



School of St. Philip

Family Newsletter

December 22, 2011

“The School of St. Philip is strongly committed to providing its students with a fundamentally sound education in a Catholic atmosphere which will enable them to carry their faith and learning beyond this school.”

(School Mission Statement)

Blessed Christmas to all of you!

May this holy day and vacation time bring you and your family closer to Jesus and each other.

Our last day of school is tomorrow, Friday, December 23.

We return on Tuesday, January 3.

Thank You

- For all the Christmas wishes and treats you have shared with us
- To the School Committee for treating the staff to a delicious breakfast today
- To those generous parents who helped serve refreshments after our concerts
- To all of you who supplied cookies for concerts (we even had enough left over to use for hot lunch on Wednesday and some to freeze for the free community meal the parish will serve in January)
- For bringing your children to the evening concert and joining us for our gift of music
- For the many things you do all year that help make this a wonderful school community

Concert at Augustana

Your children brought so much happiness to the residents of Gloria Dei and Emmaus Place yesterday when we sang our concert at Augustana Chapel. We had a full house and your children sang beautifully as they once again shared the gift of music. You can be proud!

Kindergarten Registration for 2012-2013

Registration for our kindergarten class of 2012-2013 opens January 3 to all current school families and members of our area faith community, St. Philip Church and The Church of Our Lady, Manannah. We have many brothers and sisters coming next year, so we are anticipating a full kindergarten class again next year. If there are still places available, registration will open to the general public on February 1.

If you have friends in the parish with upcoming kindergartners, please tell them about our school and encourage them to come check us out. Help them find the same great educational experience for their children that you have found for yours.

Filling out the basic information sheet and paying the \$50 book fee will secure your child's place in the class. Other forms will come later.

We have our kindergarten Open House planned for Thursday, March 15.

What to Look for in January

- ✓ January 3 – School resumes
- ✓ January 3 – School Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- ✓ January 5 – Marketing Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- ✓ January 10 – Family Information Night at Holy Trinity Middle and High School, Winsted for any interested 5th grade parents
- ✓ January 11 – Accreditation Steering Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- ✓ January 20 – End of the Second Quarter
- ✓ January 23 – No School – Teacher workshop day
- ✓ **January 28 – February 3 – Catholic Schools Week – YEAH!**

Bishop LeVoir will be joining us for 10:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, Feb. 3

Have a Perfectly Imperfect Christmas

Weekly Tip from the Love and Logic® Experts



What was your best Christmas as a kid? Was it the one where there was a lot of stress about a perfect meal elegantly served-on time-to a perfectly dressed family? Or was it the one where the dog pulled the turkey off the stove and dragged it away through the dog door? There was no perfect meal that day. Everyone rolled with the punches. They rolled up their sleeves and worked together in the kitchen to salvage a makeshift meal.

The beauty of that memory is not in perfection and organization, but in remembering the joy of being together and doing things together. It was the laughter. It was one of those days when the choices were to laugh or to cry, so you all laughed it off and enjoyed one another. It brought you all together in a different way.

Holidays are times for enjoying one another. We are not suggesting that you purposely feed the turkey to the pets, but we strongly suggest that an imperfect day with little stress will create better memories of loving relationships.

We wish you a perfectly imperfect holiday season.

Thanks for reading! Our goal is to help as many families as possible. If this is a benefit, [forward it to a friend.](#)

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God Bless you and your family! May you have a joyous Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Mrs. McCarney