







2023-2024 School Year



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November 24, 2023

INFORMATIONAL FLYERS INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

SCHOOL EVENTS – HSA Tuition Raffle and Santa's Secret Workshop Volunteer Form

PARISH EVENTS – Basketball Registrations (due 11/24), SPN Basketball Intramurals OPEN GYM (12/1), Youth Mass (12/10), and SPN Basketball Spirit Wear!

Looking Ahead

November 23, 2023 NO SCHOOL – Happy Thanksgiving

November 24, 2023 NO SCHOOL

November 29, 2023 Grade 8 ONLY – ED at 11:30 PM – HS Placement Test

• November 30, 2023 School Mass for Grades 6 through 8 at 9 AM

• December 1, 2023 HSA Out-of-Uniform Day - \$10 per family

• December 2, 2023 SPN Basketball Intramurals OPEN GYM (11 AM to 1 PM)

December 3, 2023 Advent Begins

December 3, 2023 The Annual Linthicum Christmas Tree Lighting at 6 PM

December 4, 2023 Used Uniform Exchange from 3-5 PM

December 7, 2023 School Mass for all Grades at 9 AM

December 7, 2023 SPN Spirit Night at Italia's Corner Café from 4-8:30 PM

December 8, 2023 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass all Grades at 9 AM

December 8, 2023 HSA's Fall Raffingo at 7 PM

December 10, 2023 Youth Mass at 5 PM

December 11, 2023 Makeup for Absentees/Retakes Individual Pictures

December 12, 2023 Spirit Day at Panda Express – All Day Long

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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.

FYI - December
Lunch Menu and
School Calendar
will be posted in
the December 1
Parent
Newsletter.
They will be sent
home in the

Thursday envelope on

November 30.

NOVEMBER 23 and 24

NO SCHOOL - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



thanksgiving prayer Thank You, God, for this day of thanksgiving. I am grateful for a day dedicated to gratitude, appreciation, and abundance. Thank you for a table set with food, good people to share it with, and love of You, the divine provider. As I extend thanks, I am reminded of how difficult it is for those less fortunate to enjoy this holiday. Please, bless them with plenty and watch over us all.

NOVEMBER 24 - SPN BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE!

NOVEMBER 29

GRADE 8 FAMILIES
High School Placement Test
Early Dismissal at 11:30 AM



NOVEMBER 30

Grades 6 through 8 Mass at 9 AM

Please join us in the church!

All are welcome!



School Mass at 9 AM in the church.

All are welcome!

December 1

HSA Out-of-Uniform Day



December 1 BROWN BAG LUNCH DAY



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. Kaitlyn McCracken!



WAY TO BE AWESOME, MRS. KAITLYN!

ADVENT BEGINS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3



Lord, another year has passed, and it is time for us to take stock of our spiritual strengths and weaknesses, our faith and where we lacked it, the times we loved You fully, and the times we lacked that focus and dependence on You. Advent is a double expectation. While we are preparing to commemorate Your Blessed Incarnation so many years ago, we are, with Saint John the Baptist, also preparing for when You come again. We ask You, sanctify this Advent so that by Christmas, You may find us more worthy of Your mercy and Your love. Amen.





Linthicum's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 3, at 6 PM

Everyone is invited to this fun-filled event!

The location is at the corner of Camp Meade Road and Maple Road.

Christmas Carols by the SPN Chorus!

Help us count down the lighting of the tree!
Come get your fill of cookies, candy canes,
hot chocolate & see Santa!





BROWN BAG LUNCH FRIDAYS

As a way of living out two of the Corporal Works of Mercy this school year, we will be feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty through our Brown Bag Lunch Fridays project.

We are asking every family who is able to send in:

- a bologna, ham, or turkey sandwich with cheese and mustard (please no mayonnaise) OR a
 peanut butter and jelly sandwich
- a snack
- a bag of chips
- a piece of fruit
- Optional: A small note or prayer; no signature required

We will be doing this on the first Friday of each month. Brown paper bags will be sent home the Thursday before, and reminders will be sent via our email Alert system.

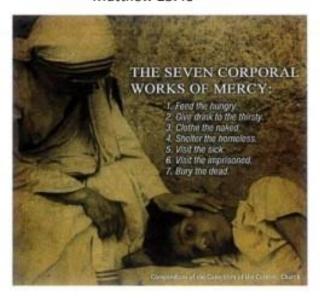
Lunches should be brought to the school that Friday morning and placed in boxes that will be in the North Lobby.

These lunches are distributed throughout the area to local homeless shelters, camps, and to others in great need. Please know that every lunch is needed and appreciated.

Brown Bag Lunch Dates are December 1, January 5, February 2, and May 3

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40



HSA's RAFFINGO Live Streamed on Friday, December 8 at 7 PM

Want a chance to win 20 great prizes for one price? Now is your chance! St. Philip Neri School's Home School Association is hosting a RAFFINGO! We coined this phrase when we raffled off our bingo prizes during COVID. We will have 20 prizes for one set price of \$20.

We will also have 3 additional raffles - PS5, a Yeti cooler with alcohol, and a 50-50.

Raffle winners will announced during our live streamed event on Friday, December 8, at 7 PM.

https://www.facebook.com/stphilipnericatholicschool

PreKA - Golf Galore

KA - Sports and Outdoor Fun

1A - Dude Crate

1B - Netflix Night

2A - Beer Garden

3A - Grilling Basket

AB - Grand Basket

AB - Grand Basket

4A - Lottery Basket

5A - Restaurant Night

5B - Relaxation Basket

4B - Spa Basket

5B - Crafty Devils

6A - Reading Basket

6B - Game Night

7A - Baker's Basket 7B - Maryland Sports Teams

8A - Maryland Flag 8B - Christmas Basket

RAFFLE 1 - PS5 RAFFLE 2 - Yeti Cooler RAFFLE 3 - 50/50

Go to the following link to purchase your chance to win these fabulous prizes! https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/stphilipneri/raffingo







SPN ENROLLMENT FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

REGISTRATION FEES:

November 1-December 31, 2023

The registration fee is \$150.

The fee will increase to \$175 on January 1 and to \$200 on February 1.



Our deadline for returning families is DECEMBER 1.
TIME TO SIGN UP TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE AT ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Financial assistance is available from several sources:

- 1) Archdiocese of Baltimore (AOB)
- 2) St. Philip Neri Parish
- 3) St. Philip Neri School
- 4) Applicant's Parish*



Anyone requesting financial aid from the AOB, SPN Parish or School:

Families must complete the FACTS Financial Aid Application found at the link below. A NEW application must be submitted every year if you would like to be considered for aid. This application must be completed and all required documentation submitted by February 29, 2024, to be eligible for any AOB, School, or Parish assistance. The cost to complete this application is \$34. Here is the SPN direct link: https://online.factsmqt.com/signin/3QGNP

Log into your account or choose "New Account" to create your account and begin the application process. Questions regarding the application process can be directed to FACTS at 866-441-4637.

Please note that FACTS only processes the applications. The decisions for granting or denying requests for assistance are made separately by: the Archdiocese of Baltimore, St. Philip Neri Parish, and St. Philip Neri School. These decisions are made during the March-April time frame. Applicants will receive a response in May.

ALL TUITION ASSISTANCE AWARDS ARE CONTINGENT UPON SUBMISSION OF A COMPLETED FACTS APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION OF PROPER DOCUMENTATION.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST HAVE A "VERIFIED" STATUS BEFORE ANY ASSISTANCE IS GRANTED.

*Anyone requesting financial aid from their parish:

Please contact your parish directly and ask if they offer any financial aid.



Online Psychoeducational Group for Girls from Divorced/Separated Families (ages 11 & older) Fall 2023

Does your pre-teen or teenage daughter need guidance and support for exploring and expressing her feelings and concerns involving your divorce or separation or the changes following it? Would she like to build connections with other girls in similar family situations?

Does she need to learn skills for coping with stress and communicating effectively? Is she open to discussing faith as part of the healing solution? Would you like suggestions for continuing the conversations with her at home?

Would both you and her other parent give consent for her participation in the group? (Consent forms must be signed by both parents.)

If you answered "yes" to the above questions, contact the Group Facilitator, Lynn Kapusinski, LCPC, NCC (Lynn@FaithJourneys.org) to discuss whether a group program may be appropriate.

The group will meet for 8 weeks. Sessions will be held via Zoom either on Wednesdays at 7 pm or Saturdays at 2 pm. A specific start date and times will be based upon registration needs.

Curriculum will be drawn from the book, "Now What Do I Do? A Guide to Help Teenagers with Their Parents' Separation or Divorce." Winner of a Catholic Press Association book award and the prestigious Mom's Choice Gold Award ®. Purchase of the book is recommended, but not required.

Group size will be limited, so inquire soon!

Please contact our School Counselor, Mrs. Sue Porembski, at sporembski@spnmd.org for more information!

Registration is now open for the Winter 2023 season!

To register, please complete the form link below and submit player registration fees by November 24.

Please contact <u>spncommish@gmail.com</u> for payment options.



About SPN Winter Basketball:

The SPN Winter Basketball program that runs each year from early December - Mid March. Players from SPN School, Parish, and surrounding schools in grades Pre-K through Grade 8 are able to participate. No prior playing experience required for any age group!

Leagues include: 2 Intramural Programs – PreK through 1st Grade and 2nd-3rd Grades

Our "In-house" league for our youngest players to learn the fundamentals of basketball, teamwork, respect for other players and coaches... and fun! The season begins with several team practices, transitioning to scrimmage games scheduled for the remainder of the season. Practice dates and times are currently TBD. Games will be held Saturday mornings.

How you can help:

We're always in need of volunteers to help run a successful basketball program! Plus, participation counts towards your annual school volunteer hours! All volunteers must be VIRTUS certified!

LOOKING FOR: Head / Assistant Coaches

- Lead / assist with practices to help players improve their skills and understand commitment to teamwork.
- Develop on-court plays/strategies. Make calls and substitutions during games ensuring all players have court opportunities.
- Communicate with parents throughout the season.

Click to Register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNtL3ybn0efhE4g-ud1likTNqVK_hpkXvrD7R69U9Cpa2beA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please contact spncommish@gmail.com for payments options

St. Philip Neri School loves to get involved with our community!

This February we will be taking the PLUNGE on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

For more information or to register for the Plunge, please go to our SPN Jesters Team page: https://support/somd.org/team/508101

Please email Ms. Amy if you have any questions: asewell@spnmd.org



BLACK FRIDAY SALE IS UNDERWAY UNTIL CYBER MONDAY!

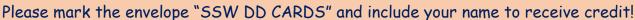
The official St. Philip Neri store has launched a Holiday Sale! Spirit wear makes for great holiday gifts for the entire family, including these customizable designs for Mom, Dad, Grandparents and more! This sale features limited-time savings of 20% site wide. Orders over \$75 will receive free shipping, and those below that amount will ship for just \$5! Shop Now!



https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/MD/Linthicum+Heights/St+Philip+Neri+School

We are looking for donations of Dunkin gift cards!

This donation can count towards family service hours. Donations are due in by TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12.







We are very excited about our Santa's Secret Workshop that will be held December 15.

We will need MANY volunteers to make our Santa's Secret Workshop a success!

Set up day is Thursday, December 14.

Please read the following page to see where we need volunteers for this event!

If you like to help with decorations or help displaying the items,
please sign up for Thursday, December 14! Looking for 10-15 volunteers.

We will need sellers and wrappers on Friday, December 15!

We will need approximately 35 sellers and 35 wrappers throughout the day!



Santa's Secret Workshop Thursday, December 14, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM Friday, December 15, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM



In less than one month, the parish hall will be converted into a Christmas Wonderland for our children and parish! Boxes filled with great gifts for our children to purchase have been coming in daily! Santa's Secret Workshop provides the opportunity for SPN school kids to shop for nice, inexpensive gifts for their loved ones. Each class will have time during the school day to visit the Workshop and have their items wrapped by Santa's little helpers.

We are keeping the workshop open after school from 3-5 PM on Friday, December 15, for those children who need a little more time in purchasing their gifts. We are also opening up the Workshop to the parish community.

It takes a lot of work to transform the parish hall into a Christmas Wonderland, so we need your help! Please fill out the form below, and return it to the school office to let us know that you can help out! Lunch on both days will be provided for the volunteers! Donuts and coffee will be available to volunteers on Friday morning. Any hours worked will count toward your volunteer hours at SPN. Please feel free to send me an email if you have any questions!

We are also looking for donations of Dunkin' Donut gift cards! Any \$10 cards donated will receive 1 volunteer hour! Please send in an envelope addressed to me – don't forget to place your name on the card to get the credit!

Thanks and God Bless, Sue Wenzlick

swenzlick@spnmd.org

Please return form below to the school office by Friday, December 8, or email Mrs. Sue Wenzlick with your information.

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Santa's Secret Workshop Volunteer Form (r	nust have volunteer certification - VIRTUS)
Name: Ema	nil Address :
Child's Name : Hon	ne Room:
Please check the times you can help ou	t. Thanks in advance for your support!
Thursday, December 14 - Moving boxes and sett	ing up the workshop
Decorating, moving boxes, setting up tables	(8 AM - 5 PM) Time available:
Friday, December 15 - Selling items, wrapping it	ems, and clean-up crew
Seller (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM)	Time available:
Wrapper (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM)	Time available:
Clean-up Crew (4:00 PM -6:00 PM)	Time available:

You are Invited

to share in the



Beauty of Advent

Come and share a meal with friends and family in a festive atmosphere followed by a program of music, readings, and reflections on the Incarnation.

> Let the Beauty of Advent prepare our souls for Christmas

Thursday, November 30 & December 7 6:30pm - 9:00pm

Thanksgiving Food Pantry Needs

Our next food distribution cycle will begin on Thursday, November 16th. We are in desperate need of these items to complete our holiday bags

> Mashed Potatoes Scalloped Potatoes Canned Corn Cereal

We are currently well stocked on all other items. Thank you always for your generous donations.

HELP WANTED: We are currently in need of one or two volunteers with trucks who can pick up donations from the AA County Food Bank in Crownsville once or twice a month. Each month we turn down food donations because we are unable to go and pick them up. If you are able to help...please email Carmen Rachid at spnfoodpantry@gmail.com. Thank you!

St. Philip Neri's Outreach Program is Busier Than Ever!

Our inventory is low and we need your help!



- **Toilet Paper**
- Men's boxers, sm-med
- Men's jeans 32-36
- Women's leggings Sm-Med
- Women's sport bras
- Disposal wash cloths
- · Easy open beef ravioli/any protein
- · Cheese or peanut butter crackers
- Fruit cups/apple sauce
- Chips/salty snacks
- · Cookies/sweet snacks

Please mark all donations Outreach /Homeless Thank you & God Bless



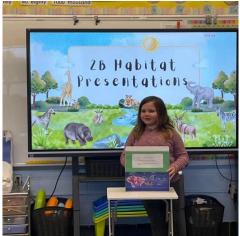




Our second grade students presented their habitat projects last week! They gathered research about the location, weather, plants and animals that live there, and share several interesting facts about the habitat with their class.















2A and 2B Habitat Presentations! Great job, 2nd graders!









•THERE ARE MANY TYPES OF ANIMAL HABITATS....















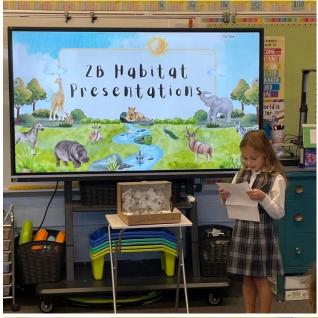


















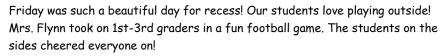












Congratulations to Caroline, Donovan, Kennedy, Mackson, Quintin, Abigail, and Eleanor for receiving their Pre-K Gold Medals! Keep up the good work!







1B students are showing off their Brag Tags! The students can earn Brag Tags for several different things!
Raising their hands before answering, trying their best, transitioning quickly and quietly, working quietly, being responsible, speaking respectfully, participating in class and completing their work neatly are just a few of the examples.

Way to go 1B!







We know that Thanksgiving is this week but Christmas clay ornaments have begun! Excitement is in the air!

















Our SPN Middle School Youth Group organized towels, linens, and toiletries in the pantry at St. Philip Neri. Mrs. Jordan was there to help guide the students!











Fall Festival 2023! Friday, November 17, 2023!

A fun SPN tradition!

Thank you to our amazing Fall Festival Team for making the day awesome for all of our students! Thank you to our parent/grandparent volunteers who helped run games or donated goodies!

Thank you to Ms. Joyce, Ms. Stacy, and Maddy '20 for taking pictures for us!



SPN'S ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL



125 PIZZAS WERE ORDERED DELIVERED IN 2 CARS AND ARRIVED



SPN'S ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL TEAM

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DID TO MAKE THE DAY AWESOME!





SPN'S ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL PIZZA DELIVERY













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SPN CLASS OF 2024















4A visited the middle school science lab and made salt dough fossils with Mrs. Moran. They learned about fossils last week and got the opportunity to use their knowledge to create their very own! Very cool!

















ST. PHILIP NERI TUITION RAFFLE

Supporting the SPH H.S.A.



..... Top Prize

ONE FULL YEAR OF TUITION* VALUED @ \$6,975

Or \$2,500 Cash Option

Ticket Price:

\$25

3 for \$60 | 5 for \$100

Drawing Date:

May 2024

@ St. Philip Neri School

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 2024/2025 school year. Winner is responsible for all taxes, please consult a tax professional.

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*** ATTENTION SPN FAMILIES ***

Basketball spirit wear may be worn on out-of-uniform days only. They are not allowed to be worn during gym class or on SPN Spirit days.



St. Philip Neri Basketball 2023

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

- 1. Scan the QR code or go online to https://stphillipneri2023.itemorder.com/
- Choose your items and add them to your cart
 Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: Thursday November 23rd, 2023 (11:59pm EST)



Ouestions? Brian Paskill 14435421542 bpaskill.pta@gmail.com http://www.shopthefinaltouch.com



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