



St. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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March 25, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Mark 15:34)

What we feel, and what we know, can be so different. At times we might feel abandoned by God, but as believers we know God is always with us. Sometimes we have to let the heart guide us and other times the head. How do we know which one to follow? The answer is simple, whichever path leads us closer to Jesus. Sometimes the path may be one to the cross, but if we look a little further down the journey, we see the resurrection.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!
Ms. Danielle Gonzalez

THIS WEEK:

Monday, March 25

- Confession for Grades 3-8



Wednesday, March 27

- End of Marking Period 3
- Free Dress Down Day for all students, faculty and staff
- Early Dismissal
 - 11:30 AM PreK3
 - 11:45 AM PreK4
 - 12:00 PM K-Grade 8
- **After Care is NOT available today.**

Happy Easter to you and your family!!!

NEXT WEEK:

Monday, April 8

- School Resumes

Wednesday, April 10

- NJHS Homework Club starts today for grades K & 1.

Friday, April 12

- \$1 Tag Day for all students, faculty and staff

Week of April 15, 2024:

Tuesday, April 16

- Report Cards will be released through the Rediker Portal

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FORMED

Fr. Monteleone has purchased a subscription for the Parish/School Community!

FORMED brings beautiful and faithful Catholic content to parishes, families, and individuals. There is something for everyone here: award-winning studies and parish programs, inspiring audio content, movies, e-books, and family-friendly kid's programming.

All faculty, staff, parents, and parishioners can create an account for FREE!

Signing up for FORMED is quick and easy. Just follow the simple instructions below.

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Search for your parish by Zip Code/ Postal Code (07013). Click on your parish
- St. Philip the Apostle Church
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

Tickets for SPPS Production of Willy Wonka

Tickets are now available for purchase through Eventbrite for SPPS Middle School production of Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka! Please click on the links provided below. There are different links for each day of the performance so make sure you click on the correct one. Total cost per ticket is \$15.00. Please note, Eventbrite may charge an additional credit card fee.

- 7 PM Friday, May 3 First Performance.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spps-willy-wonka-7pm-friday-may-3-2024-tickets-867482452367?aff=oddtcreator>
- 7 PM Saturday, May 4 Second Performance.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spps-willy-wonka-7pm-saturday-may-4-2024-tickets-867512151197?aff=oddtcreator>

If seats do not sell out, then they will be available for purchase at the door. However, please note, tickets at the door will cost \$20 each (cash only) and those who have purchased tickets through Evenbrite will be seated first.

Security Updates

I am pleased to share some exciting developments regarding the enhancement of our school's security measures. Thanks to our concerted efforts and dedication to safety, I'm delighted to announce three significant initiatives have been or are being implemented.

Firstly, we are expanding our radio coverage on campus with state-of-the-art radios. These devices have already proven invaluable in facilitating swift and effective communication during drills and simulations.

Secondly, the foyer isolation measures are progressing forward. The doors have been installed on the Early Childhood wing. We are continuing the effort to strengthen access points and enhanced visitor screening protocols.

Lastly, as per the new statewide school security requirements, the critical incident mapping (CIM) complete with detailed maps outlining emergency exits, evacuation routes, and key locations within the school have been developed and distributed to first responders. This comprehensive mapping system not only aids in navigation during emergencies but also enables more efficient response and evacuation procedures.

SUMMER

* Be sure to continually check the "Summer Opportunities" in the "Reminder" portion of the letter. As the school is notified about various summer programs available for the children, they will be added to this section.

REMINDERS:

REGISTRATION

Re-registration is ongoing. If parents still need to register their children for the 2024-2025 school year, the process to re-register is below. Please re-register no later than April 30, 2024 to insure a seat for your child and proper planning for the 2024-2025 school year.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ze2sIS8NvFTXIQI1jLgy-1N7UCiGMk4gUdQpcjbxro/edit?usp=sharing>

Research from the National Catholic Educational Association shows that overall enrollment in Catholic Schools has grown for the second year in a row, graduation rates from Catholic high schools are over 98%, and students in Catholic schools outperform peers in public schools on the National Assessment

of Educational Progress. We need these messages to be spread wide and with full heart and voice to let families know that enrolling their child in a Catholic school is both an investment in their academic future and their faith life.

Diocese of Paterson Catholic Schools
For more info visit: <https://patdioschools.org/>

FAMILY FUN NIGHT @ Yankee Stadium - April 21, 2024

https://drive.google.com/file/d/18-GoeS6hHZdjSqnbrS0dvM2u_CbexBdW/view?usp=sharing

END of Year Calendar

To date, two Emergency Days were used to close school. Pending there are no more Emergency Days needed, the last day of school with the students will be Monday, June 17, 2024.

SUMMER Opportunities for the Children

- MHC Camp - Open House April 14, 2024 from 12:00 - 2:00 PM
 - For students that are going into Pre-K 4 through going into 8th grade
 - Dates of Camp: June 24-July 26, 2024

www.maryhelp.org/camp/

Flyer:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Q3MYxDw2Eh0jr151kaMpXO7iPAXaGITk/view?usp=sharing>

- Don Bosco Prep Summer Theater
 - For students currently in Grade 6-8
 - Dates of Camp: June 24-28, 2024
 - To register, visit: <https://forms.gle/q5N8jgPVqhDMbfRJ8>
 - More Information: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Lx1qA3i5gZioBQVoQCqZSYL3Z9e_pmDP/view?usp=sharing

- **NEW** **St. Philip Parish Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

- We invite Children in Kindergarten through Fifth grade.
- July 29 - August 2
- 8:30 AM to Noon
- Songs, skits, snacks, games, crafts, logo t-shirt
- Registration begins May 25th
- Students want 30 Community Service Hours? Sign up to be Junior Leaders!