



### Catholic Schools Week Highlights

Sun., Jan. 29th  
11:30 AM Catholic Schools Week Mass

Mon., Jan. 30th  
9:00 AM Open House & Parent Visitation

Wed., Feb. 1st  
Nickels to Knock Out Cancer

Fri., Feb. 3rd  
12:30 PM Talent Show

# ST. NORBERT

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## Another Fun Grand VIP Day at SNS

On Friday, November 11, the St. Norbert School students welcomed over 200 grandparents and other favorite friends to our very special Grand VIP Day. The morning began with a beautiful prayer service led by the second grade, followed by refreshments in the school dining hall. The VIPs then visited the students in their classrooms, to meet their teachers and classmates and learn about some of their current projects and activities.

The day concluded with a moving musical presentation conducted by our music director Mrs. Ceil Frack that featured each class performing

a tribute to the many veterans who served our country through the various armed forces. As songs played for each individual wing of the military, those who served stood to be acknowledged and honored by the students and other attendees.

Grand VIP Day concluded with the opportunity for students and their guests to preserve the special day with a photo.

This new tradition has become one of the most anticipated events of the year at St. Norbert. We hope to see even more guests at next year's Grand VIP Day!



### Save the Date



Wed., May 3, 2017  
White Manor Golf Club

Golf and Tennis followed by Dinner and a Silent and Live Auction





## Blue Ribbon Buddy Day-Everyone’s Favorite Day of the Month!

We continue to celebrate the awesome achievement bestowed on our school last year, the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Award. The award, presented by The Department of Education, is given to only 50 non-public schools nationwide each year and honors exemplary schools that have achieved high levels of performance. The Blue Ribbon validates the hard work of our students, educators, and families.

To keep the momentum going within our community and to thank our children for their hard work, the students participate in Blue Ribbon Buddy Day every third Friday of the month. The special day began last year with Blue Ribbon Celebration Day,

and the students’ response was so overwhelmingly positive, Mrs. Hennessy decided to make it a monthly event. Each student at Saint Norbert’s is paired with a buddy from their buddy class, (PK & 4th, K & 7th, 1st & 5th, 2nd & 6th, 3rd & 8th). Once a month, they spend quality time together either doing a service project, craft or activity. Often times, the activity mimics what the students are learning in the classroom. For example, when the 6th graders were learning about Venn Diagrams, the class and their 2nd grade buddies did a special “Getting to Know You” activity. The students talked about what they had in common and how they were different from each other.

Wearing their Blue Ribbon Buddy t-shirt with pride, the kids love getting together with their buddies. Fourth grader, Henry Schalich says, “I like spending special time with my buddy every month.” Sixth grader Geniveve Gullatt added, “Blue Ribbon Buddy Day gives the older students a chance to spend time with the younger students and help them with things they did when they were in that grade.”

Each of these special days supports a sense of inclusiveness and strengthens the sense of community among the student body - just another reason why Saint Norbert’s is such a wonderful school!





## The Annual Nativity Continues to Inspire!

The Christmas Pageant is always a special night for the Saint Norbert's community when all in attendance truly feel the magic of Christmas alive within the church. Seeing the story of the Nativity told through our children allows

the true meaning of Christmas to shine through. Each year, Mrs. Cecil Frack and Mrs. Mary Riisen do an incredible job directing the students and somehow manage to add something a bit different year after year. Whether it's the preschool

sheep or the heralding angels, Mary and Joseph or the three wise men, the songs and performances by all the children is the best way to celebrate the birth of Jesus.



## The Bulldogs Are Multiplying!

If you've noticed that the hallways are a bit more crowded this year, it's because they are indeed! Since September, we have welcomed 54 new children to Saint Norbert's, an unprecedented amount of new families! We are so thrilled to welcome these new families to our community, and we hope their transition has been a smooth one. The Bulldog spirit is thriving, and we look forward to welcoming many more families in the year ahead!



## Special Recognition for Helen Locke



Former SNS Principal Mrs. Helen Locke was honored by the Foundation for Catholic Education at the Chester County Gala held at the Desmond Hotel in Malvern on November 20th. Family, friends, and former and current colleagues looked on as Mrs. Locke was inducted into the Chester County Catholic Schools Hall of Fame. Mrs.

Locke was recognized for her outstanding contributions to Catholic Education for the past 38 years. Ms. Locke continues to inspire her students and colleagues at St. Elizabeth School in Uwchlan where she teaches 8th grade religion and ELA.

Congratulations to Mrs. Locke!

## Did You Know...

St. Norbert School has its very own broadcast news program? That's right—4th-grade teacher Mrs. Brown and technology teacher Mr. DeSimone lead a group of 5th-grade students who alternate the jobs of news reporters, camera operators, producers, and crew members. Each week, they work together to produce an SNS TV broadcast that enables the students to learn important skills such as public speaking, interviewing, writing, and of course teamwork.

Also, the 7th and 8th grade students at St. Norbert School have the opportunity to participate in a dual foreign language program in which Spanish and Latin are taught weekly by Mrs. Nancy Clay and Fr. Ted Antry, respectively.

We are very happy to welcome the following families who have joined the St. Norbert School Community this year...

The Andrus Family

The Battinieri Family

The Bellopede Family

The Bendl Family

The Brady Family

The Breton Family

The Butoi-Teodorescu Family

The Carickhoff Family

The Ciesinski Family

The DiGiorgio Family

The DiZazzo Family

The Feng Family

The Freeman Family

The Garske Family

The Greco Family

The Grippa Family

The Hedgepeth Family

The Kala-Kadima/Griffiths Family

The Kennedy Family

The Kucia Family

The Laczko Family

The Lim Family

The Manchester Family

The McGready Family

The Parthemore Family

The Schalich Family

The Shanmugam/Subramaniyam Family

The Spearman/Moran Family

The Strimel Family

The Sullivan Family

The Tracy Family

The Tuzmen Family

The Waddell Family

The Walvoord Family

The Wang Family

The West Family

The Williams Family

The Zhang Family

# SNS Students Outperform Peers in All Subject Areas

St. Norbert School students continue to outperform the students in the Archdiocese as well as in Chester County on the TerraNova standardized tests. As in previous years, the students not only earned high scores, but they also outperformed the anticipated scores. The below table shows the results for St. Norbert School for

Grades K to 8 in the categories of Reading, Language, Mathematics, Total Score, Science and Social Studies compared to the Archdiocese and the other Catholic schools in Chester County. These results show the continued hard work by both the students and the teachers in the achievement of these results.

**March 2016 TerraNova Spring National Percentiles**

		Reading	Language	Math	Total Score	Science	Social Studies
Grade K	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	65	NA	79	75	NA	NA
	Chester County	70	NA	81	77	NA	NA
	St. Norbert School	75	NA	95	89	NA	NA
Grade 1	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	72	NA	77	82	68	75
	Chester County	76	NA	80	85	71	81
	St. Norbert School	92	NA	84	93	79	91
Grade 2	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	77	NA	77	77	65	73
	Chester County	80	NA	81	81	72	77
	St. Norbert School	95	NA	91	94	90	86
Grade 3	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	68	66	64	70	69	70
	Chester County	75	75	76	81	78	78
	St. Norbert School	87	87	86	91	91	86
Grade 4	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	69	71	66	74	62	72
	Chester County	80	82	82	88	76	83
	St. Norbert School	89	88	91	94	86	88
Grade 5	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	67	70	71	74	62	65
	Chester County	77	81	84	86	74	76
	St. Norbert School	83	87	84	90	82	80
Grade 6	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	73	76	70	78	67	70
	Chester County	82	86	83	89	79	79
	St. Norbert School	89	93	93	95	85	84
Grade 7	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	76	83	78	85	68	74
	Chester County	83	87	87	91	77	81
	St. Norbert School	86	88	90	92	75	80
Grade 8	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	78	80	77	83	66	72
	Chester County	88	89	92	93	84	83
	St. Norbert School	90	91	95	95	92	89

## SNS Students inducted into Junior Honor Society

The Monsignor Schuyler Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted its newest members at a formal ceremony at Bishop Shanahan High School on October 18th.

St. Norbert School 8th grade student Christopher Fagley and 7th grade student Megan Elguicze were selected to become members of the Bishop Shanahan High School Junior Honor Society. The students were chosen by their teachers after meeting the criteria established by the national organization, taking into account not only their academic standing, but the five traits of scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship. Congratulations to Christopher and Megan and their families!



# St. Norbert School 2015-2016 Annual Fund

St. Norbert School is profoundly grateful for all those who took a role in supporting our school last year. Nearly \$89,000 was raised for the 2015-2016 SNS Annual Fund. We are honored by the number of Annual Fund supporters who are truly dedicated to the vision and mission of St. Norbert School.

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The Connelly Foundation

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Class

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## Gifts in Kind

We are very grateful to the following individuals who donated special gifts to the school during the 2015-16 school year.

Beatrice Lock

Dr. Joseph Bennett, IV

Garth and Kathleen Rice

Nancy Smolinski

## Matching Gifts

We are very grateful to our donors who made the extra effort to arrange for a matching gift from their corporation to be donated to the SNS Annual Fund along with their own contribution. We would like to thank those companies, as well as the donors who arranged to make these gifts possible.

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## The Gift of EITC

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) allows Pennsylvania businesses to donate to non-profit scholarship organizations to receive a tax credit of up to 90 percent during the year in which the gift is made. These contributions provide need-based scholarships to enrolled families. St. Norbert School received EITC contributions totaling \$21,050 during the 2015-2016 academic year due to the generosity of the following community businesses:

BLOCS (Business Leaders Organized for Catholic Schools)

The Foundation for Catholic Education in Chester County  
MF Irvine and Associates  
Penn Liberty Bank

## The Gift of Scholarship

We are deeply grateful to the alumni and friends of St. Norbert School who believe in the mission of faith, academic excellence, and service and give back in the form of scholarships for current students.

Family & Friends of Mary D. Cugini

The John G. Foster Memorial Foundation

Keith Thomas Perrymore Fund/  
Gerry McTear Scholarship

# FACT

The St. Norbert School Class of 2016 earned a total of \$397,000 in scholarships. The Class of 2017 has already received \$215,500 in scholarships and counting. In the last 7 years, St. Norbert School students have been awarded \$2,082,200.00 in scholarships.