

# NEWS AND NOTES for the Week of January 16, 2017

Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King Holiday	<b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>
Tuesday, January 17	3:00 - 4:00 PM Title I Extended Day (Grades 2-8) 3:00 – 4:00 PM Song and Dance	
Wednesday, January 18	3:00-4:00 Children’s Choir Practice 3:00 - 4:00 PM Title I Extended Day (Grades 2-8)	
Thursday, January 19	3:00 – 4:00 PM Song and Dance	

## **Snow Days and Delayed Openings**

As the winter continues and the threat of snow and ice is ever-present, please listen to KYW or one of the TV stations regarding whether or not we are open. As an Archdiocesan school, we do not make the decision as to close due to inclement weather. That is made by the Office of Catholic Education. Please listen for “ALL ARCHDIOCESAN (or Parochial) SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED TODAY” or “THERE WILL BE A 2 HOUR DELAY THIS MORNING FOR ALL ARCHDIOCESAN SCHOOLS.” Please do not call the school. If we get the word soon enough, we will post it on the school website or send out an email but it is best to just listen to the radio or television for the announcement.

**Be aware that there is NO morning CARES if there is a delayed opening.**

## **Message from Fr. Howarth**

My Dear School Parents,

Below is a copy of the letter that was read at all of the Masses this past weekend at both Our Lady of Ransom and Resurrection of Our Lord parishes. As I said at the very beginning of the year, when our people fulfill their obligations to worship as a faith community on Saturday/Sunday, the problems that we are facing may not have arisen at all. The letter states clearly that one of the reasons that actions such as these are occurring is because of a marked decrease in the numbers who attend Sabbath Mass and support the church. Please consider your commitment to Sabbath worship. After all, it is a commandment and not a suggestion. Simply speaking, if all our school families reinvest in their respective parishes through their participation at Mass, this will be the last time we will be going through this process. No matter what the end result of the study (merger or twinning) in the end it will be your decision whether we emerge from the process as a vibrant, stronger faith community or one that languishes waiting for the next apple to fall from the proverbial tree of fate.

Respectfully,  
Father Howarth

Dear Parishioners,

Over the last six years the Archdiocese of Philadelphia has been engaged in a Parish Pastoral Planning Initiative. As a part of this ongoing planning initiative, our parish has been asked to enter into discussions this year with Our Lady of Ransom Parish to consider the advantages and challenges that would be involved in uniting our two parishes. The need for parish planning arises out of the declining number attending church, financial shortages faced by many parishes, and the shortage of priests available to serve as pastors. The goal of parish planning is to maintain a vibrant and sustainable faith community in our area for future generations.

Two models are considered in uniting parishes. The first is a “merger” by which the two parishes are united into one newly merged parish. All of the assets and liabilities are then shared. The second is a “partnership” by which all of the administration of the parishes is combined – with one pastor, one parish office, one parish staff, etc. Both parishes, however, retain their status as a parish and, aside from shared expenses, the finances are kept separate.

In the coming weeks, a committee will be formed with the pastors and parishioners from both parishes. We will be asked to consider the advantages and challenges of both models for uniting the parishes. These observations will be presented to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Committee and to the Council of Priests, who will make a recommendation to the Archbishop. It is anticipated that the process will be completed this spring and the decision will go into effect July 1, 2017. In the coming months we will do our best to keep you informed and address any questions you may have. Your constructive input is most welcome. Your prayers, patience and understanding are essential. While any such change presents challenges and difficulties, we need to focus on how best to prepare ourselves now to share the Gospel of Jesus for generations to come.

## ARRIVAL Policy Enforced

With the advent of winter and the colder weather, the children will not congregate in the yard in the morning but will be sent to the cafeteria where they will wait with their class until the teacher brings them up to the classroom. The children are used to this procedure and do not need parents to follow them into the building. Children should ONLY be dropped off along the curb on Shelmire Ave. or Vista St. Any child dropped off across the street MUST walk to the corner to be crossed by the crossing guard. You should not leave the vehicle to assist your child nor should you be double parking to let your child out of the car. **Please note that the doors for AM CARES open at 6:30 AM. Please do not try to drop your child off before this time.**

## Dismissal – IMPORTANT NOTICE – New Policy

Starting immediately, students who are not picked up at dismissal (2:45 PM) will be sent to CARES. If you have an emergency and know that you will be no more than fifteen minutes late, please call the office at 215-742-1127. After the 15 minutes, your child will be sent to CARES and charged the \$12.00 CARES fee.

Also, unless there is an emergency requiring a change of dismissal plans, you should not be calling the office in the afternoon to tell your child what line he or she is to go in or whether or not to go to CARES. Please make sure that your child knows this information in the morning before leaving the house. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

## Home and School News

- **Monday, February 13, 2017 - Gertrude Hawk Candy fundraiser begins.**  
This is a great way to get all your Easter candy while supporting Resurrection Regional Catholic School. (Flyer)  
All orders due by Wednesday, March 8, 2017 **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**
- **Saturday, February 18, 2017, 6:30-11:00 PM – Comedy Night**  
This 21 year old and over event will be a night filled with great food, lots of laughs, spirited beverages and friends. There will be baskets for auction as well as a 50/50! Tickets are \$35pp (full tables of 10 are discounted to \$300). (FLYER)
- **Sunday, March 19, 2017 - Father/Daughter Dance** at the Radisson. 1-5pm (FLYER)  
Last day to purchase tickets is Wednesday, March 8, 2017 **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**
- **Saturday, April 8, 2017 - Mother/Son Bingo** (FLYER)  
Last day to purchase tickets will be Friday, March 31, 2017 **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**
- **Saturday, April 22 & Sunday, April 23, 2017 - Annual Dinner Show, *Beauty and the Beast*** (FLYER)  
Ms. Galanti and our Song and Dance kids have already started to prepare for this. Tickets are \$15pp and will include a hoagie, drink and chips. **No tickets will be sold at the door.** Ticket deadline is Friday, April 14, 2017. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**

## Events for Catholic Schools Week – Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service

### Service Project - Food Drive to support Philabundance, January 17 – February 3

Philabundance is a nonprofit organization located here in Philadelphia that takes food collected and distributes it to people who are struggling to feed their families. We will be targeting the list of food items that Philabundance has labeled High Priority. Every grade has been assigned an item to bring in to school. Philabundance requests that all items be either in boxes, cans or plastic bottles. Thank you so much for your help with this service project which will make a difference to help feed the needy families in Philadelphia. The class that brings in the most items will be rewarded with a pizza party!



GRADE	ITEM	GRADE	ITEM	GRADE	ITEM
PreKindergarten	Cereals (boxes of individual servings)	3	Whole grain pasta, rice	7	Peanut butter
Kindergarten	Oatmeal (boxes of individual packets)	4	Jelly, jams, preserves		
1	Macaroni & Cheese	5	Canned fruits & vegetables	8	Pancake mix, syrup
2	Breakfast bars	6	100% juice boxes, cans or bottles, apple sauce		

Week of January 16, 2017

- **Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 Noon Mass at Resurrection of Our Lord Church followed by Open House in School**

Every year, students process by grade into Church for the opening of Catholic Schools Week. This year, we would like to invite all alumni who currently have a loved one attending Resurrection Regional Catholic School to join us in the procession. This means that mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc. who graduated either from Resurrection Regional Catholic School, Resurrection of Our Lord School or Our Lady of Ransom School are being asked to participate. Please meet in the school hall by 11:30. There will be a section designated for alumni. These alumni along with their current Resurrection student(s) will lead the procession into Church and sit together in the front pews. It will be really impressive to see how many students are continuing the legacy established by others in their family!

- **Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> - Parent Appreciation Day**

Each classroom will plan an activity to thank the parents for choosing Resurrection Regional Catholic School.

- **Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> - Community Appreciation Day, 9:00-11:00 AM**

The administration, faculty and students would like to cordially invite any school worker (lunch moms, crossing guard, bus drivers, door volunteers, coaches, scout leaders, aides, etc.) to a continental breakfast. Please call the school office (215-742-1127) or Mrs. Toczykowski at [marytoczykowski@gmail.com](mailto:marytoczykowski@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.

- **Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> - Chow for Pals Prayer Service 1:15 PM in the gym**

Each class will have 2 students bring up 2 items collected in our campaign for Philabundance.

- **Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Student Appreciation Day**

Grades PreK3 – Grade 4 will have a dance party in the gym; Grades 5-8 will attend a Faculty vs Student Basketball Game. The Home and School will provide an ice cream treat for all the students.

- **Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Teacher Appreciation Day**

**1:00 PM DISMISSAL NO pm CARES**

8:30 am End of Catholic Schools Week Liturgy and distribution of Peacemaker certificates

## Alumni News



2013 graduate, Marc Rodriguez, has become the first Crusader at Father Judge High School to score 1000 points in his basketball career at the school. CONGRATULATIONS, Marc!! We look forward to seeing you play college ball and maybe, one day, you'll be playing for the 76ers.

WE have another notable basketball alumna! 2014 graduate, Jules Gura, is making a name for herself at St. Basil Academy. They are 13-0 this year, unbeaten at home and on the road. Her picture appeared in The Times Herald on Friday, January 13, 2017, She was also interviewed by the sports reporter. According to the reporter, "It was Gura who came up with the steal and breakaway layin to stretch the Basil lead to 22-13 early in the third. She later got into the Gynwedd passing lane, intercepted the ball and was on her way to another steal and layup, this one stretching the advantage to 20." Congratulations, Jules! Wonder where you'll be playing college ball.



## High School News

### St. Basil Academy

St. Basil Academy will offer the Seventh Grade Practice Exam on Saturday, March 4, at 8:00 AM. Register online at <https://www.stbasilacademy.org/product/7th-grade-practice-exam-registration/>

To schedule a shadow day visit, or for more information, please contact Mrs. Kimberly Clearkin, Director of Admissions, at 215-649-9083 or [kclearkin@stbasilacademy.org](mailto:kclearkin@stbasilacademy.org)

## **St. Huberts**

St. Hubert Basketball Grade School Night will be held on Friday January 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Come watch the Bambies take on Hallahan. There will be halftime contests and prizes and free admission to girls wearing a t-shirt that represents their grade school.

Shadow dates are available! Shadowing is the best way to experience a day in the life of a Bambie. Learn the difference technology can make in the classroom, see Bambi school spirit, and participate in their community of faith.

Reserve your Bambie Shadow Day now by visiting [huberts.org](http://huberts.org). All reservations must be made at least seven days in advance.

### **Dr. Pace Test Prep [For more information, call 215-725-6568 or visit [www.drpaceseminars.com](http://www.drpaceseminars.com)]**

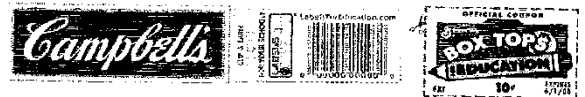
- **Slaying the Dragons of Standardized Tests** – (Prepares students for all high school entrance and scholarship tests)  
**FOR:** Students in Grades 6 & 7 and their parents  
**LOCATION:** Basilian Spirituality Center at Fox Chase Manor (across from St. Basil Academy)  
**DATES:** Sunday, February 12 & 19, 2017  
**TIME:** 12:30 – 2:30 PM **COST:** \$80 (covers student and parent)
- **HSPT Academic Seminar** – (Covers all areas of the High School Placement Tests)  
**FOR:** Students in Grades 6 & 7  
**LOCATION:** **LOCATION:** Basilian Spirituality Center at Fox Chase Manor (across from St. Basil Academy)  
**DATES:** February 12 & 19, 2017 **TIME:** 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM **COST:** \$110
- **TerraNova Program** – (Prepares students to take the TerraNova Test)  
**FOR:** Students in 7 and Advanced 6<sup>th</sup> Graders  
**LOCATION:** Basilian Spirituality Center at Fox Chase Manor (across from St. Basil Academy)  
**DATES:** Saturday, March 11 & Sunday, March 12 **TIME:** 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM **COST:** \$110

## **Shop Amazon Smile and Benefit Our School**

Please continue to do all your online shopping through [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). It's simple. You use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same. On your first visit to AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)), you need to select Resurrection Regional Catholic School before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation to our school. Encourage your family and friends to support our school also if they shop at Amazon. It doesn't cost them any more and it will help our school.

## **Box Tops and Labels for Education**

Thanks to all your efforts and Mrs. Powers' organization, we have received a check for over \$1300 from Box Tops for Education! Who would have thought that just collecting those little labels could result in such a bonus for our school! Starting in February, the class that brings in the most labels for the month will have a dress down day!



We are grateful to Mrs. Carolann Powers for all her hard work as the Box Tops/Labels Coordinator for Resurrection Regional School. Box Tops are each worth 10¢ and they quickly add up to real cash for our school. You can find the pink Box Tops on many products. Download a list of those products [here](#) or from the FORMS link on the school website Just clip them and send them in to school with your child.

Double your Box Tops when you use the new Box Tops Bonus App! You can earn Bonus Box Tops when you shop in addition to the Box Tops you clip from the packages. Find on the App Store: <https://appsto.re/us/KidJeb.i> or on Google Play: <http://bit.ly/2cnS4H2>

## **SCRIP Program**

Our school has been given a new code for buying SCRIP online. If you order online, please call our SCRIP coordinator, Rose at [Rosewie@comcast.net](mailto:Rosewie@comcast.net) or call the SCRIP office at 215-745-5021 for the code. The hours of the Scrip office in the Rectory are as follows: Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 9:00 -11:00 AM; Tuesday and Thursday, 1:15 – 2:45 PM; Wednesday 6:00-8:00 PM; Friday 9:00-11:00 AM and 6:00-8:00 PM

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Friday, January 27	Progress Reports Distributed
Saturday, January 28	7:00 – 10:00 PM School Dance for Grades 5-8 (Permission Form Required)
Sunday, January 29	Noon Mass at Resurrection of Our Lord for opening of Catholic Schools Week
Friday, February 3	8:30 AM First Friday Mass for PK4- GR8; Peacemaker Certificates will be distributed <b>1:00 PM DISMISSAL after lunch NO PM CARES</b>
Monday, February 6	<b>Pastor's Holiday for Dance-a-Thon</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Monday, February 13	7:00 PM First Reconciliation at Resurrection of Our Lord
Thursday, February 16	<b>PICTURE DAY</b> (Students will wear school uniforms.)
Friday, February 17	<b>Faculty Retreat</b> <b>NO SCHOOL for Students</b>
Monday, February 20	<b>Presidents' Day</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Monday, February 27	4:00 PM Confirmation at Resurrection of Our Lord <b>1:00 PM DISMISSAL after lunch NO PM CARES</b>