



School Family Newsletter ~ May 24, 2018



It has been a wonderful year! And now is the time of year I always attempt to thank the many, many people who have made what we do here possible. It is impossible to name each one. In some way, I know that each and every one of our parents have used their time and talents to make the experience of our students better. Know that I am so very grateful for all that you do and the many extra hours many of you have put in. There are no adequate words—just know that my thanks are sincere.

Another Staffing Change

I learned last week that Mrs. Smith has decided to take a new position with the Dassel-Cokato district next fall. We are very sad to see her go but understand that this is a great opportunity for her.



Graduation Day

Tomorrow is our Graduation Day for 5th grade, our final Mass of the year, and our picnic day for the K-4 students. We hope that many families will be able to join us for Mass. Note that it is at 9:00 instead of 8:30 this week. Students are asked to dress up especially for this Mass and will be given an opportunity to change into shorts before the picnics



. Many thanks to the 4th grade parents for providing and serving the meal for our 5th grade students and their families and the school staff following graduation. We appreciate your extra efforts to make this a special day for the class.

Congratulations to our 5th graders!

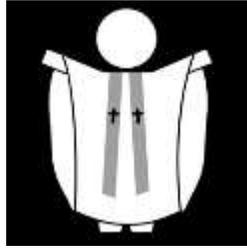
School Survey



Thank you for your feedback on our annual school survey. We had 21 total responses. Please see the attachment for the highlights. We appreciate your insight.

Fr. Joe's Celebration

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend Fr. Joe's celebration on Monday, May 18 at 6:00 – 8:00 PM at St. Philip's Church.



couple of clean-up nights. We have designated June 6 & 7 beginning at 5:00. Please let the office know if you are able to come and help.

Mr. Brooks' Summer Reading Challenge

Mr. Mike Brooks has presented our students (and staff) with an exciting summer reading challenge. If they read 200 books he will donate \$100 toward a field trip. If they read 300 books, he will donate \$300. You will receive a link via email to add the books you have read to our Google Form this summer.



Tuition Contracts and Scholarship Applications

Just a reminder to please return the school tuition contracts for 2018-2019 ASAP. If you plan to apply for a scholarship, please return the green form by June 1. You will also get \$50 off the registration fee if you pay it by this date.



Event Helpers

Thank you to our helpers that assisted in the last few days with events and field trips: Richard Thompson, Alana Caron, Diane Springer, and Lori Lehar.

School Clean-up Nights

Once again we are asking for parent volunteers to help lighten Mr. Eischen's load this summer by helping with a



**Have a
wonderful
summer!**

School Mission Statement

The School of St. Philip is committed to guiding our students toward academic excellence in a safe, nurturing, and respectful environment with Catholic values that will empower them to be leaders in faith and knowledge in our diverse and ever-changing world.



School Survey Highlights

To what extent are you satisfied with the educational experience your child has received at the School of St. Philip this year? (1-5 scale)

- 1—0%
- 2—0%
- 3—4.8%
- 4—14.3%
- 5—81%

I feel the most effective form(s) of home/school communication is---

- *Email was the most common response.
- *One additional suggestion is to put a texting system in place.

In what curriculum area(s) do you feel our school as a whole is strongest?

- *Language/Reading/Writing or Religion were the most common responses.

In what curriculum area(s) do you feel our school as a whole most needs to grow?

- *Interestingly, there was not a noticeable common answer. Science/STEM/Math may be an area to look in the future.

How would you rate the level of feedback and other assessments your child receives from his/her teachers?

- 1—0%
- 2—4.8%
- 3—19%
- 4—23.8%
- 5—52.4%

What changes would you make to our mission and philosophy statements if given the opportunity?

*Most responded that they liked it as is. One suggestion to add cultivating creative thinking and problem solving. Another suggestion was to shorten it.

What family events do you find valuable?

*The most valuable events appeared to be the Christmas Program, Fine Arts Night, Grandparents Day, and the Back-to-School Barbecue.

*The least valuable events appeared to be the Scholarship Fundraiser and the CSW parent appreciation.

What suggestions do you have about adding, changing, or eliminating family events?

*Suggestions were too varied to list. We'll address with School Committee.

Would the addition of a school breakfast program be beneficial to your family/child?

Yes – 14.3%

No – 57.1%

Maybe – 28.6%