



St. Dorothy

ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Spiritual, Academic, Moral Preparation for the 21st Century

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Parishioners, Alumni, Parents, Grandparents,
and Benefactors of Saint Dorothy School,

You know well that Catholic Education is a valued gift in our community. The history of Catholic Education is something of which we can all be proud. Many of us attended the Catholic grade schools and high schools of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Many of us attended these schools without cost. At that time we were blessed to have many devoted religious men and women staffing our schools. Unfortunately, that situation has changed drastically.

Though Catholic Education is no longer free, it is still a value that many parents want to provide for their children. I take this opportunity to thank all of you, the benefactors of Saint Dorothy School, for your continued generosity and support of the mission of Catholic Education. Through the continued efforts of our Development Committee and Home & School Association, our parish grade school is thriving; however, we cannot rest on past accomplishments as we continue to plan for our future. Our competent faculty and devoted principal make many personal sacrifices to teach our children. They join with me in extending gratitude to you, the supporters of Saint Dorothy School. Please know that they are helping to form the future of our Church. Our children are God's gift to the community, and we beg the Lord to help us accomplish the mission of Catholic Education, viz., forming new disciples for Jesus. Once again, thank you and be assured that your generosity will be rewarded by our God who knows and sees all.

Gratefully yours in Christ Jesus,

Reverend Michael D. Murphy



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Annual Fund Honorary Chairman - Don O'Mara



This year's Annual Fund Chairman is Mr. Dan O'Mara, Class of 1977. Dan has been a big supporter of St. Dorothy School and the Annual Fund since its inception and we appreciate his willingness to

serve in this capacity.

Dan and his friends "grew up in the school yard" of St. Dot's. While attending Aronimink School through the fifth grade, Dan told his mother that he wanted to go to school with his neighborhood friends so he joined them in the sixth grade. Dan remembers serving Mass as an altar server for Fathers Walsh and White. His friends and he would get up early and deliver The Philadelphia Inquirer, then head to St. Dot's on their bikes to see if the scheduled altar servers showed up. As Dan recalls, "There were a lot of no shows for the 6:30 am mass. Dan Scully and I were often fill-ins at the last minute."

Dan is the fourth of five O'Mara children who grew up on

the 800 block of Alexander Avenue. They moved there from St. Alice parish when his younger sister was born. Dan remembers climbing the trees that once grew in the parking lot and playing stick ball against the school building. "Mr. French would often go up on the roof and throw down dozens of balls that had been stuck up there during many a game in the school yard."

Dan and his wife Lisa have been married for nine years and are the proud parents of Lauren, a current 1st Grader at St. Dorothy School, and four-year-old Samantha, who attends preschool at Ancona Montessori School. Dan owns a State Farm Insurance Agency in Philadelphia. He has been with the company for 24 years and has had his own agency for the last fourteen. "I have been fortunate to be with the same employer since college."

"St. Dot's has been a big part of my life. My spiritual foundation was formed here and the parish and school will be here for my girls." Thanks Dan for being here for us! We appreciate your continued support of the School and Annual Fund and for acting as this year's Honorary Chairman.

St. Dorothy School Development Committee			
Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/11			
Income			
Oktoberfest Fair Gross	\$48,014.38		
Less Oktoberfest Contribution to Parish	(\$24,007.19)		
Oktoberfest Fair Net		\$24,007.19	
Annual Fund (net)		\$64,382.53	
Net Funds Raised for School			\$88,389.72
Contributions to School			
Offset to School Operating Expenses	\$33,525.00		
Offset for Installation of Half of Seven New Smart Boards	\$31,000.00		
Offset for Second Kindergarten Class	\$12,636.00		
		\$77,161.00	
School Expenses			
Kindergarten Open House	\$940.00		
Catholic Schools Week Open House	\$475.27		
Be Good to Your Heart Day	\$325.45		
New Parents Welcome Night	\$1,196.35		
St. Dot's Hospitality Supplies	\$854.79		
		\$3,791.86	
Development Committee Expenses			
School Newsletter for Catholic Schools Week	\$782.00		
Development Committee Newsletter	\$3,193.08		
		\$3,975.08	
Total Expenses			\$84,927.94
Balance in Checking Account 6/30/11			\$3,461.78

Newsletter purpose

The Newsletter for St. Dorothy Roman Catholic School is compiled by the Development Committee for distribution to alumni, alumni parents, current school families, and friends of St. Dorothy School. Its purpose is to communicate on a semi-annual basis the state of our enrollment, happenings of interest, accounting of funds raised and spent, and acknowledge contributors to our Annual Fund.

In the Words of Our Students...

Back by popular demand, following are several excerpts from our 2012 student newspaper, *The Dotument*. And we are especially excited to bring you the next installment in the Mr. Mayo's Hair series!

Civil War Reenactment

By: Christian Auve

Did you ever wonder what life was like during the Civil War? Eighth grade students found out that life would have been very difficult. The students learned new information while performing a reenactment of the bloodiest war in American history. Before this reenactment, the students learned in class about the Civil War and why it was so bloody.

Students researched an individual of their choosing, answered questions about them, and dressed like that particular person...

4th Grade

By: Dennis Ervin and Mark Switliski

The fourth grade students are excited and ready to take on any challenges thrown their way. They adore their teachers, enjoy First In Math, and best of all love learning. We asked David F. why he likes his teacher, Mrs. Bilski, and he said, "Because she makes learning easy..."

5th Grade

By: Samantha Snyder and Audrey Fleming

Things are getting exciting for the fantastic fifth grade! Some current projects the 5th Graders are working on are a snack cart opening in mid February/March, which will serve all grades during snack time! It will be located in Mrs. McMonagle's room. This will also help the 5th Grade with their math skills such as calculating and banking...

7th Grade

By: Christy Sutton and Maggie Mengini

"Seventh grade is so much fun!" exclaimed Chiara M. When asked what they were doing in school right now, Meghan S. said, "We are currently reading Macbeth." Another student, Sara H., had this to say, "When we read Macbeth we read it aloud in Shakespearean language." When asked if the book was interesting, they responded, "Yes, because it was really interesting to learn how Shakespeare wrote..."

Hair Time with Mr. Mayo

By: Mike Vital and Matt Fohner

The following interview is with Jonathan T. and Mr. Mayo. Jonathan is questioning Mr. Mayo for hair advice and tips.

Jonathan: First off Mr. Mayo, and please be brutally honest, how did you feel about my hair style when you first saw me? Did you like it or were you jealous? Did you think I was cramping your style?

Mr. Mayo: Jonathan, actually when I saw you I thought you could be the next me. I was very impressed. At first, I was a little jealous because your hair might get more attention than mine. And also, it kind of goes against my personal philosophy since I am a spray guy; not gel. But obviously I'm at an advantage because of my striking hair color. But, not to worry, you may have my hair color as time goes on.

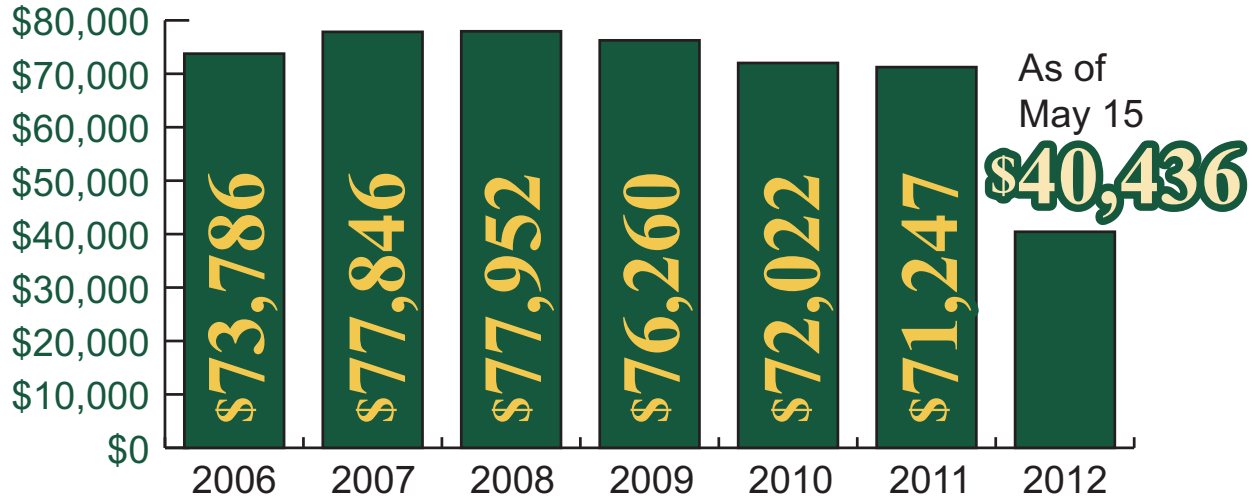
Jonathan: Well Mr. Mayo I spend about three minutes tops in the morning doing my hair? Is that enough time?

Mr. Mayo: Absolutely not Jonathan! Are you kidding me, you need to spend at least two hours on your hair! Your hair needs to be treated with care and three minutes won't do...

Please Support the St. Dorothy School Annual Fund

The 2012 Annual Fund is well under way. Since the campaign began during Catholic Schools Week, we have collected over \$40,000 from over 270 donors. We would like to thank all of those who have donated so far this year.

The Annual Fund closes June 30, 2012. A donation envelope has been included with this edition of the newsletter. Your generous support keeps tuition costs down and enhances our children's educational experience. All donations to the Annual Fund are tax deductible and many employers will match donations to the school. Please consider a contribution to this campaign.



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Everybody was “Kung Fu Fighting” as part of the “History of Dance”

39 Acts Perform at Variety Show

On the evening of March 10, 2012 many spirited St. Dorothy students took the stage to share their talents with an overflowing audience. This year’s Variety Show consisted of 39 acts. Students in first through eighth grades sang, danced, performed comedy, played musical instruments, and there was even a ventriloquist act! The evening ended with the eighth grade class singing and dancing to “I’ve Had the Time of My Life.” In the middle of the performance a slide show flashed pictures of the class over the years and as an act of appreciation the students found their mothers in the audience and handed them roses.

The students devoted much time perfecting their talents at several practices held in the school gym. Students were not the only ones putting in time and effort - many parents volunteered their time to ensure the success of the show. Specifically, special thanks go to Colleen Wusinich, Karen Burke, and Christine Schumacher. Together they organized and ran eight practices before the big day. They also took the time to thoughtfully sequence the acts so that the show flowed smoothly. On the evening of the show they

organized the acts and kept things moving (not an easy job).

The Masters of Ceremonies, Bob Gross and Mike Fohner, kept the evening moving with quick witted bits of comedy between acts. Behind the scenes Bill Nolan (Music Coordinator), Rob Tierney (Sound/Music Coordinator), Jeff Braconnier (Keyboard Accompaniment), and Joseph Kane, Tommy Fredericks, Frankie McGann, Anthony Glotfelty and Colin McCarty (Stage Crew) successfully worked together to make sure that the music and stage were ready for each act. And to ensure that none of the patrons went hungry Sue Chupein organized and ran the snack bar with the help of even more parents.

When asked about the show Colleen Wusinich said “It was great to see the kids trying their best and performing memorable acts. It was neat to see many students coming out of their shells.” A grandparent who made a trip from New Jersey to see the show echoed Colleen’s sentiments by saying “I am proud of the children who performed tonight - it takes a lot of courage to perform in front of a live audience.” She felt the evening was wholesome and hearkened back to an earlier era.

The Variety Show not only showcased the student’s talents but highlighted many strengths of the St. Dorothy community. Proceeds from the show benefited the parish Family to Family Ministry.



From entire grades to solos: Sophia Cavalli shown here performing “The Rose.”



The evening ended with the entire 8th Grade class singing “I’ve Had the Time of My Life.”

St. Dorothy School is proud to congratulate our graduating eighth graders who have been awarded scholarships:

Carolyn Andruszko - St. Thomas More Alumni Association Scholarship
 Andrew Bell – Monsignor Bonner High School
 Kevin Conley – St. Thomas More Alumni Association Scholarship
 Natalie Dowd – Country Day School of the Sacred Heart
 Dennis Ervin – Monsignor Bonner High School
 Matthew Fohner – Archbishop John Carroll High School
 Benjamin Masselli – Monsignor Bonner High School
 Christopher Montie – St. Joseph’s Preparatory School
 Jack Sullivan - St. Thomas More Alumni Association Scholarship
 Sean Sullivan - Monsignor Bonner High School

Development Committee News

Guess Who Just Got a New iPad? Our Entire 8th Grade!!!

St. Dorothy School has acquired Apple iPads for each of our eighth grade students which reflects our ongoing commitment to reinforce and enhance student learning through the use of technology. This comprehensive multimedia learning tool is providing many opportunities for our students to explore topics at a greater depth, and the knowledge gained so far exceeds that which could be acquired only through textbooks. iPads allow students to engage with content interactively, to find information quickly and efficiently, and they inspire creativity.

In science students have researched the types of volcanoes and learned the eruptions most commonly associated with each. They located active volcanoes in different regions of the world and mapped their latitude and longitude coordinates. Using the iPads, they live-streamed video showing the different eruptions. As the students conducted their research, they switched to the note taking app to record their findings.

In social studies students explored the immigration experience from 1880 through 1920. They visited the Ellis Island, Angel Island, and U.S. Customs websites to gain information. Their research culminated in their creating a biography of an imaginary immigrant.

Good bye #2 pencils. These times they are a changing.



Each of our eighth grade students received an Apple iPad!

Special thanks for their help with this issue:

Kara Albanese
Miss Meredith Conboy
Joe McGonigal
Gabby Napoleon
Dolores O'Toole
Amy Santora
Katie Sheffer
Sue Short
Sarah Sweet
Colleen Wusinich

*And a special thanks to Mike DiTrolio at
Active Image Media for our alumni photo!*

Attention Business Owners

Please consider designating St. Dorothy School as the recipient of your corporate tax dollars through the PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC).

Since this program was introduced in 2009, four businesses redirected tax dollars totaling \$30,390 to St. Dorothy School which provided direct tuition support to 12 families in our parish.

Please consider helping us grow this new tradition by participating in this worthy endeavor.

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Enrollment Deadline June 22, 2012



School



Home and School Update

The school year has been flying towards its conclusion but that has not slowed down St. Dorothy Home & School a bit. In January students and parents had a blast at McPrinciple's Night where many of our teachers, and of course principal Mrs. Sheehan, served up some of the finest cheeseburgers, chicken nuggets, and fries in Drexel Hill. During the same week we had a theatrical presenta-

tion by the Walnut Street Theater on bullying awareness which was very well received by our students.

In February more than 180 of our students came to St. Dot's Night at Marple Sports Arena. This was fun for the entire family and also raised over \$1,800 which will contribute to the purchase of new chairs and desks for four classrooms! Along with Marple Sports Arena night we introduced another new fundraiser to our families this year. Nelson's Barbeque set up shop right outside our school and cooked fresh barbeque for home delivery. What an easy and delicious way for everyone to participate. Can't you just smell the ribs!

In March we had the "Jump with Jill" assembly on Be Good to Your Heart Day. Our students learned about nutrition through dance, singing and exercise! A special thanks to Monique Dowd for putting together this fun and healthy event for our children

Grandparent/Special Person's day for Grades K-4 was the highlight of April for our younger students! May was another busy month. "The Hilarious Magic of Sam Sandler" wowed our children with fabulous magic tricks and our annual Spirit Day was a great success and great fun for the entire school!

As the year comes to an end, the Home & School Association congratulates all of our 8th Grade graduates and wishes them the best of luck in their high school years. We also wish everyone else a safe and fun summer and look forward to seeing all our students and their families back in September for another event-filled year!

Your Home & School Board

Amy Santora
Maureen Rich

Chris Heffernan
Mary Bainbridge



1st Grade Teacher Mrs. McGee taking orders at McDonald's for McPrinciple's Night during Catholic Schools Week

A Healthy Mind and a Healthy Body

St. Dorothy School hosted its sixth annual Be Good to Your Heart Day on March 9, 2012 to highlight the importance of diet, rest, and exercise to a healthy heart. At lunch our parent homeroom representatives served fruit and vegetables to our students and in the afternoon the student body participated in the rock 'n roll nutrition show, "Jump with Jill." The high-energy assembly allowed the students to have fun while learning through a music-based approach to nutrition educa-

tion. For a one dollar donation students were invited to wear a pink or red item of clothing to celebrate the day. \$342 was raised and donated to the Cardiac Unit at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) on behalf of our students.

Many thanks to Mrs. Monique Dowd, a clinical nutritionist, for planning and organizing the events with monetary support from the Home & School Association and the Development Committee.



Kristen Webb and Casey McCullough jump with Jill while learning about nutrition at Be Good to Your Heart Day.

Hoops for Hope Helping St. Dot's Families

This year's Hoops for Hope event, organized by the St. Dorothy Athletic Association, kicked off on Friday, February 24th with our own St. Dorothy teachers hitting the basketball court in bright pink team shirts brandishing the Hoops for Hope slogan "Curing Cancer One Friend at a Time." The annual fundraiser features round-the-clock basketball games throughout the weekend. This year teams again represented a wide range of participants from our

own faculty, school alumni, and St. Charles Seminarians to parish families, their friends, coworkers, and current students all competing for a great cause.

St. Dorothy Nurse Ministry provided information regarding cancer prevention and treatment resources at the event and Hearts for Hope covered the gymnasium walls to honor those who have faced cancer. The St. Dorothy Brownie Troop manned Alex's Lemonade stand and over 70 pillowcases were sewn for children with cancer as part of the Conn-Kerr Cancer Pillowcase Project, all while the many teams played their hardest.

The event raised over \$250 for Alex's lemonade stand and new this year, \$5,000 of tuition aid for St. Dorothy School families who have experienced cancer. The remaining proceeds - upwards of \$1,000 with donations still coming in - will benefit the American Cancer Society. The entire Hoops for Hope weekend was not only fun, but a rewarding experience for our entire community.



This year Hoops for Hopes raised approximately \$6,000 for cancer charities. New this year, the first \$5,000 was allocated to assist St. Dot's families affected by cancer.



Mrs. Kathy McNulty helps Kiera Santora sew pillowcases for the ConKerr Cancer Pillowcase project.



St. Dorothy Brownies Alley Albanese, Helene Stranick, and Sarah Cox serving up some delicious lemonade and helping to raise over \$250!!!



We are blessed each year by a visit from the St. Charles seminarians (green) to take on our St. Dot's High School CYO team (pink). Please keep our seminarians in your prayers.

WHAT DO ME, MY PARENTS, MY GRANDPARENTS HAVE IN



WE ALL WENT TO ST. DOTS!

Did you know St. Dorothy School has a strong alumni parent affiliation? By our count, we have 64 enrolled school children with a parent who is a St. Dot's graduate. One school family's father and mother are both alumni and three school families actually have both a parent and a grandparent alum as well. Now that's alumni loyalty!

It is truly honorable that our graduates feel as passionate about St. Dot's now as when they were a student here themselves. This "family legacy" was recently featured in the March 2012 *Catholic Standard and Times*. Recently our 2012 Annual Fund alumni chair Dan O'Mara and his wife, Lisa, kindly hosted a gathering of the alumni parent families. The strong "Dot's bond" connecting each of us could be felt throughout the afternoon... even though the alumni who were present spanned several generations. We hope this tradition and affiliation with the Dot's legacy continues on for years to come!

Students and Alumni Parents / Grandparents Pictured:

- Thomas (2019), Annemarie (2013), and Linda (Conaghan, 1981) Banes
- Michael (2018), Nicole (2017), and Patty (DiCandilo, 1984) Bello
- Thomas (2013), and Paul Bevilacqua (1981)
- Maura (2019), and Shannon (2015) Brady, with grandmother, Maryann Stewart Dearie (1958)
- Sofia (2020), and John Burns (1984)
- Samantha (2020), and David Connolly (1991)
- Aidan (2019), and Alison (Renzulli, 1988) Cooper
- Brady (2019), Alexis (2017), Connor (2016), and Kelley (Kempton, 1989) Eagan
- Rachel (2019), Hailie (2014), David (2016), and Lorie (Palladino, 1987) Fosbenner, with grandmother, Gert (Reinking, 1962) Palladino

AND IN COMMON?



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Photo courtesy of Mike DiTrollo (parishioner),
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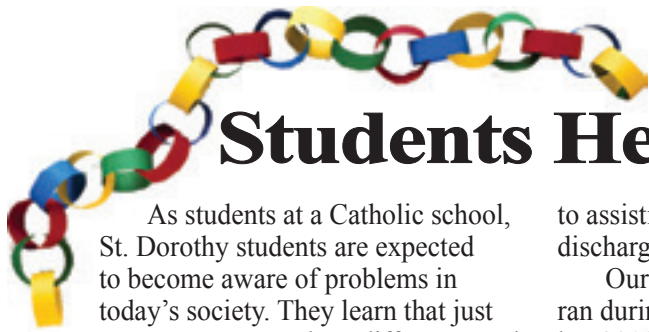


- Julia (2017), Anna (2014), Alec (2012), and Pat Funchion (1979)
- Jack (2019), and Tricia (McCalla, 1986), and Brian Gallagher (1988)
- Carly (2015), Kayla (2012), and Stephen Gerace (1977)
- Maura (2019), Tara (2019), Francis (2017), Erin (2015), Molly (2013), and Fran Grady (1984)
- Jack (2019), Kerrie (2016), Kasey (2016), and Bunny (Currie, 1981) Habicht
- Madison (2017), and Megan (Dooley, 1992) Heistand
- Katia (2019), and Carl Hemphill (1985)
- Melissa King (2013), and her aunt, Nancy (Hogan, 1967) Wilcox
- Erin (2018), and Bob Kirk (1982)
- Bridget (2018), and Alicia (Dooley, 1984) Lain
- Gregory (2013), and Carolyn (DiGiovanni, 1976) Manning
- Maggie (2019), Michael (2017), and Mike McCollum (1987)
- Dorothy (2020), and Kate (Roche, 1992) Naab, with grandmother Bernadette (Matteo, 1966) Naab
- Gretchen (2015), Colette (2012), and Amy (Gross, 1979) Nolan

- Lauren (2019), and Dan O'Mara (1977)
- Dylan (2015), Jackie (2012), and Eileen (Manning, 1976) Rooney
- Kyra (2018), and Jamie Santora (1986)
- Ian (2019), Regina (2014), Thomas (2013), and Joe Schmids (1984)
- Mary (2013), and Dennis Sheehan (1977)
- Jason (2020), and Brian Smith (2001)
- Amanda (2013), and Bruce Staniorski (1976)
- John (2015), and Joan (Burns, 1980) Stratton
- Isabella (2018), and Loretta (Young, 1989) Tierney
- Emma (2016), and Maria (Ardizzi, 1985) Toner
- Alicia (2015), and Dan Young (1976)

Not Pictured:

- Joseph (2019), and Joe Gillin (1991)
- Dante (2018), and Kathy (Morris, 1977) Paoletti
- Paul (2015), Emily (2013), and Sue (Berenato, 1984) Tecco
- Thomas (2017), Michael (2015), and Michael Larkin (1975)
- Valentino (2016), and Joseph Scarpone (1985)
- Michael (2019), and Jon McGarry (1989)



Students Helping Veterans

As students at a Catholic school, St. Dorothy students are expected to become aware of problems in today's society. They learn that just one person can make a difference and that everyone, doing their own small part, can make a huge impact helping others. St. Dorothy Student Council members plan many activities that will allow the student body, and the entire St. Dorothy community, to "get involved" in leaving their mark on the world.

One recent effort is the Veterans Project which benefits The Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service & Education Center (www.pvmsec.org). This non-profit organization is dedicated

to assisting our nation's honorably discharged Vets.

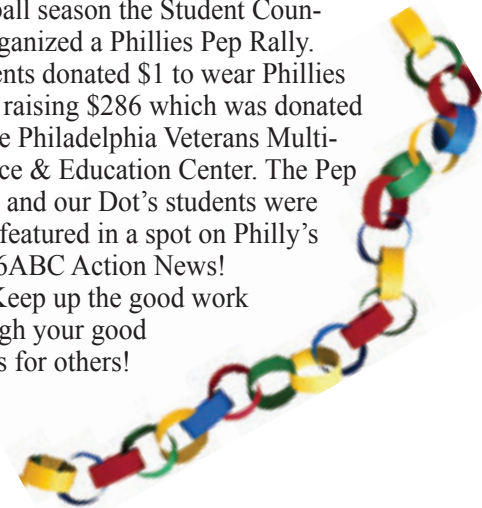
Our students' service project ran during November and December 2011. Students participated by donating items such as personal care products, clothing, cleaning supplies, household items, and gift cards for food and medical needs.

Student Council tracked each homeroom through the use of paper chain links awarded to the homeroom for donations. The winning room with the longest chain was Mrs. Bilski's Grade 4! Congrats to Mrs. Bilski's room for their generosity and a job well done!!!

Although this is the first time that

St. Dorothy participated in the Veterans Project, students have previously donated to similar foundations. Last baseball season the Student Council organized a Phillies Pep Rally. Students donated \$1 to wear Phillies attire raising \$286 which was donated to The Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service & Education Center. The Pep Rally and our Dot's students were even featured in a spot on Philly's own 6ABC Action News!

Keep up the good work through your good works for others!



Learning History by Living it in the 50's

Our second grade students celebrated their 50th day of school with a step back to 1950. They wore clothing that depicted the styles of that period and compared life in the 1950's to today. The children participated in a hula-hoop contest, had a dance party, and watched period television shows such as *Howdy Doody*. Their hands-on experience also included the creation of their own diner where they enjoyed burgers, fries, and milkshakes.



Thank you, Thank you very much!!!



St. Dot's students standing left to right Katie Sheffer; Lindsay Casadei, Alexis O'Toole, Jessica McTaggart, Allison Hendrick (Notre Dame), (kneeling) Jackie Rooney, Gabrielle Napoleon.

Saint Kevin Fall Sports – Volleyball Champions!!!

**By 8th Grade St. Dot's Students:
Katie Sheffer and Gabby Napoleon**

Bump, set, spike, win! Go Kevin's!

The St. Kevin CYO Region 25 Girl's Varsity Champion volleyball team consisted of seven players: Gabrielle Napoleon, Katie Sheffer, Jessica McTaggart, Alexis O'Toole, Jackie Rooney, Lindsay Casadei, and Allison Hendrick. In their final year, the St. Kevin volleyball team went to the finals and defeated St. Katherine of Siena. The St. Kevin volleyball team was crowned the CYO Region 25 Champions. Congrats Tigers!



Happenings



Teaching Our Children Good Manners

This school year St. Dorothy School offered an after-school etiquette class for second through fourth graders. The idea originated with school principal Mrs. Sheehan (her granddaughter had taken an etiquette class at her school) and a parent who had observed an after-school enrichment program at a local elementary school. Together they agreed that an etiquette class would be a great way to start a similar enrichment program at St. Dorothy.

The class is taught by two parent volunteers who brushed up on their etiquette by reading *Emily Post's The Guide to Good Manners for Kids* by Peggy Post and Cin-

dy Post Senning. The six-week class culminates in a class party where the students put to use their newly-learned table manners. They practice setting the table, twirling pasta correctly, and cutting a gummy worm by holding the fork and knife the right way.

Students make place mats which list table manners such as: place your napkin on your lap, wait for the host (or the person who prepared the meal) to sit down before eating, ask to be excused, and do not criticize the food. In other lessons, students learn the importance of writing thank you notes and have the chance to create their own set of thank you cards.

Proper phone manners are learned through role play on "fake" phones. Students realize the importance of washing their hands prior to a meal by looking at their hands under a black light. This allows students to see the germs on their hands prior to washing (a scary thought!) and the difference after washing. Lastly, students learn and practice a proper greeting, how to introduce friends to adults, and the importance of a firm handshake.

Riley Sweet, a participant in the class said, "It is so much fun we almost learn every manner in the world." Due to the success of this class Mrs. Sheehan is seeking others in the St. Dorothy community to share their talents and knowledge by developing other classes for our newly formed after-school enrichment program. If you would like to volunteer and have an idea for a class please contact Mrs. Sheehan through the school office.



Sarah Sweet helping Erin Kirk write a thank you note during Etiquette Class.

School Spring Cleaning Came Early This January

What were St. Dorothy students and parents doing at school early on a snowy Saturday in January? They were getting ready for company, very special company: the prospective students and their families who would be visiting St. Dorothy's Open House during Catholic Schools Week.

Mrs. Sheehan sent out a call for help, asking volunteers to "showcase our St. Dorothy strength and spirit." More than 40 parents and students answered her call!

The volunteers, who were organized by Sarah Sweet, Kara Albanese, and Bob Young, spent the day cleaning and sprucing up the school. The group scrubbed walls and window ledges, cleaned and organized the kitchen, and painted walls, doors, and stairs. Their goal was to make sure St. Dorothy School made a great first impression on visitors, and it did!

The school looked fabulous! The volunteers "demonstrated what community and dedication are," said Mrs. Sheehan. Thank you again to all the volunteers for helping our school look good inside and out!



Molly Grady, Emily Salmon, and Briana McCarty scrubbing walls to make the school look its best for our Catholic Schools Week Open House.