



The Principal's Page

January 18, 2012

St. Katharine Drexel School

“Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.”—Theodore Roosevelt

January 19	Penguins tops
January 20	End of Quarter Pretzel Day 7 PM – 9 PM Student Leaders 5th -8th Grade Dance at Nativity
January 21	Noon Market Day pick-up
January 24	Host Forensics Tournament Meeting
January 25	Report Cards going home
January 26	Dress Down for Technology--\$1.00 donation
January 27	Preschool – 1st grade Family Fun Night
January 28	Forensics Tournament at Peters Township Middle School

Registration Forms

Registration forms were sent home in the family folders last week. The registration fee this year is \$100. However, if you register and pay your registration fee by Tuesday, January 31, 2012, the \$100 will be deducted from your first tuition payment in September of 2012.

Notice!

As many of you may be aware, our school counselor, Mrs. DiCesare, will be going on maternity leave at the end of the month. Mrs. DiCesare's substitute for the remainder of the school year is Miss Sarah Otway. She will be shadowing Mrs. DiCesare beginning on Tuesday, January 24 in order to meet the staff and students at each school. Miss Otway has worked as a school counselor in three schools with students in all grade levels. If your child meets with Mrs. DiCesare individually, this service will continue. Miss Otway will also continue the monthly developmental guidance lessons. If you have any questions or concerns, you may call Al Geyer, AIU3 Counseling Supervisor, at 412-394-5741.

Catholic Schools Week



I would like to thank those who have stepped up to help make our Catholic Schools Week a success. Don't forget to mark the Meet and Greet on your calendars for January 29, 2012 after the 11:30 Mass. Bishop William Waltersheid will be celebrating the Mass and our students will be serving as altar servers, lectors, and ushers. We will have some baskets to raffle off—to have a chance to win all you have to do is attend. If you bring a prospective family with you there will be an extra raffle of a \$25.00 gift card if you are the winner. Any prospective family will also have a chance to win a \$25.00 gift card. Some of our Student Leaders will be acting as tour guides. Come and share your good news about our wonderful school. We need to promote ourselves to everyone around us.

Family Fun Night

We have not rescheduled the Family Fun Night from last week. I will let you know as soon as we have a new date.

However, on Friday, January 27th, we are having a special Family Fun Night. This one is geared to students from Preschool through 1st grade and their families. We have invited families from local preschools and parishes. We hope to have a great attendance and look forward to having you talk up our school and promote us. Be sure to invite one of the visiting families to join us for our Meet and Greet on the 29th, see above.

National Geography Bee Winners

On Wednesday, January 11th the upper level students competed in the annual Geography Bee. Congratulations to Terrence Ahlin, 1st place, Elena Rosenbusch, 2nd place, and Tommy Ahlin, 3rd place. Terrence will take the written test to hopefully advance to the next level.



Congratulations!

It is with great pleasure that I announce that the Golden Apple Nominee for St. Katharine Drexel School is Mrs. Paula Scarlato. Mrs. Scarlato teaches Social Studies to 5th – 8th grades, Religion to 5th & 6th grades, and English to 5th & 6th grades. She volunteers her lunch times to help students who need to finish tests or just need some extra help. She also is the moderator for the National Geography Bee and the Diocesan Spelling Bee. Please be sure to offer Mrs. Scarlato your congratulations when you next see her. She is very deserving of this award and we are certainly praying that she will be one of the winners.

International Food Day Countries

Below you will find the countries that will be represented on International Food Day:

Kindergarten: Germany

1st Grade: China

2nd Grade: Ireland

3rd Grade: Italy

4th Grade: Japan

5th Grade: France

6th Grade: USA

7th Grade: Mexico

8th Grade: Greece

We are thinking about putting together a cookbook and thought our international foods might make a great section. We are asking that each recipe you prepare be emailed to us (that way we can cut and paste and not have to retype everything). You can send it to my email at bechtolskds@gmail.com. In addition, we would like you to email your favorite family recipe or recipes. Hopefully we will get a great response for this and be able to put together a nice cookbook. Some categories might include appetizers, entrees, soups, salads, deserts, and those that can be done by children themselves. If you would be so kind as to mark the category into which you feel your family recipe fits, we would greatly appreciate it. We will have the children do the artwork for the book.



Wine and Beer Tasting

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Wine & Beer Tasting and Silent Auction on February 25. We need volunteers to assist with greeting/check-in, Chinese auction, silent auction tables, beer pouring, and checkout. If you are planning to attend and would like to make this fundraiser successful by volunteering, please contact Glenn Huetter (glemarxav@yahoo.com or (724) 745-4084). This is also a reminder that discounted tickets will be available until January 25 (\$45 per person or \$85.50 per couple). After January 25, the ticket prices will be \$50 per person or \$95 per couple. Order forms are available on the school website.

Did You Know...?

This section will be to inform new families about the way things work or what we have to offer AND to remind returning families about the same things.

Did you know that scholarship monies are available for eligible families? The Private School Aid Service (PSAS) application is used. An independent evaluator assesses the application. This one application is used for Scholastic Opportunities Scholarships and the Bishop's Education Fund and must be postmarked by March 15th. Application forms are available in the school office and online on our website.

In addition, here at St. Katharine Drexel School we have a few other ways to reduce your tuition. If you buy your gift cards through the school, order Market Day, or take part in the Tuition Reduction Raffle each month, you have the opportunity to decrease your tuition each month. These are easy ways to help reduce your tuition. You all buy groceries; why not purchase Giant Eagle, Shop 'n Save or Walmart cards in order to get your groceries or get some of your food from Market Day?

Donations for the 2012 Wine and Beer Tasting and Silent Auction

As of January 17, 2012

Fr. John Bayer and St. Germaine Church donated a George Foreman Grill

Willman & Silvaggio donated a Wine Country Gift Basket and a 1.5L bottle of Tattinger Champagne

Glenn and Diane Huetter donated two (2) General Admission Tickets to the Pittsburgh Wine Festival Grand Tasting, five (5) \$100 Restaurant.com Gift Certificates, and five (5) Big Macs and Five (5) Large Fries from McDonalds

Pennsylvania Trolley Museum donated three (3) Family Passes (each good for 2 adults and 4 children) to the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum

Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium donated two (2) tickets for regular daytime admission, Monday through Friday

Legacy Lanes donated a Legacy Lanes Party Package, a party for up to 5 people that includes 2 hours of bowling, rental shoes, a large pizza and unlimited soft drinks

Gateway Clipper Fleet donated a Gift Certificate for 2 on a Captain's Dinner Dance Cruise

Heinz History Center donated two (2) free admissions to the History Center, Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum, Fort Pitt Museum, or Meadowcroft Rockshelter & Historic Village

Pittsburgh Steelers donated a Troy Polamalu Photograph

Dick's Sporting Goods donated a \$20 Bonus Certificate

Iceoplex donated a Group Pass for 5 for public skating and one (1) South Pointe Basketball Academy Registration for a new customer only

Salon Vivace, Mt. Lebanon, donated a "Whatever It Takes" Complimentary cut, color and/or highlights with Alisha

Penn Brewery donated a \$25 Gift Certificate

Rolling Hills Country Club donated a Round of Golf and Carts for 4 at Rolling Hills Country Club

Ms. Bechtol donated a Classroom Jeans Pass for Week and a Principal for a Day