



The Principal's Page

September 7, 2011

St. Katharine Drexel School

"To be taught in the arts, softens the manners and makes us gentle."--Ovid

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SKDS

- September 9** **2:00 PM Prayer Service commemorating 9-11**
Steelers Tops—Season Opener this weekend!
6:30 PM Girls' Volleyball home against Madonna
- September 12** **Market Day orders due online**
7 PM Protecting God's Children workshop at Nativity
- September 14** **9 AM Mass—5th & 6th prepare**
6:30 PM Girl's Volleyball at home
- September 15** **Family Fun Night**
- September 17** **9 AM – 4 PM Alcosan Open House for public**
Market Day Pick-up

Steelers Pool

There are blocks still available for the next four Steelers games. The blocks are \$20.00 for all four games. They payout is \$50.00 for each of the first 3 quarters and \$100.00 for the final score. You get new numbers each week. If you are interested, send in your \$20.00 with your name, email address, and preferred block(s) which are numbered up to 100. Note if you want the same block(s) all season (you can still pay every 4 weeks). If your chosen block is already taken, you will be notified.

Tuition Reduction Raffle

We did a drawing for August. The winner of \$26.00 off of the next tuition payment is the Gilfoyle family. Congratulations—not bad for less than a week of turning in tickets. Don't forget to send in your money for the September drawing, which will take place on the 30th.

Protecting God's Children

All volunteers are required to take the Protecting God's Children workshop. We are very lucky that this will be offered on September 12 at Nativity in the Cafeteria. There is no charge for this and it is adults only. If you need to take this workshop, please call Nativity at 412-655-3000 to register. Without this class you will not be able to be in contact with the children—including field trips and class events.

Target Check

I am happy to report that we received our Target® check for the 2011 Take Charge of Education donation check. The amount was \$359.59. Thank you to everyone who uses this program. It costs you nothing to use your REDcard® and we get up to 1% of your purchases. See our web site for more information or call the school office.

Uniforms

In your family folders today you will find a copy of the St. Katharine Drexel Dress Code. Last year I had asked if anyone would like to work with me on any changes since not all students were abiding by the code. No one volunteered. So the code will remain as written, other than the item that says, under Hair, "Natural coloring preferred". The students should not be coloring their hair with products that are not natural colors. Natural highlighting, meaning lightening small portions of the hair, is permitted. However, since no major changes have been made the code will be enforced. So please note the things that are in the "No" column, such as cargo pants, capris, and layering of tops, to mention a few. The only other change, as you can see, is the change to the tops for church. Also, the gym uniform needs to be what the parents chose prior to my coming! Wearing whatever the children want to wear for gym is not acceptable. **Order forms for the gym uniform are on the back of the Uniform Policy.** Thank you for supporting the dress code!

The Search is On...

The search is on to find our top youth volunteer. If a student is selected the prize is \$1,000, an impressive silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C., next May. If your child is in 5th – 8th grade and feels they've made a positive difference through a volunteer activity during the past year, visit <http://spirit.prudential.com> to apply. Volunteer activity has to have occurred at least in part after September 1, 2010. The online application gives all directions and it must be submitted to me by November 1, 2011 to be considered.

GoodSearch

Only 13 people have been supporting our efforts at GoodSearch and GoodShop. Those 13 people have helped raise a little over \$179.00 since we began this program. Please go to www.goodsearch.com and download the toolbar. This will help you to remember to use GoodSearch as your search engine and every time you search through them we receive about 1 cent. If you use GoodShop, the first time or two you go to a site that is also listed on GoodShop, you will be asked if you want your purchase to benefit St. Katharine Drexel. Once you respond yes a couple of times, it won't ask each time. But your toolbar will show you the percentage that will come to our school. Again, this is a very simple way to raise money for our school without putting anything out of your pocket or asking anyone else to purchase something. Just ask everyone you know to use GoodSearch!

September 11

We will be holding a prayer service on Friday, September 9th to remember the tragedies that occurred on September 11, 2001. We will meet in the church at 2:00 PM and you are more than welcome to join us. We would love to have a large group come in and pray with us.

Also, don't forget to send in the names, addresses, and pictures of servicemen and women. Our 7th & 8th graders have already started their correspondence and we want to get everyone else going soon also. If you don't have a picture yet, at least get us the names and addresses. We want to have all of that started and going strong before we have our Veterans Day celebration this year.

STEELERS OPENER THIS WEEKEND



GO STEELERS!!