



With Joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
Isaiah 12:3

February 1, 2012

I am aware that there are many questions concerning the development of the regional school. The Office of Catholic is in the process of answering those questions that have been forwarded to them by the principals. Below are a number of answers to your questions.

- Can our families register in a different parish in order to attend church/school elsewhere?
The archbishop has answered “no” to that question.
- If families are interested in attending a school other than the one the Commission recommends, may they attend??
No, we do not have open enrollment. The regional school is in need of all students to help build the regional school.
- What is the current guideline for maximum number of students in a classroom. Will this change?
The recommended Guidelines call for 30 in 1-3 and 35 in grades 4 though 8 and are not expected to change.
- Home and School Associations: Will new ones be formed in the regional schools?
New School, new Home and School Association.
- What, if any committee or group is being formed to work out any merger related issues, parental concerns, etc?
Local implementation teams are being set up by the pastors and principals at both sites.

Our local Implementation Committee consists of Pastor, Principal and three parents/guardians. Mr. John Heibeck, Mrs. Amy Porter and Mr. Tom Schuler are our representatives. We are open to questions, suggestions, concerns and comments. Please call school (215-679-7481) with your thoughts.

- What steps are being taken to ensure that our children’s educational needs are being met the remainder of this school year?
The integrity of our teachers will ensure that educational needs are being met.
- Can the current 7th graders organize some type of celebration at the end of the year for their class?
That would be up to the local school/parish.

I think that would be wonderful! We are fortunate since our 7th & 8th are combined for their special field trip. Let me know your ideas and we can start planning.

Name Our Regional School



Thank you for your participation in the contest to name our regional school. We received many thoughtful suggestions. Today’s communication includes a list of all the names we received. Please sit down as a family and place an “X” next to your 3 favorites. We will tally them up for St. Philip Neri’s top 3 picks and then vote for our #1 choice.

Science Fair 2012

Thank you to all of our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who participated in our school science fair. I am very proud of your choices to accept challenges that enhance your education. The strategies you utilized (to predict, to formulate, to prioritize, to evaluate, to conclude, etc.) allow you to think in complex ways and apply the knowledge and skills you have learned. Thank you to Mrs. Voelker and Mrs. Welch for their support and guidance. Congratulations to our winners.

8th Grade:

1 st Place	Richard Smith	Caution Corrosion
2 nd Place	Cooper Wright	Shell Today, Gone Tomorrow
3 rd Place	Hayley Martin	Burn, Baby, Burn

7th Grade:

1 st Place	Matthew Souder	The En-Light-Enment
2 nd Place	Kate Ferdock	Reilley's Word
3 rd Place	Thomas Beck	I Believe I Can Fly....

Honorable Mention:

Liam Daley	Don't Pamper Yourself
Meghan McCausland	How to Preserve Flowers?
Matthew Radzai	Friction in Motion





6th Grade:

1 st Place	Rosario LaSpina	Pure Cane Sugar vs
1 st Place	Marissa Wahl	Leavening Logic
2 nd Place	Cassidy Wright	Take Two and Call Me in the Morning
3 rd Place	Jarek Svanson	Towel Wars

Honorable Mention:

Claire Stoll	Food Face Off
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Enclosed in today's Communication:

- Scrip order form
- SPN's Pot O'Gold flyer 
- Pot of Gold "FUN"raiser flyer
- February Family Prayer List
- 2012 Yearbook order form
- 7th & 8th Grade Field trip Fundraiser flyer 
- Save the date—Iron Pigs flyer
- Valentine Grams—flyer 
- Flapjack Fundraiser Supporting St. Philip Neri Parish Youth Ministry flyer 
- Cook Free Wednesday—coupon and flyer
- School Choice flyers

Thank you for all of your support.
May God bless you and your families.
Mrs. Schleeweiss