

# NEWS AND NOTES for the Week of May 8, 2017

Monday, May 8	7:00 PM May Procession
Tuesday, May 9	Math Matters goes to St. Martin of Tours 3:00-4:00 PM Title I Tutoring
Wednesday, May 10	Song and Dance visits Glendale Uptown Nursing Home 10:00 AM Presentation of \$5000 check by Verizon 3:00-4:00 PM Title I Tutoring NO CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE
Thursday, May 11	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade plant sale – all plants \$3 each
Friday, May 12	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Philadelphia Historic District

## **Student DROP-OFF in the Morning**

Now that the nice weather is here, students will be congregating in the schoolyard in the morning. In order to keep all children safe and our tempers in check in the early morning, we ask that all parents abide by the following rules:

1. No one should be parking their car along the curb on Shelmire or Vista. Please just pull up to the curb and stop long enough for your child to safely get out of the car and then pull carefully back out into traffic.
2. If you feel the need to get out of your car and walk your child to the schoolyard, then you must park your car in an appropriate spot. (The Acme parking lot is ideal.)
3. Please do not pull up on the side of the street opposite the school and try to cross your child there. All children and parents who get out of a car on the side of the street opposite the school must walk the child to the corner and cross with the crossing guard.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If we all just follow these three simple rules, all our children will be safe and everyone will have a much happier start to the day.

## **GREAT NEWS**

We have quite a few names on our waiting list for PreK3 so we have decided to open up a second PreK3 class! Please inform your family and friends that we now have openings in our three year old program. Children have to be three by September 1, 2017 and be potty-trained. There is still an option for three days or 5 days. Please call Mrs. DeCree at 215-742-1127 if you are interested.

## **FIRST COMMUNION NEWS**

On Saturday, May 6, fifty-five of our parish children received Holy Eucharist for the first time. Our children received Jesus with joy and reverence. Their beautiful voices filled the church when they sang *Heart of Jesus*. A special thank you goes out to Ms. Coleman, Ms. McCann, Ms. Galanti and Ms. Fitzgerald for all they have done to ensure that our children were so beautifully prepared to receive Jesus for the first time. Thank you to Mrs. Smith for all of her behind the scenes work. A special mention goes out to Mrs. Kahn for prayerfully reciting and leading the Prayer for Parents at Mass. Father Howarth and Father Sullivan were thrilled to welcome 33 of our First Communicants to their Second Communion at 10:30 am Mass. Congratulations to all of our children who received First Communion on Saturday. May their hearts always be filled with love for Jesus and the gift of Holy Eucharist.

## **Eighth Grade Plant Sale**

8<sup>th</sup> grade will be hosting a Mother's Day Plant Sale on Thursday, 5/11/17. They will have a variety of plants for sale that day for \$3 each. Every class will have the opportunity to purchase these plants. They make great gifts for the special ladies in the student's lives. Everyone was quite pleased with the quality of the plants at last year's plant sale. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents will be on hand to assist your child with the purchase. Thank you for your support!!!!



## **Save Our Scholarships – TAKE ACTION NOW**

BLOCS relies on the EITC and OSTC Educational Tax Credit programs for over 90% of the scholarships awarded. These programs allow businesses and individuals to obtain state tax credits for donating to BLOCS. Last year we raised \$18.5 million dollars in scholarship dollars through these programs and helped 11,000 students attend Catholic Schools. However, there were an additional 10,000 qualified students whom BLOCS could not support.

Governor Wolf has proposed a 10% reduction of these tax credits for this upcoming fiscal year. Should this pass, the results could devastate thousands of area families who rely on these scholarships to keep their children enrolled in better schools. While the Governor is proposing cuts to the programs, the Pennsylvania Legislature recently passed House Bill 250 which increases the tax credit programs by an additional \$75 million. House Bill 250 would allow us to offer scholarships to many of the 10,000 qualified students that we could not support last year.

We are asking you to contact Governor Wolf and ask him not to cut the EITC & OSTC tax credit programs and to accept the increased funding put forth in House Bill 250. To contact the Governor Wolf, click [HERE](#) or call his office at [717-787-2500](tel:717-787-2500). **TAKE ACTION** NOW! Thank you for your help in this crucial time for education in Pennsylvania!

## **Scholarship News**

We were recently notified of **four** generous donations that have been made through EITC/OSTC for the 2017-2018 school year. Enterprise Holdings has allocated \$5,000, Karen Seace, Esq. has allocated \$7,800, Penn Jersey Paper has added \$2,666 AND Verizon has designated \$5,000 in K12 EITC scholarships. In order to be eligible for these scholarships, you must have applied to SMARTAID and/or Bridge.

- To apply for SMARTAID, go to <https://aid.smarttuition.com/> and click on the Parent Link. You will need to create an account and then you can apply online. Our School Code is **91031**. You will need to list this code in Section C on the application. **WE GET MORE MONEY FROM SMARTAID SO MAKE SURE YOU APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP.**
- To apply for BRIDGE, download the application here (application) or from the Parent Resources/Scholarships link on the school website. Complete the application and return it to school with the financial information required.

We are so grateful to these people for designating our school to be the recipient of their donations. Please encourage other businesses or individuals to do the same. Our scholarship amounts are dependent upon these donors.

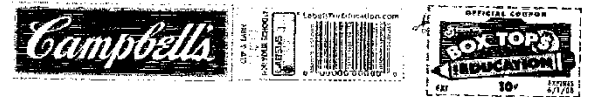
## **Bridge Educational Foundation**

Bridge will partner with either new or existing EITC/OSTC tax credit donors who want to help our school. Bridge does not charge scholarship families a fee to apply for our scholarships. Bridge Educational Foundation staff helps donors stay on track with their EITC deadlines and paperwork and, if requested, will file their tax credit paperwork on their behalf. Bridge Educational Foundation participates in all three of the scholarship tax credit programs: Scholarship (SO), Pre-Kindergarten (PKSO) and Opportunity Scholarship (OSTC).

If you know of any local businesses that have an interest in tax credit opportunities and would like to help families at our school with scholarships please ask them to contact Bridge and consider a partnership with Bridge Educational Foundation. Contact Natalie Nutt, Executive Director at [717-214-6792](tel:717-214-6792) or email [Natalie.nutt@bridgeed.org](mailto:Natalie.nutt@bridgeed.org) for more information.

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

As the end of our school year approaches, we are getting our final shipment of Box Tops and Labels for Education ready for submission. If you have any Box Tops or Labels laying around your house, please send them in to school with your child. Please be mindful that Box Tops have an expiration date printed on them, and they will not be accepted by the company if they have expired. You have done a wonderful job of sending in Box Tops and Labels this year, so let's end the school year on a high note by sending in a great final submission. Thank you for being so attentive to this fundraiser for our school. We are also grateful to Mrs. Powers for all her hard work as the Box Tops/Labels Coordinator for Resurrection Regional School. Don't forget to continue to collect your labels and box tops over the summer. We will be doing this again next year.



## **High School News**

**Bishop McDevitt High School** is offering a Boys Basketball Camp from June 19-23 for boys presently in Grades 1-8. If interested or you need more information, contact Dan Greenberg at 267-455-3574 or [historychair@msn.com](mailto:historychair@msn.com) or download the [flyer](#).

## **Summer Opportunities**

### **GSK Science in the Summer Program**

Glaxo Smith Kline is once again sponsoring a **free**, fun science education program administered by the Franklin Institute. This summer, a new course will be offered called ***The Science of Sports***. Classes are held at area libraries throughout the city of Philadelphia from June to August. Online registration as well as class locations, dates and times are available at [www.scienceinthefall.com](http://www.scienceinthefall.com) . For more information, download the **flyer**. Registration begins May 5 and space is limited. Take advantage of this great program! What a wonderful opportunity and it's free!

### **Dance Explosion**

Explode into summer with Dance Explosion's summer dance session. All Classes will be held on Tuesday nights starting Tuesday July 25th and end Tuesday August 29<sup>th</sup> - 6 Week Program (**FLYER**)

Each class below is \$50 for the 6-week session:

- 5:30PM – 6:15PM – Toddler Combo Class Ballet / Tap / Jazz (ages 2-6)
- 6:15PM - 7:00PM – Hip Hop Class (ages 7 and up)
- 7:00PM – 7:45PM – Ballet Class (ages 7 and up)
- 7:45PM – 8:45PM – Tap / Jazz Combo (ages 7 and up)

Questions about this summer session please contact Jennifer Pfeifer at 215-828-2764 or

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### **Dance 4u Dance Center**

Summer programs will be offered for boys & girls of all ages. (**FLYER**)

- "Movie Magic" Dance: Ages 3 to 6 yrs. Class will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings for 4 weeks beginning 7/11 through 8/3. Time 5:30 to 7:00pm. \$120 per child.
- "Shining Stars" Dance: Ages 7 to 9 yrs. Tap, jazz, ballet, lyrical, and hip hop will be taught during this 6 week session. Class will meet Monday and Wednesdays for 6 weeks beginning 6/26 through 8/2. Time 5:30 to 7:00pm. \$150 per child.
- "Dance Intensive": Ages 10 & over. Tap, jazz, ballet, lyrical, and hip hop will be taught, along with a focus on turns, leaps, and jumps for each specific genre. Class will meet Monday and Wednesdays for 6 weeks beginning 6/26 through 8/2. Time 7:00 pm to 9:00pm \$200 per child.

To register, please contact Meghan McHugh at [dance4u101@gmail.com](mailto:dance4u101@gmail.com)

Dance 4u Dance Center is located at 101 E. Laurel Ave #2, Cheltenham, Pa 19012

### **Summer Reading Skills Program**

- Weekly classes offered for students entering Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Programs are offered by Temple University; classes are taught by instructors from the Institute of Reading Development
- Three sites available: Nazareth Academy, Arcadia University, Bishop McDevitt High School
- For more information, call 1-800-570-8936 or download the flyer. (**FLYER**)

### **Lower Mayfair Recreation Center Summer Camp for ages 6-12**

- Camp hours are 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM from July 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Cost is \$75.00 per week plus a \$10.00 registration fee. Before Care and Extended Care is available for an additional fee.
- Located at Robbins Ave. & Hawthorne St.
- Registration is Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:00 – 8:00 PM.
- For more information call Kathy at 215-685-1227.

**Northeast Family Summer Camp for ages 5-12** Camp hours are from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM from June 26, 1917 through August 18, 2017

- Cost is \$175/week for 1 child; \$320/week for 2 children and \$440/week for 3 children plus a \$30 non-refundable registration fee
- Located at St. Dominic Parish, 8510 Frankford Ave.
- For more information or to enroll your child, contact Allyson Buckley or William Carley at [northeastfamilysummercamp@gmail.com](mailto:northeastfamilysummercamp@gmail.com) or download flyer (**FLYER**)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 25	8:30 AM Mass for Ascension Thursday – School is in session 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip to New York City
Friday, May 26 & Monday, May 29	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Tuesday, May 30	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip to the Philadelphia Zoo
Friday, June 2	8:30 Mass for First Friday
Wednesday, June 7	9:00 AM PK3 Closing Exercises
Thursday, June 8	9:00 AM PK4 Closing Exercises
Friday, June 9	9:00 AM Kindergarten Closing Exercises