

Saint Philip Neri School
2016 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

From the desk of Mrs. Elizabeth Venezia, Principal

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Congratulations!

Congratulations, **Michael K. and Jack W.!** **Archbishop Carroll High School** has awarded a **Merit Scholarship**. This is a four year partial tuition scholarship. It is because of their hard work, academic achievement, and extra-curricular involvement that they have been awarded this scholarship.

School Calendar Update

- Class instruction will end at 11:30am on **Wednesday, December 2nd**. There will be a faculty meeting in the afternoon to afford the time for the faculty to work on the Middle States Action Plan.
- The **FREE Thanksgiving Tag Day** is being rescheduled to this **Friday, November 20th**.

Crisis Management Plan

We held an **Internal Lock Down Drill** today. The teachers discussed with their students the procedures to follow in the event that an intruder entered the school building.

2021-2022 PreK & Kindergarten Registration for Current SPN School Families

We are offering an opportunity for our current SPN School families to pre-register new students for our 2021-2022 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes. It is important to reserve your place in these classes before we have registration for SPN parishioners followed by an open registration.

Pre-K and Kindergarten Pre-Registration for 2021-2022 will be done through your OptionC account beginning **Thursday November 12th and ending Monday, November 23rd at midnight**. Please follow the directions below to pre-register your child/children:

- Hover over the Office tab and click on the Drop-down, "Enrollment"
- Click on the word, "here" at the end of the sentence, "If you would like to add a new student, click or press here."
- Fill in the required fields and choose the Expected Grade, Prekindergarten or Kindergarten. (We cannot remove Pre-3 as it is a part of the software program.)
- Click "Add Student"
- MUST click, "Submit to School" to record your prospective student

Pre-K children must be 4 and Kindergarten children must be 5 by September 15, 2021. Any questions or issues in pre-registering your child should be directed to Mrs. Mesunas at mesunasb@spnschool.org before Monday, November 23rd. Registration packets will be emailed in the beginning of December.

School Calendar Reminders

- **Wednesday, November 25th**: Noon Dismissal---Thanksgiving Holidays Begin

Montgomery County Office of Public Health Mandate for Fully Virtual Instructional Model

As a result of this mandate, SPN School with the exception of our PreK will be following a **fully virtual instructional model for the Weeks of November 23rd and 30th**. This mandate is for Grades K-12. At this time, it is expected that we will return to prior instruction models on Monday, December 7th.

The following is information about this change for **fully virtual instruction**:

Students School Day: 8am to 2pm

8-8:10am Students Sign In 8:15am AM Announcements & Prayers 8:20am 1st Period 9:05am 2nd Period
9:50am AM Recess 10:05am Third Period 10:10 Fourth Period 11:35am Lunch Period 12:20pm 5th Period
1:05pm 6th Period 1:50pm PM Announcements & Prayers 1:55-2:55pm Faculty Office Hours

Guidelines and Expectations for Virtual Learning:

- The students will be logged into the classes at their scheduled times.
- Schedules will be available from their teachers.
- Teachers will be livestreaming classes from their classrooms. Lessons will not be recorded.
- Students should wear a SPN Shirt or Sweatshirt. This can be their SPN School Uniform Polo Shirt, Gym T-Shirt/Sweatshirt, SPN Spirit Committee/Home & School T-Shirt/Sweatshirt or a SPN Team T-Shirt/Sweatshirt with an appropriate pair of pants.
- Cameras are to be turned on and microphones muted. The teacher will instruct the student when the microphone can be unmuted.
- Students are to be seated in a room, at a desk, table or counter.
- The space needs to be quiet and free from distractions. (TVs, Gaming devices, etc. turned off)
- The background should be appropriate.
- There is no eating or drinking during class.
- Students in Grades 2 through 8 are to use their school assigned Chromebooks. We recently received Chromebooks for 2nd grade from the PA Department of Education funding. All other students should use their personal lap tops, desktops, tablets, iPads or iPhones. Please notify your child's homeroom teacher in the event that your child doesn't have access to a home device.
- Devices need to be fully charged and ready to be used.
- Personal headphones are strongly encouraged to allow for proper hearing.
- Students will be using Google Classroom and Google Meet for their Learning Platform.
- Students should be working independently, without parent assistance, just as they do in school.
- All assignments/homework must be completed and submitted on the days they are scheduled to be done.
- All assessments, tests, quizzes must be done when the rest of the class is doing them and submitted at the end of the class period.
- All students are expected to follow the same rules for behavior in the virtual classroom as they would in-person.

Absences/Illnesses:

If your child isn't feeling well and unable to attend virtual learning, please email your child's homeroom teacher no later than 7:45am. We kindly ask that if your child is not feeling their best, they should rest and focus on their health.

You still need to call the school office 610-828-3082 in the event that your child will be absent or late for classes.

Communications

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's/children's teachers or me should you have any questions or concerns. You can also login to your OptionC account to view your child's/children's progress.

Further Information and Instructions

Your child's/children's homeroom teacher has been reviewing the Guidelines and Expectations for Virtual Learning and will be forwarding further information to you.

Thank You!

Thank you for your prayers, understanding, patience, support and cooperation during this time of virtual instruction!

May God continue to bless you and your families, keep you all safe and healthy!