also be posted on CBS and ABC TV stations.

Status will be posted on school website www.saintdorothy.org

St. Dorothy School follows the action taken by the Upper Darby School District.

H&S General Meeting

On Monday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym, Sr. Patricia McCormack, IHM will be presenting on helping children develop self-discipline in their work habits. Sr. Pat is a renowned author and speaker on a variety of topics.

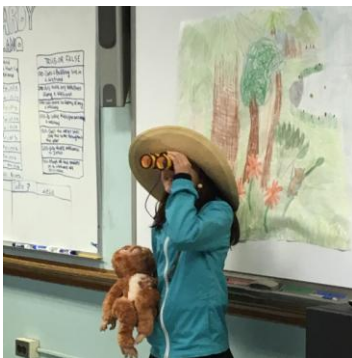
Following Sr. Pat's presentation, there will be an open forum where you may ask questions you may have concerning the school.

Classroom Happenings

On Wednesday, January 11, the 8th grade students will be singing the National Anthem at a St. Joseph University Women's basketball game. Thank you to Mr. Mayo for providing this opportunity for the students.



For the past 3 weeks in the 5th grade science classes, the students have been learning about ecosystems and food chains. The students have learned how an ecosystem is made up of organisms, populations, and communities. The current focus has been on the different types of ecosystems that can be found throughout the world. The first three were the desert, tundra, and grasslands. Students were put into groups and read articles about their assigned ecosystem, created posters about them, and then shared their learning to the other groups. The last three ecosystems they are learning about are the deciduous forest, tropical rainforest, and wetlands. Students were put into groups, researched their chosen ecosystem and created skits and talk shows to present to the class. During these performances, the students were to present the required information in a fun and creative way. They designed props and costumes to enhance their acts. The students had a fun time creating, teaching, and learning! It's amazing how excited students become about learning when they are they teacher!



NO SCHOOL JANUARY 16
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Catholic Schools' Week

Our celebration of Catholic Schools' Week will begin on Sunday, January 29 with the 11:30 liturgy. An Open House will follow at 12:30 in the school. We hope you will join us.

O'Hara Basketball

Former student and current O'Hara High School basketball Senior Mary Sheehan will be playing tonight and looking to score 14 points for a total of 1000 points scored during her high school career. If you are free, please show up at the game which begins at 7:00 p.m. at O'Hara to support Mary in this effort.

Prayer Corner

Please continue your prayers for Karen Stevenson.



DEAR FAMILIES,

Your most generous Christmas gift is deeply appreciated. I am also grateful to you for your support and cooperation. The best gift, however, is your children. Thank you for sharing them; they are priceless treasures. I

hope this New Year brings you many blessings. Gratefully, Louise Sheehan

Thank you so much for your most gracious Christmas Gift! It was very thoughtful and appreciated very much!

Blessings to all of you for a healthy and happy 2017! Sincerely, William Mayo

Thank you so much for your most generous gifts. It was truly appreciated. Thanks for all you do for St. Dot's. Hope you have a wonderful new year!! Karen Buechele

Thank you very much for your generous Christmas gift for the teachers. Your generosity is truly appreciated. St. Dorothy's School is such a wonderful and warm community to be part of. Your support in everything we do helps to make our school the great school that it is. Wishing you many blessings in the New Year. Fondly ,Mrs. Denise McMonagle

Thank you so much for the very generous monetary gift for Christmas. It was so thoughtful of you and appreciated more than you know. I hope you have a wonderful New Year. Mrs. McGowan

Thank you so much for your very generous gift. I am deeply appreciative. I hope your New Year is filled with joy and happiness. Love, Mrs. Neill

Thank you so much for your generosity and support! I loved my new St. Dot's lunch bag and the treats that were filled inside! Happy New Year! Mrs. Diana O'Connor

Thank you so very much for your kindness, good wishes and generosity. May your New

Year be filled with peace, good health, and many blessings. Warmly, (Mrs.) Tricia McGee

Thank you so much for your incredibly generous gift. I am blessed to be a part of the St. Dorothy faculty and to teach your children each and everyday. Best wishes to your family for a healthy and happy 2017!Mrs. Taggart

Thank you so much for your generous "Christmas Elves" gift and St. Dots lunch bag! Your thoughtfulness and generosity are very much appreciated. Wishing all of you much love and happiness in the new year! Fondly, Mrs. Jean Callahan

Thank you for your generous Christmas gift. It was so kind of you to think of me during the hectic holiday time. I am so thankful to be part of such a caring, generous community. I hope your holidays were filled with joy and celebration! Miss McNamee