



Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me.
Psalm 54:4

February 8, 2012

Catholic Schools Week was a huge success. The students, teachers and staff of St. Philip Neri School enjoyed a week filled with spiritual, educational, and fun activities. Thank you for all your help in making the week special and memorable.

Keeping You Posted:

- Within a week I will be sending home a Letter of Intent and a tuition schedule for the Regional School. Please return the form so that we can begin to prepare for the coming school year. This is not an official registration for your children. Registration is due to take place the end of March.
- One of your questions has been answered by the Office of Catholic Education:
Q: If school choice for vouchers is acceptable, why is it not acceptable for parents to choose the appropriate Catholic school to send their children?
A: *School choice is about the category of school type as in public, private, parochial, charter, cyber schools. The funds are to pay for the education received. It is not money to choose whatever school a parent would want the child to attend in our parish school model. For example, students living in the city of Philadelphia, though permitted to attend public schools are relegated to a certain school depending upon their zip code. Parochial schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are parish based and the desire, as far as possible, is to house students from those parishes within a single school so that the students are not scattered over a number of schools.*

Thank you very much to **Brownie Troop #78102** for spending Friday's meeting cleaning the school chapel. The windows sparkle, the furniture shines and everything smells clean and fresh. Job well done, Ladies. This was a wonderful service project. Thank you again.

Both the BLOCS and TAP applications are attached to today's weekly communication:

- **Parents of 8th Graders and High School Students:**

TAP APPLICATION: Please visit the Catholic Schools website, www.catholicschools-phl.org to access the TAP Application for the 2012-13 school year. Qualifying applicants are current 8th grade students and all students who will be in Grades 9 through 12 for the 2012-2013 school year. On the website, please click on Parent Resources (Financial Programs) and you will find the application stored there.

- **Parents of students in Grades Kindergarten through 8th for the 2012-2013 school year:**

BLOCS APPLICATION: The BLOCS-EITC application for all students is available online, www.blocs.org If you qualify, please apply.

Enclosed in today's communication envelope:

- Scrip order form
- NED information and Yo-Yo order forms
- Parent program—Date Change
- Pot of Gold "FUN"raiser flyer
- Altar Server Registration form
- Iron Pigs ticket flyer
- Forever a Falcon Hoodie order form

- Cook Free Wednesday—February 15th—Pizza Como USA
- Annual Yearbook order form
- Valentine Grams flyer
- St. Isidore’s “A Night Under the Stars” flyer
- BLOCS application
- TAP application

Thank you for all your support.
May God bless you and your families.
May everyone have a Happy Valentine’s Day!
Mrs. Schleweiss

