

January 25, 2012

Dear SPN Families,

It is with passion and heart that I write this letter to you, having to put my true feelings aside. As we are all dealing with the emotional overload of the Archdiocese decision to close our school, one fact still remains the same. The primary focus of the current Home & School Board as well as all of the ones in the past has always been to help and support. The main focus was always our school children. Now is no different.

We all know that it is no longer business as usual. As a child relies on a parent to have their most basic needs met, our school children deserve the same respect. Our school is still open until June 15th. We as a Board will remain true to our commitment to them and help support them in whatever they need.

We have always relied on the March "Pot of Gold" fundraiser to help sustain the remainder of the year's financial budget. This includes: busing for field trips, CSWeek bowling trip, busing to First Friday Masses and stationary supplies to name a few. These basic needs are outlined in September and we have always met them. Now, we as a Board and school community need to come together to complete the job at hand and provide these opportunities for the children.

THIS ONE IS FOR THE CHILDREN

The CHILDREN have always been the main focus of the teachers, volunteers, staff, Board Members, principal and parents. In THEIR time of need, when all seems lost, we are not going to be the ones to let them down. If there is a need, we will fulfill it.

We will have the Pot of Gold “FUN”raiser Celebration on Saturday March 3, 2012 in order to raise the necessary monies needed to finish out the school year as planned. THEY ARE the ones that drive us to do all that we do as parents and the community of FAMILIES that we have here at St. Philip Neri School. We will see our promise through to them to the very end. All monies raised will be used here, and here only for our students.

Forever a proud parent of a SPN student will I be, that you can't take away from me.....

Respectfully,

Claire Ferdock