

SAINT PHILIP NERI RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
PARENT NEWSLETTER **OCTOBER 2009**



Dear Families,

Guardian angels were working overtime on Tuesday, the 13th when Colonial Elementary thought there were no classes here. Most of the children were redirected to Saint Philip's, but a number of children went home. Please **always have your child know what to do in case of an emergency on Tuesday afternoon.**

As our year begins, you must have noticed the increase in our numbers. We use every available classroom so if we get much bigger, it will be necessary to add another day or an evening session. I will definitely do a survey before adding anything. Early registration will give families the choice of times.

When the calendar was planned, Colonial did not have that early dismissal for parent teacher conferences. Because we are off September 20, November 3, and December 8, **we are going to have class on October 27.** Bad weather often hits at 4 on Tuesday afternoons so we might have another class lost before the end of the year. If your child attends an after school care service at Whitmarsh Elementary, Ridge Park, or Colonial Elementary, Sague bus will pick your child up. I need to know who will be using this bus on October 27, and you will need to give written permission to that school service.

Those who volunteered to help Lisa O'Brien will receive a calendar. If you miss your "turn," please make up for it when you can. Prayers are welcome all the time. Her address is 250 ridge Pike, Unit 139A, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444.

Get the school year off to a fun start and help feed the hungry! **Bring a jar of peanut butter and jelly to our program on October 27.** The peanut butter and jelly collection will be given to the Patrician Society in Norristown. They are always most appreciative!

There will be a special Mass on November 2 at 7 PM to remember those who have died in the past year.

Our KYW number for emergency closing is 1137.

- ❖ Scrolled on the screen of TV stations CBS3 and CW Philly 57
- ❖ On KYW Newsradio School Closing Phone line at 215-925-1060
- ❖ **New:** You can receive a call with school closing information if you sign up for the KYW Storm Center Phone alerts at kyw1060.com. For more information, click on the KYW School Closing link on the webpage.
- ❖ **New:** You can receive a Text Alert to cell phones and PDAs. Sign up at KYW1060.com and click on the KYW School Closings link for details.

Our pretzel program is going well. Remember, if your child is not getting one, you need to pack a snack.

Reminders

- October 19 Confirmation Night for **parents and candidates**
In Church 7:30 to 8:30
- October 20 Catechist Night at Corpus Christi NO CLASS
- October 27 Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive
All Saints Prayer Service ~ 4:30 in Church Regular
- Dismissal
- November 2 Feast of All Souls Mass 7 PM
- November 3 NO CLASS **Election Day**
- November 7 Grade 2 Penance Retreat **(Parents and Candidates)**
9:30-11:30 AM School Auditorium
- November 24 Thanksgiving Prayer Service – Bring canned/dry food offering
(Dismissal from Church)
- November 29 No Kindergarten Class Thanksgiving weekend
Advent Event 3 PM School Hall
- December 7 Children’s Advent Celebration 7 PM Mass
- December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holyday of Obligation
- NO CLASS
- December 13 Grade 2 Presentation of the Candidates
10/11:30 Masses
- December 22 Advent Liturgy – 4:30 PM with Baby Formula Offering
(Dismissal from Church)

The Cross and Christ's Love

Jesus came into this world for one purpose. He came to give us the Good News that God loves us, that God is love, that he loves you, and he loves me. He wants us to love one another as he loves each one of us. Let us love him. How did the Father love him? He gave him to us. How did Jesus love you and me? ~ by giving his life. He gave all he had ~ his

life ~ for you and me. He died on the cross because he loved us, and he wants us to love one another as he loves each one of us. When we look at the cross, we know how he loved us. When we look at the manger we know how he loves us now, you and me, your family, and everybody's family with a tender love. That is all Jesus came to teach us, the tender love of God. "I have called you by your name, you are mine."

Blessed Teresa of
Calcutta

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (1997) won the Nobel Peace Prize and founded the Missionaries of Charity.