



# St. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

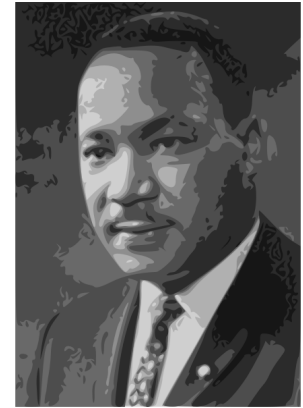
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

*So even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.*  
~ Martin Luther King Jr.



Some words and moments in history are so powerful, it can be difficult to offer an additional reflection. I simply invite us to read, or reread the transcript of the “I have a Dream” speech.

[https://static.pbslearningmedia.org/media/media\\_files/Full\\_text\\_I\\_Have\\_a\\_Dream\\_.pdf](https://static.pbslearningmedia.org/media/media_files/Full_text_I_Have_a_Dream_.pdf)

May freedom ring on the hearts, minds, and home of all people,  
Ms. Danielle Gonzalez

## **THIS WEEK:**

Monday, January 15

- No School - Martin L. King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 16

- Rediker Parent Portal is closed while teachers finalize grades
- Grades 6-8 Language Arts and Literature Midterm Exams

Wednesday, January 17

- Grade 5 - Math Midterm Exam
- Grades 6-8 Math and Religion Midterm Exams

Thursday, January 18

- Grade 5 - Reading Midterm Exam
- Grades 6-8 Science and Social Studies Midterm Exams
- 6:30 PM HSA Cigar and Whiskey Night:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18JQCYgteoq0ldYBVWwuOf6cuDOwpmGT-/view?usp=sharing>

Friday, January 19

- 8th Grade Graduation Pictures - \*Students must wear their full school dress uniform and bring their cap & gown to school labeled & on a hanger.
- Grade 5 - Science Midterm Exam

### **NEXT WEEK:**

Monday, January 22

- Grade 5 - Social Studies Midterm Exam

Tuesday, January 23

- Grade 5 - Religion Midterm Exam

Wednesday, January 24

- Grade 5 - Grammar Midterm Exam

Friday, January 26

- End of Marking Period II

### **REMINDERS:**

#### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, January 28, 2024. The theme this year is **Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community**. There is a great week planned to celebrate at St. Philip Preparatory School! Take a look below.

**Sunday, 1/28 - Kickoff to Catholic Schools Week Mass** - Attend 10 AM Mass at St. Philip the Apostle Parish! Children's choir will be singing. We ask all students attending to wear the school uniform.

**Monday, 1/29 - Celebrate our Community** - Mrs. Clifford has organized a guest speaker with Maryknoll Missionaries who will speak to all the classes.

\* ATTIRE for the day: There will be a \$2 minimum donation to dress down for all students, faculty and staff. All money collected will be donated to Maryknoll Missionaries. Feel free to donate more if you can.

**Tuesday, 1/30 - Celebrate our School** - Bishop Sweeney will be celebrating the 9 AM Mass for our school. There will be a Pep Rally organized by 8th grade in the Auditorium at the end of the day.

\* ATTIRE for the day: This will be a Spirit Day and students can also wear green and yellow accessories. Any accessories will need to be removed before going over to church. \*No leggings - gym sweatpants or SPPS pajama bottoms only.

**Wednesday, 1/31 - Celebrate our Vocations** - Career Day.

\* ATTIRE for the day: Students are invited to dress up as their future career aspirations.

**Thursday, 2/1 - Celebrate our Students** - Buddy Day

\* ATTIRE for the day: Dress Like Your Buddy Class. (More information to come from your child's homeroom teacher.)

**Friday, 2/2 - Celebrate our Church** - Conclude Catholic Schools Week by attending 9 AM Mass (Feast of the Presentation). The National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony will take place after Mass in the Church.

\* ATTIRE for the day: Regular school uniform and attire unless it is a Gym day for PreK - 5th grade. All middle school students will be in regular "dress" uniforms. This is also a 12 Noon dismissal for students.