



# The Principal's Page

November 2, 2011

St. Katharine Drexel School

*"Knowledge is indivisible. When people grow wise in one direction, they are sure to make it easier for themselves to grow wise in other directions as well."— Isaac Asimov*

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT SKDS

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| <b>November 3</b>  | <b>Birthday Treat at lunch for November birthdays<br/>5:00 – 8:00 PM Parent-Teacher Conferences</b> |
| <b>November 4</b>  | <b>Noon Dismissal<br/>12:15 – 3:00 PM Parent-Teacher Conferences</b>                                |
| <b>November 5</b>  | <b>Forensics Tournament at St. Phillip in Crafton</b>   |
| <b>November 7</b>  | <b>Market Day orders due online</b>   |
| <b>November 9</b>  | <b>9 AM Mass—8<sup>th</sup> prepares—honoring our nation's veterans and servicemen</b>              |
| <b>November 10</b> | <b>Steelers/Pens tops—uniform bottoms<br/>6:30 Girl Scouts</b>                                      |
| <b>November 11</b> | <b>Veterans Day—No School</b>   |
| <b>November 12</b> | <b>Market Day Pick-up<br/>Night at the Races 6 PM Doors Open; 7 PM Post Time</b>                    |

### Veterans Day Celebration

St. Katharine Drexel School will host its 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



### Report Cards

Because of the short week and Holy Day of Obligation, report cards are not ready to be sent home today. I will visit with all of the children tomorrow and they will receive their report cards at the end of the day to bring home to you. Everyone in 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades will receive a report card this quarter. However, if tuition is not current, access to the online grade book will be disabled.

## 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 last week was the Nomination Form for the Golden Apple Award. Please nominate a teacher and return the nomination form along with a letter of recommendation to me by November 4<sup>th</sup>.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognitions

SKDS celebrated the following 8th Grade Girls who participated in the 2011 Volleyball Season under the direction of St. Germaine alumna Miss Nicole Serafini: Olivia Caragein, Nicole Colligan, Bridget Connell, Maura Kelly, and Elena Rosenbusch.

The St Bernard School Athletic Association recognized the following 8th Grade Student Athletes from St Katharine Drexel for their participation in their Fall Sports Programs-Andy Adamsky and John Selep. Congratulations to all and best of luck in their future athletic endeavors!

## Tuition Reduction Raffle

Congratulations to the Yochum family. They won \$22.50 in the October Tuition Reduction Raffle. Who wants to give thanks this month for some extra cash off of their tuition? Send in your raffle chances. This is a short month and the drawing will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.



## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place this Thursday evening from 5:00 – 8:00 and Friday afternoon from 12:15 – 3:00. In your family folders today, there is a form to indicate the hour in which you plan to attend. Remember that conferences are not scheduled by a specific time. However, we would like to have some idea as to when you plan to be here. Please fill this out and return it tomorrow morning.

## Steelers/Penguins Tops

This month, because there are already two other complete dress down days, on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, students are to wear their uniform bottoms with their Steelers or Penguins tops.

## Night at the Races

**Tickets must be purchased by this Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. So don't forget to get those orders in. If you are unable to attend, you can still purchase a horse for \$10.00 to support the school!**



## Make New Friends Daisy Girl Scout Social!

Have fun learning traditional Girl Scout songs, playing games, making crafts, and meeting new Daisy Girl Scout Friends as we celebrate the 100th birthday of Girl Scouting!!! Girls in Kindergarten and First Grade and are interested in joining Girl Scouts are invited to attend this fun social on Monday, November 7th, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at Bethany Lutheran Church on South Park Road. If interested, please contact Jennifer Farmerie at [412-508-9336](tel:412-508-9336) or [jenfarmerie@gmail.com](mailto:jenfarmerie@gmail.com) by Saturday, November 5th.



## Forensics Tournament

Our Forensics Team will compete in the first tournament of the year this Saturday at St. Philip in Crafton. We wish them the very best of luck!



## 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 follows the school delays and closings established by the Bethel Park School District? Listen to the radio and TV announcements made by the Bethel Park School District to determine if St. Katharine Drexel School is delayed or closed. When possible we will announce our own delays, closings or emergencies on WTAE-TV, KDKA-TV, and WPXI-TV.

**If an announced delay does not specifically mention St. Katharine Drexel School, but does name one of the public districts that service our school, only those children who live in that district should follow the announcement. Children who ride the buses of other districts who are not delayed or who walk or are driven should arrive at the normal time. Remember that you, as parents, make the final decision as to the safety of your children. PLEASE NOTE: Because our attendance registers are legal indicators of a child's presence at the times we are in session, children who arrive late or are absent because of busing when school is in session will be marked Excused Tardy or Excused Absence.**

## Halloween Picture Orders

Pictures of all the children were taken at the Halloween Party using a Halloween face cut out background, if you would like to purchase a picture of your child(ren) Please place the order using the form in the Family Folder today.