



# The Principal's Page

January 25, 2012

St. Katharine Drexel School

*“Teacher: Two kinds: the kind that fill you with so much quail shot that you can’t move, and the kind that just give you a little prod behind and you jump to the skies.”—  
Robert Frost*

- January 26**                    **Dress Down for Technology--\$1.00 donation**
- January 27**                    **Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> grade Family Fun Night**
- January 28**                    **Forensics Tournament at Peters Township Middle School  
Market Day Pick-up  
Students will speak at the 4:00 Masses at both parishes**
- January 29**                    **Catholic Schools Week Begins  
Students will speak at all Masses at both parishes  
Bishop Waltersheid will celebrate the 11:30 Mass at St. Germaine  
12:30 – 2:30 Meet and Greet—see below**
- January 30**                    **Service Afternoon—all students are involved in service activities**
- January 31**                    **1:00 PM Catechetical Mass—Fr. Hissrich will conduct a teaching Mass**
- February 1**                    **International Food Day—don’t forget to send in your recipes**
- February 2**                    **Get Up and Move Day  
1:30 PM Wild Weather Adventures assembly**
- February 3**                    **Mix-it-up Day and Life-Sized games in the afternoon**
- February 5**                    **6:00 PM Bingo-mania at Nativity**

## **Do You Want a Rebate?**

If you register by Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, you will receive a \$100 rebate that will be taken off your first month’s tuition for next year. So please, consider registering by next Tuesday to take advantage of this offer. As with all rebates, there is an expiration date!

## **Report Cards**

For several reasons, the report cards are not being sent home today. I will go over each child’s report card with him/her on Friday during the day. Then the report cards will go home at the end of the day on Friday. Please remember that if your tuition is not current, you will not receive the report cards until arrangements are made.

## Catholic Schools Week Meet and Greet



In hopes of drawing in more prospective families, we are holding a Meet and Greet instead of a traditional Open House. All teachers will be here from 12:30 to 2:30. We have asked our Student Leaders to be our tour guides. Ms. Ratay is planning a short musical presentation. All school families are also invited to attend. We ask that if you have an alumnus who is willing to be in attendance to tell prospective families about what a great place SKDS is for education that you permit them to come also. We want to spread the good news about St. Katharine Drexel School and we need you to be able to do that. The staff and administration cannot do this without your help.

We do have some incentives. We should have three baskets to raffle. Come to the Meet and Greet and receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of those. In addition, we will be raffling off two \$25.00 gift cards of your choice from our supply here. One will be for current families who bring a prospective family with them and the other will be for prospective families. So talk us up, invite someone to join you for the Meet and Greet and we look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday.

## Family Fun Night

On Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, we are having a special Family Fun Night at Nativity Gym from 6:45 – 7:45. This one is geared to students from Preschool through 1<sup>st</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>, see above. Come and have fun with us!

## International Food Day Countries

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

Kindergarten: Germany

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: China

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Ireland

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Italy

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Japan

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: France

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: USA

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mexico

8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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. **Today is the last day to order the discounted tickets. If you want that rate, make sure that you contact Glenn Huetter today!**

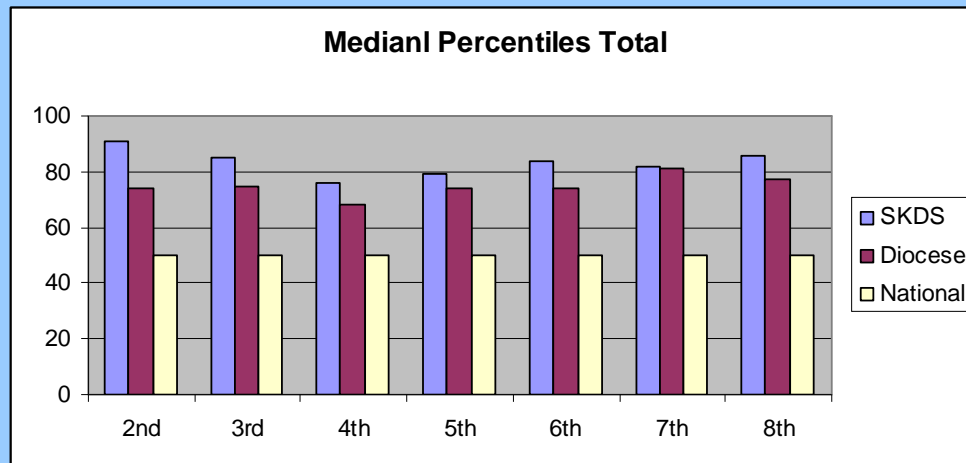
## Sad News

Our students recently made birthday cards for Mrs. Bibro's brother, Brian Campbell, who suffered from ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). Unfortunately Brian passed away on Sunday, January 22, 2012. His funeral will be Friday morning at St. Simon and Jude in Greentree. I will be going as a representative of the school. Please keep Brian, Mrs. Bibro, and all of their family members in your prayers.

## 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 St. Katharine Drexel scored above Diocesan levels on the Median Totals in last year's Terra Nova Tests and well above the national levels? Below is a chart showing the results. We can be extremely proud of our students. We will be taking the texts again in April of this year. And you can rest assured that the students will be well-prepared again this year. New to this year's testing will be Kindergarten and First Grade.



## Help Wanted for Gym floor Maintenance

If anyone is available to help with the weekly maintenance of the gym floor please contact Jim Mitchell at 412-613-2421.