



The Principal's Page

October 27, 2011

St. Katharine Drexel School

"The worst sin toward our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them; that's the essence of inhumanity."—George Bernard Shaw

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SKDS

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| October 27 | Dress Down for Technology \$1.00
6:30 PM Girl Scouts |
| October 28 | 1 PM Halloween Fair |
| October 31 | Clerical Day—No school |
| November 1 | All Saints Day 9:00 Mass 5th & 6th prepare |
| November 2 | Dress Down Day for Make-a-Wish Foundation--\$1.00 donation |
| November 3 | Birthday Treat at lunch for November birthdays
5:00 – 8:00 PM Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| November 4 | Noon Dismissal
12:15 – 3:00 PM Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| November 5 | Forensics Tournament at St. Phillip in Crafton |

Veterans Day Celebration

St. Katharine Drexel School will host its 2nd Annual Veterans Day Celebration to honor all veterans and servicemen. The school is inviting veterans and servicemen and their families to attend the 9 AM Mass on Wednesday, November 9th. At 8:45 AM there will be a flag raising ceremony followed by Mass and a light refreshment reception in the front foyer. Please call the school at 412-833-0223 to RSVP so that enough refreshments are provided. School families are invited to join us to honor these brave men and women. We have all of the pictures from last year. However, if you have any new pictures, please send them in so that we can add them to our Wall beginning next week.



Family Fun Night

Our evening at Nativity included 25 people from St. Joan of Arc. We had a great time and the families from St. Joan of Arc are looking forward to doing this again. If you did not come, you missed out on a great time. Thank you to Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Aiello for organizing this and to Ms. Ratay, Mrs. Puhalla, Ms. Benovitch, and Mrs. Rodaitis who came to help out. And, of course, Fr. H. came to play!

Halloween Fair

Parents who wish to watch the Halloween parade on Friday, October 28, 2011 should gather in the parking lot around 1:00. The parade will start around 1:15, coming from the center doors and parading down to the rectory and then back into the building at the main doors. The rectory staff is looking forward to seeing their costumes. Unless parents have their clearances, they may not be in the building during the afternoon.

Remember that masks and swords are not permitted for safety reasons. The children are looking forward to the afternoon and especially to the fact that they will have no school on Monday.

One of the new items this year is a picture taking "booth". Students will all have the opportunity to have their pictures taken by peering through holes in a "scary" setting. Every student will have a picture taken and some will appear in the yearbook. If you or your child would like a printed copy of this picture, there will be a \$1.00 charge to cover the cost of the printing and materials. These pictures can be ordered at any time up to Friday, November 4th. Once the pictures are printed they will be sent home. Any profit over the actual cost of the printing will be added to the Make-a-Wish collection (see notice below).



Apples for Students

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1. Sign up at www.gianteagle.com/about/apples-for-students or by calling 1-800-474-4777.
2. Provide our School ID **1072**.
3. Each time your Giant Eagle Advantage Card® is scanned, through March 17, 2012, your purchases automatically earn our school FREE educational rewards.

It's that easy, so please do this for our students!



Golden Apple Award

Can we make it 4 years in a row? That's right, it is once again time to nominate a teacher for the Golden Apple Award. Included in your family folders today is the Nomination Form for the Golden Apple Award. Please nominate a teacher and return the nomination form to me by November 4th. Each of our teachers deserves this and I'm glad I am ineligible to nominate because I could not pick just one.

Uniforms

Now that we are getting into colder weather, students should not be wearing shorts to school. Shorts are not acceptable for regular uniforms or gym uniforms at this time. This will be in effect until May 1st. If we do run into a very warm "Indian summer" an email will be sent stating that shorts are acceptable.

Girls should not be layering their tops. This is part of the dress code that parents established prior to my arriving here. If it is necessary for a camisole to be worn under a white top, it must be a white one and must be tucked into the skirt or pants. It may NOT be worn so that it hangs below the uniform top. This is a real issue with some of the upper grade girls. If they cannot follow the dress code, they will be required to remove the top they are wearing under the uniform blouse. I have spoken to several girls about this already, but parents need to reinforce this also.

Tuition Reduction Raffle

Who will get the Halloween treat this year? Don't forget to take a chance on winning! You can't win if you don't put in. The drawing will take place on Friday of this week. LAST CHANCE!



Student Leaders

The Student Leaders are having a fundraiser for the Make-a-Wish Foundation on Wednesday, November 2, 2011. They are asking each student to bring in at least \$1.00 to dress down on Wednesday. Your support will be greatly appreciated.



Night at the Races

We are still looking for volunteers for Night at the Races on November 12. If you received Bridge Foundation scholarship, this is one of the most enjoyable ways to earn volunteer hours. Even if you did not receive one of these scholarships, your help is crucial to making this event a success. We are still looking for help in the following categories: Registration table; Auction table; 50/50; Instant Bingo; Daily Double; Wheel/Post its; Set up crew (Saturday Morning); and Clean up Crew. If everyone takes a shift, the impact on the rest of the evening will be minimal to all. Please contact Glenn Huetter (724-745-4084 or ghuetter@comcast.net) to volunteer or if you have questions. Thanks to all of those who have already done so.

Basket donations are also needed. If you are donating any form of alcohol, please contact Mrs. Prosser. Any other donations can be brought into the school.

Please contact Val Prosser if you can sell tickets after Sunday Masses at either parish.



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 St. Katharine Drexel School admits students of any race, nationality, or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to all students formally accepted into the school? We do not discriminate on the basis of race or national or ethnic origin in the administration of our educational policies, admissions policies, athletic, or other school administered programs. Children who are not Catholic are expected to participate in religion classes and to attend all religious functions of the school/church.

In addition, if you recruit a family who comes to our school, you will receive \$100 off of your next monthly tuition. So talk about the wonderful school we have here to all of your friends. Remind them that we do not strike!

Christmas Candy Sale

The Christmas Candy Sale runs from today, Wed. Oct. 26th thru Mon. Nov. 14th. Our school will again earn 50% profit. You can earn a Jeans Pass if you sell \$30 worth of candy individually or \$50 per family. Please see the insert inside the candy brochure sent home in these weeks Family Folder for more information. Any Questions please call Diane Huetter at 724-745-4084.

St. Bernard's Turf Bowl

I invite all SKDS families to support our 8th grade football players at the St. Bernard's Turf Bowl? The St. Bernard Chargers take on St. Louise de Merrilac, this Saturday, October 28, 8:00PM at Keystone Oaks Stadium. Andy Adamsky and John Selep will be recognized for their accomplishments as 8th Grade football players on the Varsity football team.