



October, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The month of October is a welcome change from the hectic days of September. Our daily routines are established and we settle into a new school year. Please read through the communication for information about the many activities happening in our school.

October is also the time when our students are well into the first trimester. This is the time to establish good work habits and positive behavior. I ask that we all try to impart a sense of responsibility in our children. I rely on your cooperation and I know you will not let me down. We share in this important endeavor of educating our children academically, morally and spiritually.

I recently read, "Children don't really care how much you know until they know how much you care." Our children spend their days with faculty and staff who are competent and caring. They are truly a fine group of educators.

I am so very thankful for your support and cooperation. I hold your children in my heart and all of you in prayer.

God bless you! God bless our school!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lucille Hillerman
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Principal

Saint Timothy's Tidings

Welcome

Saint Timothy School community is pleased to welcome Mr. Timothy McWilliams to our faculty. Mr. McWilliams was hired after the first news letter was published. Mr. McWilliams teaches eighth grade ILA and Science.

Student Council

We congratulate our new Student Council Officers who were installed during our opening school liturgy.

Alex Vokolos – President
Nicole Driscoll – Vice President
Jamie Tomlinson – School Spirit Secretary
Kevin Sheeron – Corresponding Secretary

Elections for Homeroom Representatives will take place in the near future.

Peacemaker of the Month

The Peacemaker of the Month Program attempts to recognize students who have displayed the attribute or virtue designated for that particular month. Homeroom teachers are asked to select a student each month for this award.

The Peacemaker of the Month Program attempts to build self-esteem within our students through practice of the virtues outlined in the Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi. Students may be selected for a variety of reasons in this realm.

A list of the Peacemakers for September are at the end of this communication.

Attendance /Lateness

Please remember to call the school office before 9:30 AM to report a child's absence. An absence note is required upon the child's return to school.

Parents are encouraged to insure that the children arrive to school on time each day. A demerit will be issued after every 5th lateness. Arriving late for school is a distraction to the teacher and the children.

Please try to instill in your children the importance of good attendance and punctuality.

School Handbooks

School Handbooks were distributed to the youngest/ only child in each family on the first day they returned to school. **It is very important that parents and children read and understand the handbook.** Each family (parents and students) should have signed the form stating that they have read the handbook and will abide by its contents. If you have not returned the form, please return it immediately.

Student Information Cards

Each student received two (2) Student Information Cards. Please fill these out completely. The front of each card is the same, but the back of the cards have different policies and information for you to sign off on. The yellow card will be placed in the main office the blue card will be placed in the nurse's office. For children in grades 1 to 8, forms were to be returned by Monday, September 14. Pre-K and Kindergarten should have returned forms by Monday, September 21. If you have not returned these forms, please do so immediately.

Emergency Dismissal Forms

An Emergency Dismissal Form must be completed for each child in the school. This form will be used in case of emergency early dismissals. We need the names of anyone who may be picking up your child(ren) on those days. No child will be released to anyone other than the parents or those persons designated on the form. These forms were due on the same dates as the *Student Information Cards*.

Shelter - in - Place

In order to have a fresh supply of provisions in case of a "Shelter -in -Place" incident, we are asking for your help. Each child is to bring a bottle of water and a non-perishable snack in a zip-lock bag. Please put your child's name on the bag. It will be placed in a large plastic container in the classroom. The full policy for "Shelter-in-Place" can be found in the school handbook. These bags will be returned to the child in June. If anyone would like to donate a large plastic container (tub) with a lid, it would be greatly appreciated.

School Liturgies and Prayer Services

Parents, grandparents, guardians, etc. are always invited to attend all or any of our school liturgical celebrations. Please join us!

Book Orders

As of this communication, we have not received the books that were ordered last spring. A letter from Miss Mary Rochford, Superintendent of Philadelphia Diocesan Schools, was sent home with the children on Thursday, September 17. The letter asked that parents and guardians contact Governor Rendell and your State Senator and State Representative. Please express your concerns as a tax-paying parent and constituent and push for a swift and equitable resolution to the budget crisis that is impacting our children. We are also concerned that the budget figure of the Act 90/195 which funds our textbooks, workbooks and other educational resources may be cut substantially and penalize our schools and children unfairly.

Governor Rendell <http://www.governor.state.pa.us>
State Legislators www.legis.state.pa.us

Safe Environment Lessons

Each fall and spring the children in our Philadelphia Catholic Schools are taught a lesson dealing with safe environment (safe touch). The teachers will be teaching the fall lesson on Wednesday, October 21.

The content of each lesson is specific to each grade. A copy of these lessons can be found on the Catholic Schools website. Please feel free to read over the lessons to be presented to your child/ren.

To download these lessons go to the following web address:

www.catholicschools-phl.org

-go to "Parent Resources"

-click on "Safe Environment"

The lessons are listed according to grade.

"Back to School" Nights

Thank you for your attendance at our "Back to School" nights. It was a great pleasure to speak with you and to meet many of the wonderful Saint Timothy families. It is truly an honor to be your principal!

September Peacemakers of the Month

The children chosen to be Peacemakers for the month of September have shown COURAGE. They show a willingness to do what is right in class, at recess and in the yard.

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| Grade 1 | Room 5 | Mackenzie McPhail |
| Grade 1 | Room 6 | Gabrielle Wallace |
| Grade 2 | Room 7 | MaKenzie Paxson |
| Grade 2 | Room 8 | Zubair Abaidullah |
| Grade 3 | Room 14 | Rachael Mroz |
| Grade 3 | Room 16 | Brianna Scull |
| Grade 4 | Room 13 | Halle Brand |
| Grade 4 | Room 15 | Kevin Gibson |
| Grade 5 | Room 9 | Matthew McGinley |
| Grade 5 | Room 11 | Christina Hemphill |
| Grade 6 | Room 209 | Andrew Coyle |
| Grade 6 | Room 210 | Daniel Welsh |
| Grade 7 | Room 211 | Joseph Monica |
| Grade 7 | Room 212 | Jessica Laumeister |
| Grade 8 | Room 213 | Rachel Wood |
| Grade 8 | Room 214 | Rebecca Anne Loeffel |

Congratulations to these Peacemakers and their families!

For the month of October : *CHARITY* (Demonstrates politeness and courtesy in meeting with others. Uses "please", "thank you", "can I help you?", "excuse me".)

The Pre-K and Kindergarten will participate in Peacemakers of the Month starting in October.



URGENT REQUEST!

- Please do not park in the bus zone at arrival and dismissal time.
- Please do not double park anywhere around the school, especially on Hawthorne Street and Levick Street.
- Car Loop drivers are asked to avoid making a right turn on to Hellerman Street, it causes a traffic jam at the corner and makes crossing the children very difficult for the crossing guard.
- Please do not take your children out of the dismissal line or call them to your parked car. Please pick them up at their designated corner.
- Please remind your children to be attentive to the crossing guards, to walk on the pavement, not in the street and not to be distracted by using their cell phones, I-pods or playing with balls while crossing the street..



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 ----BOOK FAIR---- Open After Masses | 12 COLUMBUS DAY ----BOOK FAIR---- | 13 ----BOOK FAIR---- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS Faculty In-Service | 14 ----BOOK FAIR---- | 15 ----BOOK FAIR---- First Penance and Eucharist Parent Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Lower Church | 16 ----BOOK FAIR---- | 17 |
| 18 ----BOOK FAIR---- Open After Masses | 19 | 20 | 21 Safe Environment Lessons: Gr. PK-8 | 22 11:50 DISMISSAL Interim Reports Gr. 1-8 Parent Conferences 1:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. | 23 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS Interim Reports Gr. 1-8 Parent Conferences 7:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | 24 Home & School Halloween Party 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Home & School Halloween Dance |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 HALLOWEEN |
| | "D" | "A" | "W" | "B" | "C" | |
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