



St. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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April 15, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

“The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way. Jesus said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said, ‘Why are you troubled?’ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.” (Luke 24:35-45)

Reflection is taken from *The Word Among Us*:

Jesus helped the disciples to make sense of all they had been through. He helped them see his death was not a tragedy but a triumph. It was not the end of their hopes, but the beginning of a glorious new future.

Jesus longs to do for you what he did for the disciples. He longs to open your mind to his mercy so that you can be set free from guilt or shame, confusion or betrayal. He longs to give you new insight into his wisdom so that you can look to your future with hope and trust.

Accepting his peace into my heart,
Ms. Danielle Gonzalez

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, April 16

- Report Cards will be released through the Rediker Portal

NEXT WEEK:

Sunday, April 21

- Good Shepherd Sunday - Pastor Appreciation Day. Thank you Fr. Monteleone for all you do for the Parish and school! You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Monday, April 22

- Earth Day

Wednesday, April 24

- Administrative Professionals Day. Thank you Mrs. Neglia and Ms. Lubanski for all you do for the school!

Friday, April 26

- Spirit Day - All students, faculty and staff can wear Spirit Wear for the day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Theater Week & Middle School Production of Willy Wonka

The week of April 29th will be Theater Week at SPPS!

- Tuesday, April 30th, there will be a special \$5 Tag Day for all students, faculty and staff to help support the production of the play.

The main performances of the Middle School Production of Willy Wonka will be at 7PM on Friday, May 3, 2024 and Saturday, May 4, 2024.

PURCHASE TICKETS - Don't Miss out!

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 Eventbrite will be seated first.

RE-REGISTRATION

If you have not already done so, parents are asked to re-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>

REMINDERS:

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

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.

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.

RECENTLY ADDED

- **Monday, June 10th through Wednesday, June 12th will be full days of school.**
- **Thursday, June 13, 2024: Half Day with Aftercare (LAST day of Aftercare.)**
- **Friday, June 14, 2024: Half Day with NO Aftercare**
- **Monday, June 17, 2024: Half Day with NO Aftercare**

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
- 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!