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#### February 17, 2023

#### **INFORMATIONAL FLYERS INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:**

SCHOOL EVENTS – Tuition Raffle Flyer, Financial Aid Flyer, eWallet Instructions for the Book Fair, #KicksforX Flyer, and Golf Tournament Flyer. PARISH EVENTS – SPN Summer Camp, February SPN Outreach needs, Operation Mato Grasso Flyer, KOC Free Throw Contest (TOMORROW), and SPN Sports Tag Rugby (NEW)

#### Looking Ahead

• February 20, 2023

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- February 21, 2023 Confessions for Grades 2 to 8
- February 22, 2023 Ash Wednesday Mass with Distribution of Ashes @ 9 AM
- February 23, 2023 School Mass for Grades 6 through 8 at 9 AM

NO SCHOOL - President's Day

- February 24, 2023 HSA's Joe Corbi's Fundraiser Orders Due
- February 26, 2023 SPN's Men's Club Stag Bull & Oyster Roast
- February 28, 2023 ACRE Test for Grades 5 and 8
- March 2, 2023 School Mass for all Grades at 9 AM
- March 3, 2023 NO SCHOOL Professional Day
- March 3-16, 2023 Scholastic Book Fair online
- March 6-9, 2023 Scholastic Book Fair in-school
- March 6, 2023 Used Uniform Exchange from 3-5 PM
- March 8, 2023 Scholastic Book Fair Family Night from 3:30-5:30 PM
- March 9, 2023 School Mass for pre-K to Grade 3 at 9 AM
- March 12, 2023 Youth Mass at 5 PM
- March 13, 2023 Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A from 4-8 PM

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#### **Mission Statement:**

St. Philip Neri School is dedicated to fostering Catholic faith and academic excellence. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, students are provided the opportunity to develop their gifts and talents while striving to become active members of their church. A foundation for future success and life-long learning is provided in partnership with the family, parish and school community.

#### FINANCIAL AID Applications due by 2/28/23

The due date to complete the FACTS Financial Aid Application is FEBRUARY 28, 2023, for all returning families. This is a HARD DEADLINE!

#### LAST WEEK TO REMIND FAMILES!

Please do not wait until the last minute or else you might lose out on your chance for financial aid from the AOB, SPN Parish, or SPN School.

Congratulations to one of our staff members on winning the SPN Jester Spirit Award. Each week we honor a different faculty or staff member for being awesome!

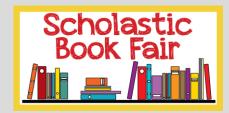
#### Congratulations to Mrs. Brandi Bush!



# WAY TO BE AWESOME, MRS. BRANDI!



February 20, 2023 President's Day



#### SPRING Scholastic Book Fair March 3-16, 2023

March 3	Online sales begin	
March 6-9	In-school sales	
March 8	Family Night 3:30-5:30 PM	
March 16	Online sales end	

Ms. Doreen encourages families to set up an eWallet account to pay for books purchased. Instructions are included in this newsletter. Cash and Checks are accepted for in-school and family night sales. Please make checks payable to "St. Philip Neri School".



The Joe Corbi's Spring Sale will run through February 24. Order some delicious pizzas and treats that are easy to prepare and fun for the family!

#### Our Catholic Faith at St. Philip Neri School



#### What are the 40 days of Lent 2023?

Lent 2023 begins on Wednesday, February 22, and will end Thursday, April 6.

# Why do Christians put ashes on their forehead?

The ashes symbolize both death and repentance. During this period, Christians show repentance and mourning for their sins, because they believe Christ died for them.



#### What (is the Law of Fasting?)



and 2 small meatless collations which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity

#### What (is the Law of Abstinence?)

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No meat

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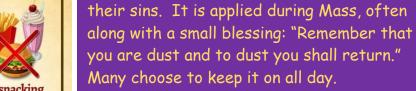
mammals and



Fish and

shellfish

are allowed



Many choose to keep it on all day. What is the rules of Lent? On Ash Wednesday Good Friday, and all

The ash cross marking observers' foreheads is

meant to represent mortality and penance for

On Ash Wednesday Good Friday, and all Fridays in Lent: Everyone from age 14 and up must abstain from consuming meat, and everyone from age 14 to 59 must also fast, unless exempt for medical reasons.

Lent is one of the five seasons of the Catholic liturgical calendar, along with Advent, Christmas, Easter, and Ordinary Time.

It precedes Easter and is a solemn period centered on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. While Lent is often associated with the Catholic faith, many Christians-including Protestant and Orthodox-observe it.

There is no better time to reconnect with or deepen one's faith than Lent. During this time, we can draw closer to God as we prepare for the joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter.

The placing of ashes on the forehead is a tradition with roots in the Old Testament. "I turned to the Lord God, to seek help, in prayer and petition, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes." (Daniel 9:3)

#### PRAP





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bills this Lent. We are also collecting six food items: PASTA – RICE – SUGAR – FLOUR

CANNED FOOD (Veggies) - COOKING OIL If you donate any of the food items listed, please label them "South America" and leave in church lobbies.

Operation Mato Grosso now operates as Beyond Borders, a 501 ©3

Do ordinary things with extraordinary love. -Mother Teresa





# St. Philip Neri's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at Compass Pointe

Online information, registration, sponsorships, and forms can be found at https://spnmd.org/golf-tournament/

Know someone that likes to golf? If yes, please ask them to participate in our annual golf tournament! A fun-filled day is planned!

We are looking for sponsors for this event! Have your company name and logo displayed on our website, in our sponsors' flyer, and announced to all of the participants in the tournament!

Donations of gift cards will be accepted as well! For every \$25 worth of gift cards, you will receive two hours towards your family service hours! Please send gift cards into the school office in an envelope labeled with your name and "Golf Tournament - Sue Wenzlick."

Please contact Mrs. Sue Wenzlick at <u>swenzlick@spnmd.org</u> for more information!

Race For Education sponsor sheets went home last week. All proceeds from this event benefit the technology in our school!



Promoting health, school spirit and a sense of accomplishment

Donations can be made online at the following link:

https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/stphilipneri/rfe

Questions about RFE? Please contact Mrs. Wellein at twellein@spnmd.org.





On Monday morning, we kicked off the week with a video during the morning announcements. Each morning this week, a student has read a kindness quote to begin our day. Every student received a pencil with the message, "Make a Difference with Kindness" and a checklist to record their acts of kindness throughout the week. The checklists will be collected on



Tuesday, February 21. Ms. Porembski will tally the acts of kindness by class and submit the grand total to Kids for Peace. Our acts of kindness will be included in the world wide Great Kindness Challenge Total. Through the Great Kindness Challenge, over 19 million students in more than 39 thousand schools in 115 countries have performed over 950 million acts of kindness!

# Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2023 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.



The local competition will be held 18 February 2023 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm at the St Philip Neri School Gymnasium. The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with over 1.8 million members in 15,000 local councils. Last year, Knights donated over 70 million volunteer hours and \$170 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, culture of life, families and youth.

For entry forms or additional information contact: Travis Bateman 410-206-5620 Or Al Jordan 443-267-2702 St. Philip Neri Parish and School's Lenten Outreach

## **OPERATION MATO GROSSO**

Food and Monetary Donations for South America https://givebeyondborders.org/give/



Artesanos Don Bosco is one project in a long list of volunteer-run charitable works of the organization called Operation Mato Grosso (OMG).

Father Ugo De Censi is a Catholic priest belonging to the Salesian Congregation. A faithful devotee of St. John Bosco, he loves to work with the youth. In 1967 he founded OMG, a movement created to help people in poverty.

**Operation Mato Grosso** started off as an adventurous trip with the idea to help others. In 1966, Fr. Ugo asked a group of young Italians to travel to Brazil for the summer to help his missionary friend, Fr. Pietro, build a school and health post. By July of the next year, 21 young people left for the Brazilian state of Mato Grosso. After four months of work, they were not able to complete the building, and some decided to stay. Those who returned to Italy started to raise money to support the mission. The mission now includes 110 different communities across Brazil, Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru.



#### DURING THIS LENT KEEP IN MIND PEOPLE IN NEED

Since 2017, every year from January to mid-April, we run our Annual Food Drive. The objective is to fill as many shipping containers as possible and ship them to our missions in Peru. We collect six staple food items (pasta, sugar, rice, flour, canned food, and cooking oil). We started with one small container (20 feet long) the first time, and every year we got better. In 2022 we shipped 4 containers (40 feet long).

This year will be our 7th Annual Food Drive. As mentioned before, since 2017, we have always doubled the amount of food collected, and once again, we're not looking to match it; we aim to double the amount!

#### SPN SCHOOL FAMILIES - FOOD DRIVE

We will be collecting items for OMG throughout Lent. Please keep in mind that there are some people around the world that do not have enough to eat. Donating is one way to show our thankfulness for what we have. Thank you in advance for your support!

NJHS students will be collecting items during lunch and recess time from each homeroom.



DONATE

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For any information, please contact us:

Fr. Lou Martin 410-299-6731 Imartin@givebeyondborders.org

Matteo 443-831-1127 matteosantiamantini@yahoo.it

or visit our web-site: givebeyondborders.org

We are asking St. Philip Neri School families to collect the following items:

Pre-k - Canned Fruit Kindergarten - Canned Veggies 1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Cooking Oil 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Pasta 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Pasta 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Flour 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Sugar 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Rice 7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Flour 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Sugar

#### We are collecting shoes and socks in honor of our son, Xavier, to donate to Kennedy Krieger Institute. These shoes and socks benefits many children and young adults in a variety of programs.

#Kick forX

#kicksforX was started as a way to honor Xavier after he passed away in 2017. Xavier had a rare genetic syndrome called Schinzel-Giedion Syndrome. Xavier was always known for his awesome footwear. We always said, just because he could not walk didn't mean he couldn't have cool shoes. We think every child deserves cool shoes!

#### Items are needed by March 10, 2023:

New shoes in infant through teen/adult sizes

(we especially need school aged (youth) sizes and wide widths)

 New socks (the cooler the better!) in all sizes; especially long socks to be used with braces

Scan here for Amazon Wish List



Questions?

Email <u>kicksforx@gmail.com</u> Thank you for your support! The Byrd Family Adrianne, Anthony, and Quinn



Pre-K B took a field trip to the mailbox to mail letters to someone special!

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#### 1B is showing some love on Valentine's Day by doing Random Acts of Kindness!



1A Valentine's Day Party!





























Happy Valentine's Day from KB!







They enjoyed making some cool glasses as part of their celebrations!

















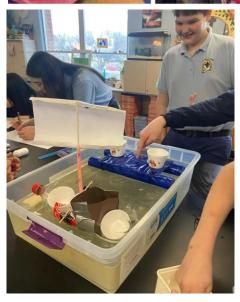




Happy Valentine's Day to our Buddies!

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders tested their homemade boats in science class! ↓











Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade created red Play-Doh for some fun Valentines art!





Zach and Tyler represented SPN at the AOB Baltimore Blast Night!



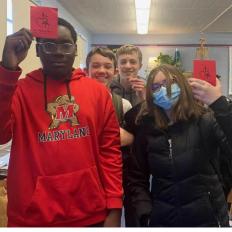




















#### Donation Drives at Fellowship Sunday

Your donations will provide much-needed items for our less fortunate neighbors.

October 10/2 Socks & Gloves (Homeless Outreach)

November.

donations

December

Kids

January 1/8 Support for Vocations Promotion (Baise Funds for Seminarians)

11/6 Food Drive (Food pantry needs)

February 2/5 The Gabriel Network (Baby Supplies)

March 12/4 Coats for 3/8 Mary's Center

(Baby Supplies)

June 6/4 School Supplies Donations

April

May

4/2 Operation MATO GROSSO

(Food donations)

5/7 Food Drive

(Food pantry needs)

donations

Please leave your donations in the Gym in the designated boxes

Leave No Neighbor Behind Program

Support the Parish | Support the Community | Feed the Hungry

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS - 1st Sunday of the month!

#### Pebruary Food Pantry Wishlist

Our next food distribution will be on Thursday, February 16th. We are almost completely out of the following items:

Spaghetti Sauce Spaghettl Noodles **Canned Chicken** Mashed Potatoes Canned Corn Cereal

**Rice-a-Roni/Rice Sides** Complete Pancake Mix & Syrup Oatmeal (10 packets, any flavor) **Canned Green Beans Ready to Serve Chunky Soups** 

Following food safety protocols, we are not allowed to give out food that has expired, been opened, bulk foods or homemade items. Please inspect bags/boxes for signs of pest infestation.

We are always thankful for your generosity.

#### **OUTREACH NEEDS**

#### Desperately Need the Following:

Sleeping Bags, Mats and Tents **Disposable Wipes and Wash Cloths** Women's Coats - Med and XL Men's Boxers - Small-XL (New Only) Men's Medium T-Shirts

THANK YOU!

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Please contact Donna Scott if you are able to lend a hand at

dscott@spnmd.org.

We urgently need volunteers to help cook for about 50 seniors who reside in Glen Burnie at Glen Square Apartments on February 24th.



#### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR:

February 18, 22, 25 and March 4, 8, 18, 22 and 25

If you are interested in serving in this Ministry, contact Donna Scott at 410-859-0571 ext. 3101 or dscott@spnmd.org to volunteer.





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Golfer Registration Information		Sponsorship Opportunities	
Format:	Captain's Choice	The Pastor's Package\$1,025	
Registration:	8 AM	The Principal's Package\$775	
Shot Gun Start:	9 AM	The SPN Spirit Package\$675 Camera Cart Banner\$250	
Cost:	\$130/golfer	Driving Range Sign\$200	
Caterer:	Glory Days Grill	Putting Green Sign\$200	
We are looking for sponsors and golfers for this day of fun! Won't you please join us?		Tee Box Sign\$150	
Deadline to register is May 16, 2023. ON MAY 9 THE COST PER GOLFER WILL		Reuse Tee Box Sign\$100 Recognition on Website Address: https://spnmd.org/golf-tournament/	

BE \$140. SO REGISTER EARLY!

# Deadline for Sponsorships is May 1, 2023.

#### COURSES THIS YEAR - We will be golfing on the South/West Courses at Compass Pointe

Food and beverage will be provided throughout tournament play including a mid-golf sandwich. Lunch and awards will follow play. Prizes to be awarded include CTP on the Par 3s, Longest Drive Contest, Straightest Drive and Team Awards with 1st, 2nd, and last place finishers. Lots of door prizes!

> If you have questions about the tournament or sponsorship opportunities, please call Sue Wenzlick at 443-691-3955 or email at swenzlick@spnmd.org.

Payments can be made by Check or Credit Card:

Check: Make checks payable to: "St. Philip Neri School" and send to 6401 S. Orchard Road, Linthicum, MD 21090.

Credit Card Payment: Go online to https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/stphilipneri/SPNgolf

If paying by credit card, you do not need to complete this form. This information is collected online.

# BOOK FAIRS

Dear Teachers:

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming your way (YAY!). We can't wait to help fill your classroom shelves with new books your students will love! And to make your shopping experience super-simple, we have...drumroll...eWallet.

A Book Fair eWallet is a cash-free, stress-free way for parents, grandparents, and friends to contribute to your classroom—from wherever you are—right from their phone or computer. And with that extra boost from eWallet you get to fill your shelves with MORE of the books YOU want, and earn rewards for our school while you do it (GO YOU!).

Book Fair dates and times: March 6-9, 2023

Easy set-up instructions for creating a Book Fair eWallet by March 5, 2023

- 1. Go to our Book Fair homepage: https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stphilipnerischool3
- Click on eWallet "GET STARTED" and then "CREATE eWALLET"
- 3. Sign in or create an account (if you do not already have one with Scholastic).
- Look for the "SHARE" button to share your eWallet link with me at (not necessary)
  Note, I will not have access to your personal account information.
- 5. Be sure to also share your link directly with your classroom list

We'll email our families the classroom eWallet links with a note to let them know about this awesome opportunity to contribute. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions!

Thank you for your support! We can't wait to get new books YOU choose into your classrooms!

Ms. Doreen

Book Fair Chair

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# TAG RUGBY St Philip Neri Spring Intramural Program



Boys and Girls, Ages 7 - 13 It's a two-hand tag game.

No experience is necessary!!!! Everyone will learn to run, pass, and kick.

Starts March 13

Practices – Tues & Thurs, 6:00 to 7:30 PM @ St Philip Neri fields

Registration fee \$10 payable to "St Philip Neri Youth Sports Account"

To Register, Contact Pat Walsh, 443-474-3254, walshpa95@gmail.com.

Parents and Other Adults – Every sport needs parent support. We need adults as asst. coaches, etc. If you're new to rugby, you'll learn along with your children.

Rugby in Maryland... High Schools: includes Spalding & Mt. St. Joe & is an MIAA Varsity sport

Colleges: Towson, UMBC, Loyola, Maryland, Naval Academy, Salisbury, and more

...and the World 93 countries play rugby, Rugby is a summer Olympic Sport, The Rugby World Cup is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest international sporting event



Youth Tag Rugby is a summer sport in Anne Arundel Cty: Andover Apaches (Linthicum), Green Hornets (Severna Park), Arden (Crofton), & South River.



If you are requesting money from the AOB, SPN Parish, or SPN School, you must complete the FACTS GRANT AND AID APPLICATION!

The deadline for submitting your online application is February 28, 2023. NO EXCEPTIONS!

#### APPLICATION FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR ALL RETURNING SCHOOL FAMILIES

FACTS is the tool we use to process all GRANT AND AID APPLICATIONS. There is a misconception that FACTS gives out money. This is not the case. The decisions for granting or denying requests for assistance are made separately by:

- the ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE based on the funds they have available for the school year,
- ST. PHILIP NERI PARISH based on funds that the parish has available,
- ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL based on the funds we have available in our Tuition Assistance Fund.

Award decisions are made during the March-April time frame.

To complete an application:

- 1. Go to the FACTS link: https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3QGNP
- 2. Sign in to your account the same account you are using for your tuition payment plans.
- 3. Complete the FACTS Grant and Application for 2023-2024 school year. Cost is \$35.

If you require assistance with the application process, please call FACTS support directly at 1-866-441-4637. Support representatives are available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, to assist you.

What do you need to complete your FACTS GRANT AND AID APPLICATION?

2021 W-2's 2021 Tax Return 2022 W-2's

You do not need your 2022 W-2's to start the application process. You can upload those documents when you receive them. By law W-2's should be delivered to you by the end of February.

All required documentation must be submitted in order for your application to be complete and eligible for tuition assistance consideration.

APPLICATION FOR BOOST – BOOST is aid given out by the state. BOOST applications will open in March 2023 and close in April 2023. Awards are given out in August 2023.





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..... Top Prize .....

# ONE FULL YEAR OF TUITION"

# VALUED @ \$6,800

Or \$2,500 Cash Option



Drawing Date:

May 2023

@ St. Philip Neri Schoo

#### ORDER TICKETS ONLINE @

>>> forms.diamondmindinc.com/stphilipneri/HSATuition <<<

For more information, please email SPNHSAMD@gmail.com.

\*Minimum of 400 tickets must be sold to award the St. Philip Neri Tuition prize, or top prize reverts to \$2,500 cash option. Tuition prize is transferrable and must be redeemed during the 2023/2024 school year. Winner is responsible for all taxes, please consult a tax professional.