



## 2023-2024 School Year



**Official PBIS Silver School & 2022 Kindness Certified School  
2021-2023 Top Work Places – 3 years in a row**

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## January 12, 2024

### INFORMATIONAL FLYERS INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

SCHOOL EVENTS – HSA Tuition Raffle, SPN Annual Fund Purse Bingo (1/27), Grandparents/Grandfriends Day Information (2/2), Great Kindness Challenge, and Catholic Schools Week Agenda!

PARISH EVENTS – SPN and SC Pro-Life Events (1/18 and 1/19)

### Looking Ahead

- January 14, 2024 Youth Mass at 5 PM
- January 15, 2024 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day
- January 18, 2024 School Mass for Grades 4 and 5 at 9 AM
- January 19, 2024 HSA's Joe Corbi Fundraiser – Kick-off Date
- January 22-26, 2024 Great Kindness Challenge
- January 22, 2024 Spirit Day at Panda Express – All Day Long
- January 24, 2024 Home and School Association's out-of-uniform Day
- January 25, 2024 School Mass for Grades 6 through 8 at 9 AM
- January 27, 2024 Annual Fund Purse Bingo – Doors open at 5:30 PM with Bingo at 7 PM
- January 28, 2024 Catholic Schools Week Mass at 9:30 AM (SUNDAY)
- Jan 29-Feb 2, 2024 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
- January 30, 2024 OPEN HOUSE from 9-11 AM for prospective families
- February 1, 2024 School Mass for all Grades at 9 AM Italia's Corner
- February 1, 2024 Cools Schools Plunge
- February 1, 2024 Spirit Night at Italia's Corner from 4:00-8:30 PM
- February 2, 2024 Grandparents/Grandfriends Day

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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.*

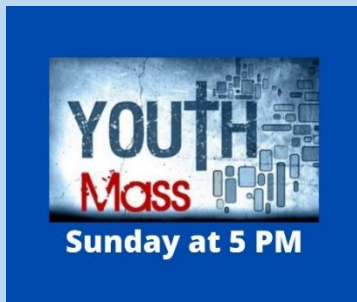
# WEATHER-RELATED SCHOOL CLOSINGS:

In case of inclement weather, if AA County Schools close for the day, SPN will also be closed.  
For early closings, SPN closes the same time as AA County.

Listen to WBAL Radio 1090, watch WBAL TV Channel 11, or check for an ALERT message.  
If schools are closed due to inclement weather, Extended Care is also closed.

## JANUARY 14 YOUTH MASS at 5 PM

St. Philip Neri Parish  
hosts a Middle School to  
High School YOUTH  
MASS. All are welcome!



## JANUARY 15 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Day



## JANUARY 18 School Mass for Grades 4 and 5!

Please join us in the church!  
All are welcome!  
Mass starts at 9 AM.



School  
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at 9 AM  
in the  
church.

All are  
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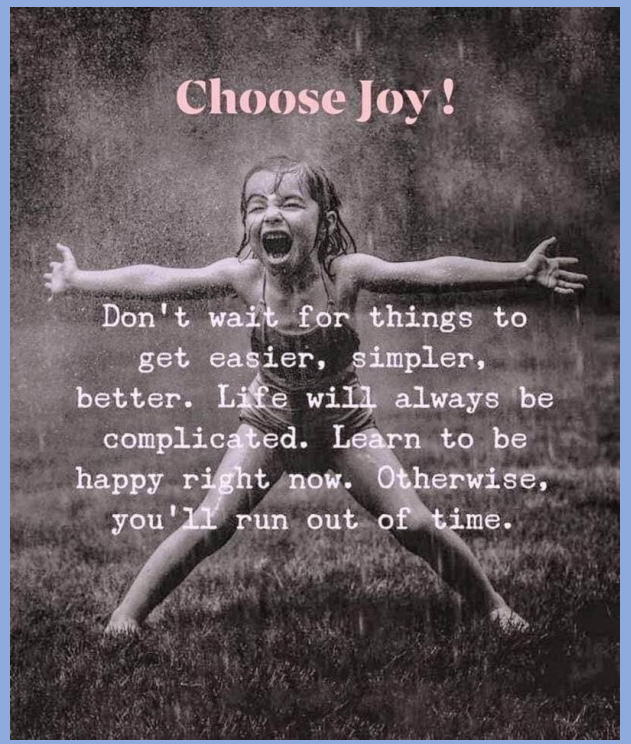
## JANUARY 19

Home and School Association's  
JOE CORBI FUNDRAISER  
Kick-off Date



## Choose Joy!

Don't wait for things to  
get easier, simpler,  
better. Life will always be  
complicated. Learn to be  
happy right now. Otherwise,  
you'll run out of time.



# COOL SCHOOLS PLUNGE

## Thursday, February 1, 2024

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

This February we will be taking the PLUNGE!  
Yes, we will be participating in Special Olympics Maryland's Polar Bear Plunge! We will brave the icy, cold water of the Chesapeake Bay to support Special Olympics Maryland.



We will participate in the Cool Schools Plunge on Thursday, February 1. This is **NOT** a school field trip but rather an opportunity for parents and students to plunge and help raise funds for an amazing program.

Last year we had several faculty members, over 80 students, and a bunch of parents participate in the plunge, and we raised over \$14,000 for SOMD!

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

## WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER HAS BEGUN

Your child brought home a World's Finest Chocolate Variety Pack. We are asking each family to sell at least 1 box of chocolate. All families that sell two boxes of chocolate or more will receive a FREE Kona Ice! The top selling family will win a 5-pound chocolate bar!

The candy is \$1 per bar, and there are 60 bars in each box. An envelope is included in each box of candy; please use this envelope to send in your payment to school. Make sure your child's name and homeroom are on the envelope. **If at all possible, please make your payment with a check payable to St. Philip Neri School.**



If you are unable to sell your box of candy, please return it to the front office ASAP. If you would like another box of chocolate to sell, please contact the office.

If your child has a nut allergy, a box will not have been sent home.

Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.



GRANDPARENTS and  
GRANDRIENDS DAY  
at  
St. Philip Neri School  
  
FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 2, 2024



St. Philip Neri  
Nourishing the Soul, Mind & Body

St. Philip Neri Catholic School  
6401 South Orchard Road  
Linthicum Heights, Maryland 21090-2628  
(410) 859-1212 [www.spnmd.org](http://www.spnmd.org)

**GRANDPARENTS & GRANDFRIENDS DAY  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024**

Dear Parents:

Grandparents and other adults can be very important people in children's lives. Children feel a sense of pride and accomplishment when they know that people in their extended family and community are interested in their education. Therefore, we're having a special celebration! Grandparents and Grandfriends Day recognizes the importance of our heritage, our community, and our relationships across generations.

We are inviting the grandparents and grandfriends of our students to celebrate this special event on Friday, February 2, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:45.

9:30 Check-in & refreshments in the cafeteria  
10:00 Prayer service in church  
10:30 Grandparents/Grandfriends visit classrooms

Due to limited space, we must limit visitors to grandparents or a special friend. Parents and siblings are asked not to attend this event. Thank you for understanding. Visitors for Prek and Grades 4-8 will travel the stairs. Unfortunately, we do not have an elevator. Please take this into consideration when signing up to attend.

We understand that all children do not have grandparents and that some grandparents are unable to attend. We encourage students to bring a special older adult, a family friend, neighbor, or relative. Some children are also happy to share grandparents with a classmate.

We ask you to:

1. Give the agenda on the back of this page to the grandparents or grandfriends you are inviting.
2. Complete the RSVP form and return it to your child's teacher by Wednesday, January 24.
3. If you want your child to leave with their grandparent or friend, please fill out the consent for **EACH** student at the bottom of the RSVP form. The form must be completed for your child to leave the event with their grandparent or friend, even if they are already on the pickup list.
4. Complete the link or provide the link to your child's grandparents/grandfriends to fill out the information needed for visitor tags.

Grandparents and Grandfriends Day is a special day for both young and old. Thank you for your cooperation in making the event a success and a positive, memorable experience for your child.

Respectfully,

Grandparents Day Committee

**More information on the next page!**

\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*

**Sunday, January 28  
9:30 AM Mass**

**CATHOLIC  
SCHOOLS  
WEEK MASS**



We invite all SPN School families to attend this parish mass as the kick-off "event" for Catholic Schools Week.

The SPN Chorus will lead the congregation in song during Mass.

We ask that all students wear their school uniform to this Mass. Every student in attendance will be given a house point!

**Please  
plan to  
attend!**

The faculty and students of St. Philip Neri School cordially invite you to  
attend **Grandparents and Grandfriends Day**  
Friday, February 2, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

**Agenda**

**9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

Check-in and refreshments in the gym

**10:00**

Prayer service in church to honor grandparents/friends.

Grandparents and grandfriends will meet the children in the church. Students can sit with their siblings and grandparents/friends. We ask them to sit together with the youngest sibling. Sections will be reserved by grade levels.

Any grandparents/friends who arrive after 9:55 will be seated in the back of the church. Our prayer service will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

**10:30 a.m.**

Grandparents/friends of students will meet in the children's classrooms.

Grandparents/friends of students in Prek and Grades 4-8 will travel up and down stairs. Please take this into consideration when deciding who will attend.

**11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

Grandparents/friends say goodbye, and those students who have written consent to leave with them can be signed out with the homeroom teacher.

Students can leave with their grandparents/friends **ONLY** if the parent has supplied the school with written consent for **EACH** child.

We look forward to seeing you, and we thank you for joining us!

## **WRITTEN CONSENT FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE!**

The faculty and students of St. Philip Neri School cordially invite all Grandparents and Grandfriends to attend Grandparents and Grandfriends Day on Thursday, February 2.

In order to enter the building, all visitors must have a visitor's badge. In order to help us make this easier on the morning of February 2, we are asking for grandparents/grandfriends to provide some information prior to coming.



# RSVP for Grandparents and Grandfriends Day Friday, February 2, 2024

Please return this form no later than January 24, 2024

**EACH CHILD MUST HAVE THEIR OWN CONSENT FORM**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of person(s) attending. Please circle the appropriate relationship.

<u>Visitor</u>	<u>Relationship</u>		
Name _____	Grandparent	Other Relative	Grandfriend
Name _____	Grandparent	Other Relative	Grandfriend
Name _____	Grandparent	Other Relative	Grandfriend
Name _____	Grandparent	Other Relative	Grandfriend

I give permission for my child to be taken home by \_\_\_\_\_  
on February 2, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**NOTE: ONLY STUDENTS WITH WRITTEN CONSENT  
WILL BE RELEASED TO LEAVE WITH THEIR  
GRANDPARENT/GRANDFRIEND.**

Please complete this form and return to the  
SPN School Office by January 24, 2024.

January 22-26, 2024



Dear Parents/ Guardians:

Our school is proudly participating in The Great Kindness Challenge, a week-long program dedicated to creating a culture of kindness and compassion in communities worldwide.

To help our students practice kindness and put their compassion into action, they will receive a Great Kindness Challenge checklist. Copies of the checklist will also be available in the school newsletter.

We will encourage all students to complete as many acts of kindness as possible at school and hope they feel inspired to continue them at home!

Together, we will lift each other up, cheer each other on and show the world that KINDNESS MATTERS!

Sincerely,

Ms. Sue Porembski  
School Counselor

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE AT  
ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR  
**DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 29, 2024!**

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.

The cost to complete this application is \$34.

Here is the SPN direct link: <https://online.factsmgt.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](tel: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 April-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.**

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\*\***

**You MUST complete the Grant & Aid application to be eligible for assistance. New restrictions have been put into place for the upcoming year. Completing the application and having received aid in the past is NOT a guarantee that you will automatically be granted assistance again for next school year.**



# PARISH EVENTS AND INFORMATION <http://www.stclementandstphilipneripastorate.org/>

## WEEKEND MASSES

### ST. PHILIP NERI

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Live-Streamed, Sunday 8:00am and 9:30am

### ST. CLEMENT

Saturday 4:00pm (English) and

6:00pm (Spanish)

Sunday 8:00am (Spanish), 10:00am (English)

## DAILY MASS

### ST. PHILIP NERI

Thursday 9:00am

Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri 6:30pm

### ST. CLEMENT

Monday thru Friday 8:00am

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month 9:00am

Tuesday 6:30pm (Spanish)



## The Pantry at St. Philip Neri

~Sharing the Love of Jesus~

6405 S. Orchard Road

Linthicum MD 21090

443-312-9919

## Pantry Distribution 2024

January 18<sup>th</sup>

\*February 22<sup>nd</sup>

March 21<sup>st</sup>

April 18<sup>th</sup>

May 16<sup>th</sup>

June 20<sup>th</sup>

July 18<sup>th</sup>

\*August 22<sup>nd</sup>

September 19<sup>th</sup>

October 17<sup>th</sup>

November 21<sup>st</sup>

December 19<sup>th</sup>

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church has partnered with the Anne Arundel County Food Bank to offer supplemental food at no cost to those needing assistance. The Pantry is open the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month with pick up available between 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. OR 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

\* Distribution for February and August will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday due to changes in the food delivery schedule.

Clients must be residents of Anne Arundel County and be able to provide proof of residency. If you do not live in Anne Arundel County and need supplemental food assistance, we will help you find resources in your area. You may also call the Maryland Food Bank at 410-737-8282 or visit their website at [www.marylandfoodbank.org](http://www.marylandfoodbank.org).

## 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

## ON GOING EVENTS AT SPN PARISH

Mondays (2<sup>nd</sup>) - New Moms Group @ 7 PM

Mondays - Father Larry's "The Catechism" @  
10:30 AM (St. John's Room)

Tuesdays (1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>) - Stroller Rosary Walks @ 9 AM

Wednesdays - Q&A with Father Larry @ 7:30 PM  
(SPN Facebook Page)

Thursdays (3<sup>rd</sup>) - Food Pantry @ SPN

Thursdays (3<sup>rd</sup>) - Grief Peer Support @ 7 PM  
(St. Matthew Room)

Thursdays (3<sup>rd</sup>) - Family Rosary @ 7 PM

Saturdays - Men's Rosary @ 7 AM (Zoom)

Saturdays (3/month) - Food Pantry @ St. Clement

Saturdays (2<sup>nd</sup>) - Quinceanera @ 11 AM St. Clement

Saturdays (2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>) - Stroller Rosary Walks @ 9 AM

# During our Epiphany Mass, we sang and learned about the 12 days of Christmas.

Please read about the meaning behind the 12 days of Christmas!



## 12 Days of Christmas



### **The First Day of Christmas:** **A Partridge in a Pear Tree**

A partridge in a pear tree symbolizes Jesus Christ, with the partridge representing Christ's willingness to sacrifice himself and the pear tree symbolizing the cross.

### **The Second Day of Christmas:** **Two Turtle Doves**

Two turtle doves represents the Old and New Testaments, highlighting the harmony and connection between the two.

### **The Third Day of Christmas:** **Three French Hens**

Three French hens signifies the three theological virtues: faith, hope, and love (or charity).

### **The Fourth Day of Christmas:** **Four Calling Birds**

Four calling birds symbolizes the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which spread the good news of Christ's life and teachings.

### **The Fifth Day of Christmas:** **Five Golden Rings**

Five golden rings represents the first five books of the Old Testament, known as the Pentateuch or the Torah, emphasizing God's covenant with His people.

### **The Sixth Day of Christmas:** **Six Geese A-Laying**

Six geese a-laying symbolizes the six days of creation, emphasizing God's power as the creator of the world.



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### The Seventh Day of Christmas: Seven Swans A-Swimming

Seven swans a-swimming represents the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

### The Eighth Day of Christmas: Eight Maids A-Milking

Eight maids a-milking symbolizes the eight Beatitudes preached by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, highlighting the virtues and blessings of a righteous life.

### The Ninth Day of Christmas: Nine Ladies Dancing

Nine ladies dancing represents the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

### The Tenth Day of Christmas: Ten Lords A-Leaping

Ten lords a-leaping signifies the Ten Commandments.

### The Eleventh Day of Christmas: Eleven Pipers Piping

The Eleven Faithful Apostles: Peter, Andrew, James the Elder, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the Younger, Simon, and Jude.

### The Twelfth Day of Christmas: Twelve Drummers Drumming

Twelve drummers drumming represents the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed.

The Twelve Days are December 25 to January 5, counting first and last. The Octave, or Eighth Day, is New Year's Day and the Feast of the Circumcision, the day Jesus was circumcised according to the faith. The evening of the last day is Twelfth Night or Epiphany Eve, the next morning being Epiphany.





**Hosted by  
St. Philip Neri School**

**Saturday,  
January 27, 2024**

**It's your chance to win Kate Spade, COACH,  
Michael Kors, Vera Bradley, and other purses!**

**20 Games  
of Bingo**

**3 Specials,  
2 Raffles,  
and a cash  
50/50**

**Great food will  
be available to  
purchase!**



**Doors open  
at 5:30 PM.**

**Bingo starts  
at 7 PM.**

**St. Philip Neri  
Msgr. Zorbach Hall  
6405 S. Orchard Rd.  
Linthicum, MD  
21090**

**Due to space restrictions seating will be limited. Purchase your spot now!**

**Order online at: <https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/stphilipneri/bingo>**

**If you have a group, please indicate who you would like to sit with at this event.**

**COST IS \$20!**

**This cost is for the 20-game bingo packet which does not include the specials, raffles or 50/50. No physical tickets will be delivered. Your name will be placed on the players list.**



**SPN Purse Bingo  
January 27, 2024**

**Special 1  
Vera Bradley  
Deluxe  
Travel Tote**



**Special 3  
Michael Kors  
Saffiano  
Leather 2-in-1  
Backpack**

**Special 2  
Kate Spade  
Glimmer  
Glitter Mixed  
Tote**

**Email**

**Sue Wenzlick  
with any questions at  
[swenzlick@spnmd.org](mailto:swenzlick@spnmd.org).**

**Contact Sue for  
cash/check order form!**



**Raffle 1  
Kate Spade  
Chelsea Weekender**



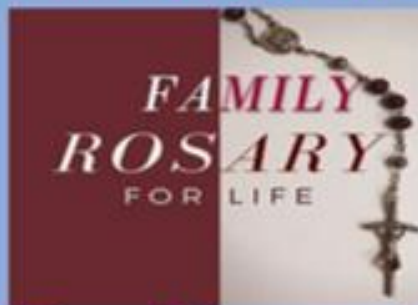
**Raffle 2  
COACH  
Hudson Backpack**

# **St. Clement & St. Philip Neri Pro-Life Events**

**JOIN US AS WE PRAY TOGETHER FOR THE UNBORN**

**THURSDAY JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**St. Philip Neri School Pro-Life Mass @ 9:00 AM**



**St. Philip Neri- 7:00 PM followed by a reception in the North Lobby**

**St. Clement- 7:00 PM**

Thursday's rosaries events are being held simultaneously.

**FRIDAY JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**St. Clement- 8:00 AM Mass**

**National March for March, Washington DC @ 10:30 AM**



**Bus leaves from St. Philip Neri @ 10:30 AM**

**\*No Charge for Bus\* \*Signup is required\***

**St. Clement signup @ front of Church or call 410-242-1025**

**SPN signup @ Connection Point or call 410-859-0571**

**We celebrate life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death,  
and every moment in between.**



# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024

## January 28<sup>th</sup> to February 2<sup>nd</sup>

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATING YOUR PARISH!

EVENT: Mass at 9:30

ATTIRE: Uniform

WE WILL BE COLLECTING CANNED FOOD ALL WEEK FOR OUR CHURCH PANTRY

### MONDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> SNOW MUCH FUN!

#### PreK-5 HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Attire: Dress up like your favorite holiday

Activity: Winter Wonderland themed STEM activities

#### 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> DECADES DAY!

Attire: 6<sup>th</sup> grade-60s, 7<sup>th</sup> grade-70s, 8<sup>th</sup> grade-80s

Activity: Winter Wonderland themed STEM activities

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup> OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT!

Attire: Uniform

Activity: Lip sync battle

### WEDNESDAY, January 31<sup>st</sup> COLOR RUSH!

Attire: House colors from head to toe

Activity: House activity and HSA treat

### THURSDAY, February 1<sup>st</sup> NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES!

Attire: Dress as your favorite everyday hero (EXAMPLES: doctor, police officer, teacher, etc.)

Activity: Mass and walking donations to the pantry for the students to see

### FRIDAY, February 2<sup>nd</sup> KEEPING IT 100!

Attire: Dress as your grandparent/100 year old (First Grade will wear their 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School shirts)

Activity: 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School activities and activities with Grandparents



# ST. PHILIP NERI TUITION RAFFLE

Supporting the SPH H.S.A.



St. Philip Neri  
Nourishing the Soul, Mind & Body

..... 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](https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/stphilipneri/HSATuition) <<<**

For more information, please email [SPNHSAMD@gmail.com](mailto: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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