

NEWS AND NOTES for the Weeks of January 8 & 15, 2018

Monday, January 8	3:00 – 4:00 pm Title I
Tuesday, January 9	3:00 – 4:00 pm Title I
Wednesday, January 10	1:00 pm Walnut St. Theater presents <i>Bully Busters</i> to Grades K-5 3:00 – 4:00 pm Children’s Choir Practice 6:00 – 7:00 pm Swap Shop in Room 4 (Enter through main doors of school.)
Friday, January 12	8 th Grade Connelly Trip to the Mutter Museum
Monday, January 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, January 16	3:00 – 4:00 pm Title I
Wednesday, January 17	3:00 – 4:00 pm Children’s Choir Practice
Thursday, January 18	February Pretzel Order DUE (\$7.20 for 18 days)
Saturday, January 20	7:00 – 10:00 pm School Dance for Grades 5-8 (Permission Form required)

Snow Days, Early Dismissals and Delayed Openings

As the past two weeks have clearly indicated, the weather in winter is quite unpredictable! Resurrection Regional does not make the decisions about closing due to inclement weather. The Office of Catholic Education makes the decision for **“All Philadelphia Archdiocesan Schools.” You must listen for that announcement on the radio or TV.** As soon as we get the notification, we will try to post it on our website as well as email parents and send a text/voice message. That is why it is critical that we have up-to-date contact information for you including email, home and cell phone numbers.

We understand that Early Dismissals and Delayed Openings are difficult for working parents so we encourage you to have an emergency plan in place prior to it happening. After school CARES is not available for early dismissals since our staff needs to get home safely as well. In addition, keep in mind that if there is a delayed opening, morning CARES will have a delayed opening as well. For example, if it is announced, “Philadelphia Archdiocesan schools will have a 2 hour delayed opening,” we will open school at 10:00 am and CARES will be available starting at 8:30 am since CARES usually begins at 6:30am.

New Pretzel Procedure

Everyone seems pleased with ordering pretzels by the month. There will be 18 days for pretzels in February (2/5 through 3/2) at a cost of **\$7.20. Please send in the exact amount by Thursday, January 18. No change will be returned.** If you have more than one child, each child must return a separate form. You may return the total amount of money with the oldest child but please make a note of the payment on each child’s order form. Forms can be downloaded from the FORMS link on the school website.



Home and School News

Save the dates for these upcoming exciting events planned by the Home and School for the 2017-2018 school year.

February 1 – February 19 – Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser

Saturday, February 24 – Comedy Night

Saturday, March 24 – Father Daughter Dance

Saturday, April 7 – Mother Son Bingo

8th Grade News

Jade Gambino was offered an art scholarship from St. Hubert’s High School. Congratulations, Jade!

In addition, the following eighth graders have been awarded a Maguire scholarship: Jade Gambino, Carlina Herschok and Colin Murray. Congratulations! We are so proud of you.

Legislative Update

There are two key pieces of legislation for which we need your support. One is a Commonwealth (PA) Bill, SB2, which creates Educational Savings Accounts for parents of students wishing to attend nonpublic schools. The other is an amendment (US) to the College Savings Plan 529 which would allow parents to save for K-12 in addition to college, with the same tax benefits. A more detailed description is below.

1. **Senate Bill 2 (PA, Senator DiSanto)**

As it stands, the Senate Education Committee is currently considering a bill known as the Education Savings Account plan, or Senate Bill 2. SB2 would help protect the most vulnerable children among us by focusing the savings accounts on the lowest-performing school districts in the Commonwealth. Specifically, SB2 would create state-funded, flexible, spending accounts for individual students. Parents could use the funds to pay for Department of Education-approved educational expenses such as non-public school tuition, higher education tuition, textbooks and curriculum, testing and industry certifications. Unused funds would roll over from one year to the next, and unspent ESA dollars could even be used to pay for college. This is a plan to empower children with educational opportunity. Please click on the link below to show your support of this important piece of legislation.

<https://www.pacatholic.org/resources/voter-voice/?vvsrsrc=%2fCampaigns%2f54999%2fRespond>

2. **Senate Tax Reform Bill, College Savings Plan 529 (US, House-Senate Conference Committee)**

The tax reform bills passed separately by the House and Senate will go to conference to reconcile differences between the two before a final law is passed. There are some critical provisions that are of importance to members of Catholic and other private school communities:

- Expansion of Section 529 savings accounts to cover elementary and secondary school expenses, as provided in the House version of the bill. Comprehensive 529 accounts would provide parents some practical assistance in saving for the critical years of their child's education.
- Retention of Section 117(d), as provided in the Senate version of the bill. This section allows religious and independent elementary and secondary schools to offer tax-free tuition to the children of teachers and other staff. It helps schools attract high-quality employees to settings that are favorable to parents and children.
- Retention of Section 127(a), as provided in the Senate version of the bill. This section allows schools to cover up to \$5,250 annually in tax-free educational expenses for employees, another attraction in recruiting qualified staff. It is also vitally important to certain innovative private school communities that have work-study programs in which low-income students receive tax-free compensation.

<http://action.capenet.org/ctas/urge-congress-to-include-key-provisions-in-tax-reform>

Both issues are time sensitive and our position would be greatly improved by a speedy delivery and advocacy. Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Scholarship News

BLOCS

Applications for BLOCS Scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year are available at <http://blocs.org/apply-scholarship/>. If your child is planning on attending Resurrection, an Archdiocesan high school or select private schools, please apply now if you are in need of a scholarship. FACTS is the replacement for SMARTAID as the means of applying for a BLOCS scholarship. In order to apply, you will need to have your most recent tax documents available. 2017 tax documents will need to be uploaded after January to complete your application. For questions about the application process, please contact FACTS at [866-441-4637](tel:866-441-4637). This should make things easier for you since we already use FACTS for tuition.

Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia

We have already been notified that some of our families were selected in the early lottery drawing to receive a scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year. Congratulations! There is still time to apply if you haven't already done so. Apply online at (<https://www.csphiladelphia.org/scholarships/schools/>) Scholarships are selected by lottery so if you did not receive one last year you can always reapply and maybe you'll be selected this time.

Children's Choir Card Sale

Once again, the music ministry at Resurrection of Our Lord parish will be selling sets of cards while supplies last. Available card sets are: Birthday, Sympathy or Christmas. These cards are beautiful and quite inexpensive. Download the order form here ([FORM](#)) or from the FORMS link on the school website.

Christmas Collections

The PREP program and the entire school community thank you for all your contributions to our various Christmas drives. The elderly, poor and homeless in our own parish were the recipients of all your generosity.

High School News

St Hubert Girls High School

Shadow dates now open for 7th and 8th grade girls. 7th and 8th grade girls can schedule their St Hubert shadow day online at www.huberts.org Spend the day with a St. Hubert's Bambie to see what opportunities await you. 8th grade girls are invited to choose any available shadow dates, 7th grade girls may choose from dates beginning in February 2018, which are now open for selection.

St. Hubert's will host their **Winter Open House** on Thursday, January 25, 2018 from 6:30-8:30 PM & **Spring Open House** on March 18, 2018 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

7th Grade Universal Visitation Day - March 14, 2018

Father Judge Boys High School

Winter Open House - Thursday, January 25, 2018 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

7th Grade Universal Visitation Day - Wednesday, March 14 2018, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Spring Open House - Thursday, April 12, 2018, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

7th Grade Scholarship Practice Test:(fee required) - Saturday April 21, 2018, 8:30 AM , Saturday April 28, 2018, 8:30 AM

5th and 6th Grade Junior Crusader Day - Thursday, May 17, 2018 3:30PM to 5:45 PM

Community News

Explode into the **NEW YEAR** with **Dance Explosion!**

Dance Explosion is a family owned dance school located in Northeast Philadelphia since 1985! Its focus is to provide a quality fun dance education for ages 2 through adult, beginner and advanced levels. Classes are offered in Hip-Hop, Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Pointe, Lyrical, Contemporary, Toddler Combo and Cheer/Tumbling. Private Lessons are also available. 1 class \$45.00 a month* 2 classes \$80.00 a month* 3 classes \$120.00 a month* * Tuition is due the first class of each month.

Open Registration at the Studio is going on now. Stop in the studio or call for more information.

Dance Registration Fee: New Student /New Families ONLY \$15.00 per student/\$25.00 per family - **FREE REGISTRATION COUPON found on our Facebook page**

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Website: <http://danceexplosion1985.weebly.com> Facebook: www.facebook.com/danceexplosion1985

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, January 26	Progress Reports distributed in classrooms
Sunday, January 28	12:00 noon Mass for Opening of Catholic Schools Week followed by Open House in school until 3:00 pm
Friday, February 2	8:30 am First Friday Mass for Grades PK4-8; Peacemaker certificates distributed after Mass 1:00 pm dismissal after lunch
Monday, February 5	7:00 pm First Reconciliation in Upper Church

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