



# St. Dorothy

## ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Spiritual, Academic, Moral Preparation for the 21st Century

### Principal's Newsletter

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Dear Families,

One of my favorite spiritual authors is Sr. Joan Chittister, a Benedictine nun. She is a prolific writer on spirituality. Since we are in the season of Lent when we are called to renew our own spiritually, I wanted to share a quote of hers on prayer.

**“Spirituality without a prayer life is no spirituality at all, and it will not last beyond the first defeats. Prayer is an opening of the self so that the Word of God can break in and make us new. Prayer un.masks. Prayer converts. Prayer impels. Prayer sustains us on the way. Pray for the grace it will take to continue what you would like to quit.”**

#### **Family-to-Family Donations from St. Dorothy School Community**

Your family's participation in the Variety Show and Family-to-Family bingo resulted in \$1,649.45 being donated to Family-to-Family ministry - \$1,530.00 from the Variety Show and \$119.45 from bingo.

#### **Congratulations, Sr. Denise Colgan**

Former 7<sup>th</sup> grade ELA teacher and Sister of Mercy Denise Colgan has co-authored a book entitled *Union and Charity: The Story of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas*. Congratulations to Sister Denise on this outstanding accomplishment.

#### **Youth Symposium at St. Joseph University**

On Tuesday, March 14, students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade will travel to St. Joseph University to participate in the Youth Symposium on the Holocaust. The Youth Symposium is designed to teach young people about

the universal lessons of the Holocaust, including the destructive nature of prejudice and the need for courage in the face of injustice and tyranny. As part of this symposium the students will have an opportunity to enter into small group dialogue with a Holocaust survivor.

The students learn about the Holocaust as part of their study of World War II. Their knowledge was further expanded through reading *Night* by Elie Wiesel.

#### **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.

#### **Safe Environment Lessons**

On Tuesday, March 14, teachers of grades K through 8 will conduct Part 2 Safe Environment lessons for their students. Part 1 was taught in November. These lessons, which are geared to increase students' awareness on ways to keep themselves safe, 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.aop Catholicschools.org/about/programs/>

### Archdiocesan Choral Festival

On Wednesday, March 15, 7 of our students will be travelling to Archbishop Ryan High School to participate in the Honors and Festival Chorus. Congratulations to the following students:

#### Festival Chorus

Emily Bright  
Abigail Griffin  
Keira McCaffrey

#### Honors Chorus

Julia Flatley  
Danielle Furey  
Casey McCullough  
Marikate Kilker

### Honor Band

Congratulations to Quinn McGahey who performed last week in the Archdiocesan Honor Band.

**NOON DISMISSAL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 28  
TEACHER INSERVICE**

**NO CARES**

### Daylight Savings Time



Don't forget to set your clocks forward 1 hour this weekend.

### O'Hara Fair

The O'Hara Fair is around the corner! Stock up on your advance pre-sale tickets now. These green tickets are \$25.00 for a sheet of 20 tickets, each ticket is good for 1 ride (one sheet is good for 20 rides), they never expire and they are the same tickets used at the St. Dot's fair. Contact B.J. Griffin at 610-212-4550 or [Beejer25@verizon.net](mailto:Beejer25@verizon.net) to purchase tickets.

### From the Art Department:

Mrs. Quigley is looking for styrofoam egg cartons to use for a project with the 1st grade in the next couple weeks.

If you have any styrofoam egg cartons to recycle for art, please have your child bring them to Mrs. Quigley at their next art class. Please do not send in cardboard egg cartons.

The art department is also in need of tissues, baby wipes and disinfectant wipes. If you are able to donate any of these items please have your child bring them at art time. Thank you for your help.

### Food Collection

Please help us support the Hibernian Hunger Project by sending in canned goods and/or non-perishable food items. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### Terra Nova Testing

The Terra Nova test will be administered to students in grades 3-8 beginning with InView on Friday, March 17 and continuing through the week of March 20. Please do not schedule any doctor appointments in the morning during that time. Students must be present for the test, and we will not interrupt the class to call students to the office.

Following are some suggestions to help your child be fully prepared for the test:

1. Limit activities the night before the test and be sure your child has a good night's sleep.
2. Make sure your child eats a nutritious breakfast, including protein and carbohydrates.

To qualify for advanced math, students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade must have a CSI of 125, a 90 in math, and an 85 in reading.

### NOPE Presentation

On Monday, March 13, St. Andrew Home & School Association is sponsoring a Narcotics Overdose Prevention & Education (NOPE) program for parents. The presentation is a powerful one and an important one in this day and age. Families from

neighboring schools are invited. The program will be held at 7:00 p.m. in McGettigan Hall. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this invitation.

Here are some facts that I copied from the NOPE flyer about drug overdose among our youth:

Average age of first use is 13.04  
Each day 2,000 teens try prescription drugs to get high for the first time  
One in five teens has abused prescription Drugs  
In 2012, 61 citizens died from an overdose of heroin in Delaware County

### **Pi Day**

March 14 is **Pi Day**. It is a day to celebrate the mathematical constant **pi** ( $\pi$ ) and to eat lots of pie. (Pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter.)

Pi day is celebrated in countries that follow the month/day (m/dd) date format, because the digits in the date, March 14 or 3/14, are the first three digits of  $\pi$  (3.14). Pi Day was founded by Physicist Larry Shaw in 1988.

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade will celebrate Pi day again this year on Tuesday March 14. Students will complete activities working with the number pi ( $\pi$ ). Students will take part in a number scavenger hunt using the numbers they wear to school. They will also have a pi recitation contest to see who can memorize the most digits of pi ( $\pi$ ). Finally they will calculate the circumference, diameter and radius of the delicious pies and circular treats of the day.

### **Prayer Corner**

Please continue your prayers for Karen Stevenson and Lorraine Schuler. The following families will be remembered in our prayers next week:

3/13 Russo (Allison), Russo (Laine), Savva  
3/14 Scaramucci, Scherf, Schumacher  
3/15 Scully, Shade, Shaffer  
3/16 Shallow, Sharkey, Sheffer  
3/17 Shelton, Sherman, Short