

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL

“Where Faith and Knowledge Meet”

I. 2018-2019 WRAP-UP

Faculty Farewells

It is with much sadness that we say farewell to some of our faculty and staff members. They have truly been dedicated to our school and our students. As they leave us to pursue the leisure of retirement or other personal endeavors, we send them off with our gratitude, our appreciation, and our love. Please join me in saying a fond farewell to: **Stacey Groetsch, Theresa Hebert, Rebecca Kieffer, Jill Rabalais, Debra Ulfers, and Jennifer Williams.**

Good-bye Mrs. Harney

It will be with great difficulty that the faculty, staff, students and parents say good-bye to Mrs. Sue Harney. After twenty-seven years at St. Philip, Mrs. Harney will be retiring! She has touched the lives of faculty, students, and parents and will always be remembered as a very professional, yet caring person. We hope that she enjoys a long and happy retirement!!! Thanks, Mrs. Harney! Read Mrs. Harney’s Farewell Letter on our website!

7th Grade Award Recipients

- **Scholastic Achievement:** This award is presented to the students who have achieved the Gold or Silver Honor Roll for each quarter of the 2018-19 school year. We recognized these students for their hard work and diligence: **Max Bartlett, Ella Brown, Tam An Bui, Dakota Comeaux, Grace Cortez, Hannah Cox, Albert Favalora, Mary Cate Garvey, Meg Garvey, Amy Gegenheimer, Evan Giarratano, Faith Hammons, Ava Kirsch, Clare Kirsch, Krista Lara, Braeden LeBlanc, Lauren Ledet, Evan Liang, Isabella McCann, Dylan Patel, Hayden Perilloux, Ray Phipps, Elise Rogers, Noah Schexnayder, Kali Schopfer, Joshua Solomon and Grace Williams.**
- **Christian Citizenship:** This award goes to the 7th grade students who best exemplify to the faculty and administration the characteristics and qualities of a true Christian attitude in daily interactions with teachers and peers. The awards went to **Patrick Garvey and Ella Brown.**
- **Grandparents’ Club Scholarship:** The Grandparents’ Club of SPN bestows on two 7th grade boys and two 7th grade girls a scholarship for \$500 payable to the Catholic high

school that they will be attending next year. The Middle School faculty and administration have chosen the recipients of these scholarships based on the criteria established by the SPN Grandparents' Club Board. The recipients are: **Max Bartlett, Amy Gegenheimer, Isabella McCann and Joshua Solomon.**

- **Ladies' Co-Op Scholarship:** The SPN Ladies' Co-Op award a \$500 scholarship to one 7th grade boy and girl who exhibit outstanding characteristics in the areas of academic achievement, leadership, service, school spirit, and Christian attitude. This year's recipients of the scholarships are **Eduardo Lagos and Dakota Comeaux.**
- **Stephen Bischof Award:** The St. Philip Neri Men's Club presents two awards of \$250 each to a 7th grade boy and girl in memory of SPN Alum, Stephen Bischof. Chosen by middle school faculty and administration, this year the award is presented to **Evan Giarratano and Kali Schopfer.**
- **Kaitlyn Pitfield Memorial Scholarship:** This \$1000 scholarship is presented by the Pitfield family in honor of their daughter, Kaitlyn, who was a student at SPN from 2001-2005. For this award, the 7th grade class votes on the "nicest" person in 7th grade. This year's recipient, voted by her peers, is **Clare Kirsch.**
- **Duke University Talent Identification Program:** This program invites students who have scored at the 95th percentile in the Math, Verbal or Composite sections of their standardized testing to take either the SAT or the ACT tests given to high school juniors and seniors to identify academically gifted students. The following eligible students participated in the testing: **Ella Brown, Amy Gegenheimer, Jade Hermann, Braeden LeBlanc, Evan Liang and Dylan Patel.**
The following eligible students' scores qualified them for State Recognition in the program: Max Bartlett, Dakota Comeaux, and Faith Hammons.
One student, Max Bartlett's scores qualified him for Grand Recognition!
Congratulations to all of our students.
- **High School Scholarship Recipients:** These awards recognize SPN students who have received a scholarship from the school they will be attending next year. This year we would like to recognize the following students:

Brother Martin High School – Evan Liang

Rummel High School – Evan Giarrantano and Braeden LeBlanc

Chapelle High School – Dakota Comeaux

Academic Games: Congratulations to **6th Grader, Elizabeth Hamilton**, for receiving the **1st place Sweepstakes at the New Orleans Academic Games League Spring Awards held at Christian Brothers School on Monday, May 13th**. Elizabeth is the top elementary player in the New Orleans League which is comprised of parochial, public and private schools. **Elizabeth Hamilton and Max Bartlett, an SPN 7th grader, both qualified to attend the Academic Games League of America National Tournament in Orlando in April. We are so proud of both of these students.**

SPN Ladies' Co-Op and Men's Club

I would like to extend a very special thank-you to the members of the SPN Ladies' Co-Op and SPN Men's Club. These very active parish organizations provide monetary support to the school, as well as their time and talent. It is this support and encouragement that provides so many extra advantages for our students. I would especially like to thank Ladies' Co-Op Presidents, **Kristin Tschirn and Kristen Braud, and Men's Club President, Brian Chauvin , and all of the Board members for these organizations.**

Summer Office Hours

The office will be closed after 11:00 on Friday, May 24th. The office will re-open on **Tuesday, May 28th and will remain open through June 7th**. Summer office hours will be from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The office will be **closed from June 10th through July 31st, and re-opening August 1st**

SPN CampTastic

Summer camp will be held on our campus from June 3rd-August 2nd. Our summer camp is staffed by ST. Philip Neri school personnel. All counselors and staff have been Safe Environment trained by Archdiocesan personnel and have completed successful background checks and screenings. For more information regarding fees, registration, availability, etc. please contact **Christine Grote or Wendy Paladino at (504) 887-5600.**

In and Around Campus:

- **6th Graders** went to BizTown in April where they learned the workings of a city. **Libbey Luminais**, our "mayor" opened the town for business and the students participated at various levels from CEO of a company to a sanitation worker!
- **2nd Graders** made their 1st Communion on April 6th....sooo proud of them! They also went on a Swamp Tour to observe animals in their natural habitat and they had a special visitor, Private Seth Silva, whom the student sent to him a Flat Stanley and wrote to him in the Army.

- **Girls' Softball team** finished their season as **Metro Champions** and thanks to our **athletic director, Mrs. Terminie**, we had a fabulous athletic banquet on May 7th to celebrate all of our athletes and coaches!
- The Student Council held a Middle School "spirit day" to celebrate our May Fair theme. The students dressed in Christmas attire, decorated lockers, and performed class songs. **The winning class was our 5th graders!!!!**
- **6th Graders** completed a math probability project, in which groups of 2 created a unique carnival game based on probability. The project culminated with a **Probability Carnival**, where the students brought their games to school and they played each of the groups' probability games.
- **Kindergarten students** participated in their traditional project of making clothespin crosses for Easter. Fr. Mike came to the classrooms to bless all of the crosses!
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Labels for Education/Winn Dixie Community Pals/Target – Please remember to save box tops and labels over the summer. The school received money from participating companies. Items that should be saved include **Campbell's Labels for Education** and **Community Coffee UPCs**. Also, we encourage your patronage at our local **Winn-Dixie** stores and **Target**. Based on your patronage, these programs have traditionally brought close to \$2000 into our schools.

Suggested Summer Reading – A suggested summer reading list is posted on our website. This list serves as a resource for suggested reading. **Students will NOT be tested on summer reading, nor will they be required to complete book reports.** It is important that students learn to read for enjoyment. They may choose books from the grade they are completing as well as the grade they are entering.

School Notification System – In an effort to improve communications between school and parents, we will continue to use our telephone broadcast system that enables school personnel to notify all households and parents by cell phone. This system allows us to communicate general announcements, reminders, or emergency information. The service will call all listed home phone numbers and mothers' and fathers' cell phones (unless otherwise directed). Please be sure of the following: activate your voice mail on your cell phones; Be sure that your answer machine picks up by the fourth ring; and most importantly, if any of your numbers change, notify the office immediately.

School Supplies

For parents who have pre-ordered packaged school supplies, the scheduled pick-up date for the supplies will be August 15th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

SPN Alumni News

- Congratulations to **Kaitlyn Freese**, SPN Class of 2014, on becoming **valedictorian** of Mt. Carmel Academy for the class of 2019! We are so proud!!!
- Congratulations to SPN Alum, **Luke Hightower**, a senior at Archbishop Rummel High School, who has earned the highest title of **National Merit Scholar Finalist**. We are so proud of Luke who graduated from SPN in 2014. Congratulations !!!

With Thanks.....

- Thanks to Men's Club for the \$11,000 from the SPN Crawfish Cookoff ,
- Thanks to Ladies' Co-Op for their check for \$27,989.31
- Thanks to SPN Grandparents' Club for their donation of \$2000
- Thanks to all parents and grandparents who pledged for the BoosterThon Fun Fun. We were able to raise \$27,000
- Thanks to all parents, grandparents, parishioners and friends, who participated in our \$10,000 Raffle. The school's profit came to \$54,000.

Your generosity has helped us to keep tuition down, while providing our students with updated technology, security, and extra-curricular programs! Thanks from all of us!!!

II. 2019-2020 INFORMATION

Welcome to SPN School

Please join us as we welcome new faculty members to our campus:

Principal – Mr. Richard Hill

Asst. Principal – Mrs. Michele Milano

1st grade teacher– Mrs. Katherine Simpson

3rd grade teacher-Mrs. Susan Dlugos

Middle School math teacher-Mrs. Elena Delahoussaye

Librarian-Mrs. Jennifer Allen

First Day of School (Grades K-7)

We will begin the 2019-2020 school year with two half-days.....**Thursday, August 22nd and Friday, August 23rd. Dismissal on both days will be at 11:00 a.m. The later start to the school year is to be sure that all renovations in the Assembly Hall are completed.**

On the first day of school (August 22nd) students will report to the fenced area. Class lists will be posted for parents and students to find assigned classes. Parents may then escort their children to their assigned classrooms.

Lunch Program

Our school lunch program begins on our first full day of school (August 26th). Lunch accounts may be pre-funded on-line prior to the first day of lunch. Menus will also be available on-line for your perusal. **The new cost for hot lunches for the 2019-2020 school year will be \$3.00.** For questions or concerns, please call the office (**887-5600**) and speak to either **Denise Gardner or Christine Grote.**

School Hours

Our school hours for 2019-2020 will be from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. for a full day. Students are considered tardy after 8:30 a.m. **Please Note: There is no supervision before 8:00 a.m. or after 3:45 p.m. If you must bring or pick-up your children before/after these times, you must register them for Before/After Care Program.**

PK3/PK4 Orientation and 1st Day SchedulePK3/PK4 Orientation will be on August 20th for parents only. Beginning at 6:00 p.m. parents may purchase totes, smocks, and sleep mats from the Viking Shop (campus bookstore). **Orientation begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.** Teachers and assistants will be introduced to the parents and then all will proceed to the classrooms. Parents should bring all school supplies to Orientation.

August 22nd (8:30-10:30 a.m.)

Parents and students with last names **A-K** will meet teachers in the classroom. (Please be prompt). Parents will remain with their children for the first hour, and then will be asked to leave the classroom for the second hour.

August 23rd (8:30-10:30 a.m.)

Parents and students with last names **L-Z** will meet teachers in the classroom. (Please be prompt). Parents will remain with their children for the first hour, and then will be asked to leave the classroom for the second hour.

August 26th - First regular day of school for all students. Parents should bring students to the classroom beginning at 8:15 a.m. but no later than 8:30 a.m. Parents should pick-up students at 3:20 p.m.

Uniforms

St. Philip Neri School uniforms for girls and boys PK3-7th grade may be purchased at School Time Uniforms (Schiro's) or Kajan's uniforms. Boys may also purchase uniforms at Perret's Army & Outdoor Stores. Boys in PK3-7th will continue to wear a black leather athletic shoe which may be purchased anywhere.

PLEASE NOTE: Girls uniform shoes will be either a black and white saddle oxford athletic shoe OR a regular leather black and white saddle oxford. These saddle oxfords are available at Ponsetti's.

PLEASE NOTE: St. Philip Neri uniform socks MUST be purchased at the SPN Viking Shop. All forms are available on the website!

Viking Shop Hours

All pre-ordered PE Uniforms, SPN uniform socks, book sox, PK totes, smocks, sleep mats, as well as various other school supplies sold through the Viking Shop, will be available for pick-up **at SPN on Thursday, August 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

For your convenience, the SPN Viking Shop hours for the beginning of the school year will be as follows: **August 20th (PK3 and PK4 students only) from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.; On Tuesday, August 27 and Thursday, August 29th: 8:00 – 8:45a.m.**

Regular Viking Shop hours will begin the first week of September on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

Please Note: Only students in grades PK3-3rd grade must have PE uniform shirts. Students in grades 4th-7th will wear their regular uniform shirts/blouses for PE. Also, please be aware that ALL students will wear the regular uniform shoes on PE days.

Bus Transportation

Bus transportation is provided to students residing in St. Philip Neri Church Parish district who live a mile or more from school. **PK3 and PK4 students are NOT eligible for bus transportation.** Individual bus drivers will contact their riders regarding location and time of stops. Any questions regarding transportation should be directed to the Jefferson Parish Department of Transportation at 349-7721.

Before and After Care

St. Philip Neri School will continue to have our Before/After School Care Program for the 2019- 2020 school year. **Before Care begins at 7:00 a.m. and After Care continues until 6:00 p.m. Before Care will begin on August 22nd and After Care will begin on August 26th .**

Parents will be invoiced for before/after care on the first of the month for services provided during the previous month. One invoice per family will be sent home indicating each child's usage of the program. A late fee of \$2 per day will be charged if payment is not received by the 10th of the month. Should payments become delinquent for more than two months, loss of privileges to the programs will result.

Please Note: Any car riders remaining after 3:45 P.M. will be sent to After-School Care and will be invoiced. Any students participating in extra-curricular activities who have not been picked up by the designated time will be sent to After-School Care and parents will be invoiced. For the safety of the children, when picking-up from After-School Care, all students must be signed-out by an adult who can provide all required information.

Required Immunizations

Kindergarten/First Time Enterers: Two doses of varicella will be required in LA schools for entry into PK and Kindergarten. In addition, prior to school entry, these students must have documented proof of immunizations for: two (2) doses of MMR; three (3) HBV; two (2) Varicella; and booster doses of DtaP and Polio vaccines administered on or after their 4th birthday **and** prior to school entry. If a child is not complete (up-to-date for age), he/she must present a record indicating the child is in progress of receiving vaccines.

Middle School Requirements: Middle school student shall provide satisfactory evidence of current immunization against meningococcal disease and any other age appropriate vaccine as a condition of entry into the sixth grade. Further, any student who has attained the age of eleven years or who is entering a grade other than grade six shall provide satisfactory evidence of current immunizations against meningococcal disease and any other age appropriate vaccine as a condition of entry into that grade

Please Note: Please make a copy of our "Save the Date" page following this bulletin. It will give you some important dates to remember for the beginning of the 2018-19 school year. Also, we will be posting information and forms online as much as possible. Please go to the website to obtain forms for the Viking Shop, CampTastic, uniforms, etc.

Grandparent Club

The 2019-2020 Grandparent Club Board Members are:

President: Fran Vicknair

Secretary: Donna Langevin

Vice-President: Bonnie Thiery

Treasurer: Larry Langevin

SAVE THE DATE

2019-2020

July 13th	Used Uniform Sale	10:00-12:00 (PC)
August 15th	Viking Shop Pick-UP	9:00-3:00
	Ordered Supplies PickUp	
August 20th	PK3/PK4 Viking Shop	6:30 p.m.
	PK3/PK4 Orientation	7:00 p.m
August 21st	K-2nd Meet N Greet	1:00-3:00 p.m.
August 22nd	1st Day of School (K-7th)	8:30-11:00 a.m.
	1st Day (PK3-PK4 A-K)	8:30-10:30 a.m.
	Before School Care Begins	7:00-8:00 a.m.
August 23rd	2nd Day of (K-7)	8:30-11:00 a.m.
	2nd Day (PK3-PK4 L-Z)	8:30-10:30 a.m.
August 27th	Middle School Open House	6:30 p.m.
August 29th	K-4th Open House	6:30 p.m.
August 30th	1st School Mass	9:00 a.m.
September 2nd	Labor Day Holiday	