



# St. Dorothy

## ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Spiritual, Academic, Moral Preparation for the 21st Century

### Principal's Newsletter

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Dear Families,



**Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt."**

-Pope Francis

#### Showcase of Excellence

On Thursday, March 30, 2017, St. Dorothy School will participate in the regional Archdiocesan Showcase of Excellence in the area of art. Selected artwork from students in grades 1 through 8 will be displayed at the Showcase, to be held this year at the Connelly Center at Villanova University from 4-7:30PM. Students whose artwork will be displayed will be notified by the end of the school day Monday, March 27. Much of the artwork has been selected from the schoolwide display which has been on view in the lunchroom since the Catholic Schools Week open house in January. Although it would be wonderful to be able to take artwork from every student, space at the Showcase is limited. All

students in grades 5 through 8 will have the opportunity to display a piece of artwork at the end of year concert on June 1<sup>st</sup> in the gym. Collaborative projects from all students in grades 1-4 will be on view in the gym for Grandparents' Day in May.

#### Willy Wonka

The Bonner & Prendie School Show this spring is Willy Wonka under the direction of Mrs. Suzanne Bruce. St. Dorothy former students are members of the cast: Joe Kane, Pat Kilker, Charlie Miller, Sophia Cavalli, Kaitlin Farren, Kasey Habicht, and Dillon Burke. Performances will be held on March 24, 25, 26 & 31 and April 1 in the newly renovated Bonner & Prendie Auditorium. Following is the link to purchase tickets <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=72892>

#### Home & School General Meeting

On Monday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym we will have a general Home & School meeting on a very important topic – anxiety among our youth and its effects if not dealt with. The presenter will share his/her personal story on coping with mental illness. This topic is useful to parents of children of all ages. More and more children are beset with anxiety.

The meeting is mandatory for parents of students in grades 6, 7, 8 because the presenter will share his/her story with those students on Tuesday, April 4, at 1:00 p.m.

**NO SCHOOL TUESDAY,  
MARCH 28  
PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS**

## Tuition Reminder for Families Returning Next Year

The first quarter tuition payment is due on 4/1/17.

Families that are currently enrolled in Smart's system using the 4 payment option and do not make the quarterly payment on time will be assessed a \$20 late payment fee in addition to changing the quarterly payments back to the "undiscounted" amounts. Accordingly, please make payments on time.

Families that plan to use the one payment option where tuition is paid in full before 8/1/17 (and therefore qualify for a 5% discount) should make sure they are set up in Smart's system for the one payment option. Otherwise, if a family is in the system to make quarterly payments, and does not pay by 4/1/17, the family will be subject to the \$20 late fee.

As announced previously, this year we are offering a 10 month payment plan for those families that prefer the convenience of smaller payments. Again, in order to qualify each family must give Smart Tuition the authorization to make automatic monthly ACH debits beginning on 4/1/17. Please call them at 888.868.8828.

Credit cards and debit cards are subject to bank fees of 2.85%. If you give them your account and routing numbers over the phone (which are on the bottom of your checks anyway) there is no bank fee at all.

Note that each year your family ID number will change to indicate the school year to which your payments are to be posted. Please make sure to use the new family ID number for future payments **and update you bill pay account number at your bank if you are using bill pay**. Example: 1339716009999 will change to 1339717009999 in 2017 and to 18 next year etc. . .So please make sure to reference the new family ID number.

If you want to make a change to your payment plan option, you must re-enroll and select the option you now want. The instructions are attached and Smart Tuition can help you if needed (888.868.8828).

Thank you.

Joseph M. Dougherty, Parish Business Manager

## Confession

On Friday, March 24, students in grades 2-8 will be going to Confession at 1:15; therefore, there will be no Stations of the Cross.

**Broadway Bound**, the children's theater camp for grades 2nd- 8<sup>th</sup> will be pulling into St. Dorothy from June 19<sup>th</sup> through June 23<sup>rd</sup>. This year's One Act Musical will be, "Spill On Aisle 6," a sci-fi musical about a food shopping spree at a grocery store that takes a mysterious twist when two of the kids fall through a "6<sup>th</sup> Dimension" on aisle 6 and must rely on the rest of their friends to use their "brain power" and good old "elbow grease" to bring their buddies back from this other world!

For further information on, **Broadway Bound** at St. Dorothy's gym, please contact William Mayo, (Mr. Bill) at 610-888-1870(txt as well) or email me at [wm52mayo@gmail.com](mailto:wm52mayo@gmail.com)!

## DCIU Science Fair Winners

St. Dorothy's is proud to announce the winners of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit Science Fair. Congratulations to the following student for their work in their specific category: Julia Flatley – Behavioral Sciences, Marikate Kilker—Medicine and Health, Samantha Barr—Botany, Giovanni Calabrese—Zoology, and Ashley Ciampitti—Physics. Each of these students has qualified to move on to the Delaware Valley Science Fair in April. We are so proud of their tremendous effort and excellent work! Way to go, winners! You worked so hard and it shows!

## Prayer Corner

We will be praying for the following families next week:

3/27 Simmons, Smith, Sommers  
3/29 Spahr, Spinelli, Spurlock  
3/30 Standen, Stevenson, Stavish  
3/31 Stewart, Stranick, Stratton