



St. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

A U.S. Department of Education
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Dear Faculty and Staff,

“As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men,’ Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.”
(Mark 1:16-17)

We each have an individual call or invitation from Jesus. It comes at different times and in various ways. It may be altered according to the needs of the time and the desires of the human heart.

Lord, give me the grace to recognize your call and invitation. Always keep my heart and mind open to respond to it immediately like the first disciples. Amen

Teach me your ways, O Lord,
Ms. Danielle Gonzalez

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK: Catholic Schools Week 2024

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.



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Sunday, January 28 - **Kickoff to Catholic Schools Week Mass**

- Attend 10 AM Mass at St. Philips (Youth Choir will sing)
- We ask all students attending to wear the school uniform.

Monday, January 29 - ***Celebrate our Community***

- Mrs. Clifford organized a guest speaker with Maryknoll Missionaries who will speak to all 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, January 30 - ***Celebrate our School***

- Bishop Sweeney will be celebrating 9 AM Mass for our school.
- ATTIRE: 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.
- There will be a Pep Rally organized by 8th grade in the Auditorium from 2:00 - 2:30 for all grades.

Wednesday, January 31 - ***Celebrate our Vocations*** (This will be a Career Day).

- ATTIRE: Students are invited to dress up as their future career aspirations.

Thursday, February 1- ***Celebrate our Students*** (Buddy Day)

- ATTIRE: Dress Like Your Buddy Class. Use the following color theme.

Buddy Classes	Color
8 & K	Yellow
7 & PreK	Green
6 & 1	Red
5 & 3	Blue
4 & 2	Purple

Friday, February 2 - ***Celebrate our Church***

- 9 AM Mass (Feast of the Presentation).
- The National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony will take place after Mass in the Church.

- **ATTIRE:** Regular school uniform and attire unless it is a Gym day for PreK - 5th grade. All middle school students will be in regular uniform.
- Early Dismissal
 - 11:30 AM PreK3
 - 11:45 AM PreK4
 - 12:00 PM Grades K-8

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NWEA

Winter NWEA testing in Reading and Mathematics for Grades 1-8 starts February 5, 2024.

MAP Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth.

MAP Growth tests are unique and adapt to your child's responses to measure your child's knowledge. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of where your child is on their learning journey— regardless of whether they are on, above, or below their grade level.

Since MAP Growth tests provide immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, it's easy for teachers to identify students with similar scores in similar skills and topics and then plan instruction accordingly.

We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement. For more information about MAP Growth, visit [NWEA.org/familytoolkit](https://www.nwea.org/familytoolkit).