



Family Newsletter ~ January 3, 2019

Christmas Thank You

Many thanks to all of our room parents, families, and children for the special gifts, party planning, and concert help in that last week before break. You again went above and beyond to make our celebrations memorable. Thank you!

Catholic United Financial Schools Raffle

Once again our school is fortunate to be able to take part in the Catholic United Financial Schools Raffle which will kick off next Friday, January 11. This fundraiser is great for us because Catholic United provides all the prizes for the raffle, the student incentives, and the cost of advertising. Tickets are \$5 each and 100% of that money comes directly to our school. We hope that all families will take some books to sell and help us reach our \$10,000 goal. To get books of tickets, simply contact Mrs. Roers in the school office and she will send them home with your child. The sale will continue until Feb. 24. Be sure all checks are made payable to the School of St. Philip.



We would also like to have families volunteer to be available to sell the raffle tickets before and/or after Sunday Masses. If you are



interested in volunteering, let me know so I can make arrangements to have Fr. Jeff or Fr. Brian announce it to the congregation.

Keep in mind that this is one way for your family to meet the fundraising requirement. These tickets are easy to sell with a cheap price tag and lots of cool prizes.

Thanks for your help in making this important fundraiser a success!

Winter NWEAs



Our winter testing window is scheduled for January 14-18. Students will once again take the computerized version of the reading and math assessments.

These will allow us to monitor growth and progress and set goals for the remainder of the school year.

We ask families to do all that you can to help students remain healthy and focused during those days by providing nutritious meals and snacks and getting the necessary rest students need.

Scoliosis Screening

Our school nurse, Lorie Garland, visited this morning for Scoliosis Screening for our 5th grade girls.

Intent to Enroll Form

We are sending out an intent-to-enroll form this week which will assist in planning and budgeting for next year. We appreciate your help in returning them soon.

Catholic Schools Week

You will be receiving the Mass volunteer form today and an information packet regarding field trips and events for Catholic Schools Week next week. Please take note of the due dates and return them promptly—it helps so much to have what I



need to create Mass plans and Talent Show preparations.

Bishop LeVoir's Visit



We are looking forward to a special visit from Bishop LeVoir during Catholic Schools Week. He will join us for Mass on Friday 2/1 at 12:30 and then take some time to visit the classrooms. As always, we encourage families to join us for Mass.

Mini-Courses

We are still looking for more volunteers to take part in our mini-courses event on 1/28—during Catholic Schools Week. Please see the information sheet and ideas list included with this newsletter.



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.

Mark Your Calendars!

1/18	End of Quarter II
1/21	No School
1/27	Catholic Schools Week begins Catholic United Financial Breakfast Talent Show
1/31	Trip to Powder Ridge (grades 2-5)
2/18	No School
3/4	Science Fair
3/5	Piano Recital
3/6	Late Start
3/7	Open House
3/16	Raise Your Glass Scholarship Fundraiser
3/22	Flapjacks for Families 7:15-8:00 AM Retreat Day



Catholic Schools Week

Mini-Courses

Do you have a special hobby or interest that you would like to share with our students at The School of St Philip? Or do you know someone who does? We would like your help.

On Monday, January 28, 2019, we will be participating in Mini-Courses. It is a special day for the students to learn new skills and to have a little bit of fun. We are looking for creative ideas such as a card game, a board game, a craft project, an easy food item, dancing, art, science, etc... We plan on doing two 45-minute sessions from 12:45pm-2:15pm. You may pick your times. A limited number of students will be in each session. If you would like to teach but do not have an idea, we have some suggestions that might be of interest on the backside of this sheet. We would appreciate your help. Please let us know by Thursday, January 17, 2019.



Name _____

Class I would like to teach _____

Times I would like to teach a class:

12:45-1:30 _____

1:30-2:15 _____

Age level of students (if you have a preference) _____

Thanks for your help. If you have any questions, feel free to contact -Mrs. Kramer at the school 320-693-6283 or email mkramer@thechurchofstphilip.org

Mini-Course Ideas

Unsinkable Ships

Balloon Animals

Sign Language

Paper Bag Puppets

Bingo

Dirt Cups

Chocolate Chip Pancakes

Kooky Crafts

Paper Airplanes

Building a Birdhouse

Cribbage

Chemistry

Chess (beginners/advance)

Making Goop

Crazy 8

Junk Art

Scrap booking

Spaghetti Noodle Bridge

Making Jewelry

Bead Art

Yahtzee

Making Ice Cream

Pin Point Art

Plastic Canvas Art

Making Play Dough

Planting Flowers