



SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Middle States Accredited School Building the Faith One Student at a Time
Office of the Principal, Kevin Conwell

*God with us, make us **one** in mind and heart!*

Dear St. Mary Families,

Spiritual

When St. Paul wrote to the Galatians, he said, "Be servants to one another in love, since the whole of the law is summarized in the one commandment: You must love your neighbor as yourself. If you go snapping at one another and tearing one another to pieces, take care: you will be eaten up by one another."

We have all seen the destruction of relationships when people tear into one another. Sometimes the snapping is behind peoples back, sometimes face-to-face. Either way, it crushes and divides.

We need to all pray that God will guide us to treat each other with the same care that we want for ourselves; and to teach our children this through our daily actions.

Calendar Changes

School will be **closed** on **Wednesday, November 22nd**, for a Faculty Meeting.

Also, the back of the October calendar should state "Classes resume on Monday, November 27th." Not the 30th!



Music

CHERUBIM AND SERAPHIM CHOIR NEWS! We would like to officially induct our new Cherubim and Seraphim members into these choirs, and to re-dedicate our returning members with a **PINNING CEREMONY** immediately after Mass on Tuesday, November 21. All new and rededicated choir members will receive choir pins blessed by Father Bellopede. Parents, please mark your calendars!! We hope you can join us!!

An official letter will come home with choir members next week!

Our newly elected Seraphim Choir Officers are as follows:

President – Jacob Snyder	Vice President – Ryan Ferdock
Secretary – Adam Yarrison	Treasurer – Andrew Grossbauer

Congratulations all, and thank-you!!!!

Remember the Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday, November 18. Below is the schedule of performances –

9:30 – Pre 3' and 4's	11:00 – Second Grade	12:30 – Fifth Grade Signing
10:00 – Kindergarten	11:30 – Third Grade	1:30 – Sixth Grade Chimes
10:30 – First Grade	12:00 – Fourth Grade	
	Recorders	

Since this is not during school hours, we certainly realize that not all students will be participating. Please let Mrs. Weidemoyer if your child can attend (jweidemoyer@smsk-8.org).

Lego Club

The Lego Club is full! If your child has registered, then he/she may attend on Monday, Nov. 6. Anyone who registers after Oct. 27 will be placed on a wait list. Please send in your payment by Monday. Thanks! Mrs. Sozda

Calling all sewing enthusiasts!!! SMS drama needs your help turning newly acquired raw materials into NEW KINGS AND SHEPHERD COSTUMES to be used at our CHRISTMAS PAGEANT and LIVING STATIONS presentations. If you can help, please **contact Mrs. Weidemoyer as soon as possible!**

Community

In the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, Article 12 calls for all dioceses to establish “safe environment” programs at all grade levels. This ongoing education is presented to the students in the parish and regional elementary schools of the Archdiocese as well as in the Parish Religious Education Programs (PREP) two times during the instructional year. This is a mandated obligation from the Archdiocese with the two lessons provided for our teachers.

All students will receive the first of these two lessons later this month. If you have any objections to your child receiving this lesson please notify me by Friday, November 10.

The lessons are available for you to review by visiting www.catholicschools-phl.org and clicking on Safe Environment.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours in the Peace of Christ,

Kevin Conwell

*I am reading “Seven Pillars of Peace” by
Fulton J. Sheen*

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Applications for **BLOCS Scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year** are now open.

If your child is planning on attending an archdiocesan grade school, high school or select private schools, please use the below link to apply with FACTS

In order to apply, you will need to have your most recent tax documents available. 2017 tax documents will need to be uploaded after January to complete your application.

For questions about the application process, please contact FACTS at 866-441-4637.

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