



To date the 2017 graduating 8th grade class has earned a total of \$319,900 in scholarship money. Over the past seven years, we have topped \$2,186,600 in scholarships.

The class of 2017 will attend the following schools in the fall:

Archbishop Carroll High School

Bishop Shanahan High School

Conestoga High School

Devon Prep

Episcopal Academy

Great Valley High School

Notre Dame Academy

St. Joseph's Prep

Technical College High School

Villa Maria Academy

ST. NORBERT

— CATHOLIC SCHOOL —



Fine Arts Alive at St. Norbert School

Take a walk down the halls of Saint Norbert's and you can't help but see and hear all the many ways our students are enjoying and learning from their involvement in the fine arts.

Performing Arts: The Christmas Nativity and Spring Concert performances are two favorite events here at St. Norbert's, highlighting the talent of the entire school. Our students truly inspire as they share the true meaning of the season during the annual Christmas pageant led by Mrs. Frack, SNS music teacher, and Mrs. Riisen, seventh and eighth grade language arts teacher. The students represent all those present at the very first Christmas, from the lambs, shepherds, and angels, to the heralds and company of soldiers. The cast is rounded out by a troupe of flashlight dancers, soloists, stage and lighting crews, and eighth-grade actors.

The audience was rocking and rolling at this year's spring concert, with the theme of "Legendary Rock." Each grade performed selections highlighting the

music of the 1950s, '60s and '70s, with featured singing and instrumental performances from several Upper School students.

This May, students in grades 4-8 performed Disney's *Alice Jr.* under the direction of Mrs. Mary Jo Springer. The hard work of the entire cast of actors and stage crew certainly paid off during their incredible performances. Bravo!

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Arts at St. Norbert School (continued)

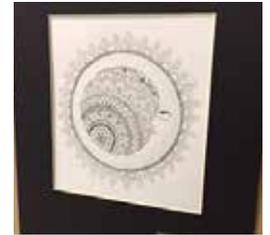


Choir and Band Shine on the Big Stage: Our select choir and ensemble, led by Mrs. Frack, perform monthly at First Friday mass. The group has also had the exciting opportunity to sing the National Anthem at the Wells Fargo Center at the start of the Villanova- Georgetown game.

The St. Norbert School Band, under the direction of Mr. Banks, was awarded a trophy for their “Superior” performance at the National Catholic Band Association Band Festival at Villanova University this past April. This is the second year in a row that the band earned distinction for their hard work and musicianship.

Special congratulations to our students who were invited to participate in Honors Band and Chorus events:

- **GianLorenzo Caria**, grade 8; Archdiocesan Jazz Band and Honors Band; saxophone
- **Michael Dobson**, grade 7; Honors Band; French horn
- **Gabriella Palmer**, grade 7; Archdiocesan Honor Chorus and Show Choir; voice
- **Bailey Cavallaro**, grade 7; Archdiocesan Honor Chorus; voice



- **Christopher Palmer**, grade 5; Archdiocesan Festival Band; drums

Art is Everywhere at SNS:

Art teacher Mrs. Palma focuses on fostering each student’s unique creativity and challenges them to consider the process of creating art as a way to express themselves. This year, several grade levels completed cross-curricular art projects

that incorporated topics from their language arts, math and social studies classes, such as world and U.S. geography and African culture.

A special congratulations, to Rhian Barnes, Emily McDonald, Josh Watson, Christina Paski and Christine Fair, five of our eighth-grade students who were invited to show their artwork at the 13th Annual Spring Art Exhibit at Bishop Shanahan High School.



Budding Authors and Poets: Every year, third graders look forward to creating and publishing a book of their very own under the direction of their teacher Miss Laroque and parent volunteer Lea Perretta. First, the students write a story on any topic of their choice, fiction or non-fiction, and then add illustrations. Parent volunteers help by proofreading the text and binding the finished product. The students then participate in a special presentation where copies of their books are donated to the school library for other children to read, and each student receives a copy of their book to take home.

In fourth grade, it’s on to poetry! Teacher Mrs. Brown introduced many different types of poetry to the students, who then each select a 20-line poem to memorize. Parents joined the students at the home of Bill and Cay Holmes for the special presentation of the Poetry Café.

Ready, Set, Read!

Librarian Mrs. Kroos heads up the Reading Olympics, where first through third grades competed this year within Saint Norbert’s, and the fourth and fifth grades competed at the county level at Phoenixville High School. The Chester County Reading Olympics event encourages students to increase the quality and quantity of books they read for enjoyment, and is designed to inspire them to read for pleasure while learning the value of teamwork.





Fore a Good Cause!

The Saint Norbert's Golf Outing and Gala is the school's biggest fundraiser of the year, and this year did not disappoint. The live auction, alone, brought in \$18,800 while the overall money raised exceeded \$60,000. All proceeds raised will be used to support campus maintenance, professional development for our teachers, technology improvements, and other school needs.

Despite a mild wind, it was a beautiful day for golf under bright blue skies! After a lovely barbeque lunch,

our golfers had a ball at the mid week outing by driving, chipping and putting on the beautiful grounds of White Manor Country Club. Prizes were awarded to the best foursomes of the day, but whatever their skill level, all of the the golfers had a great day on the greens.

The festivities didn't end there. As the sun set, the Gala portion of the fundraiser began. The Saint Norbert's parishioners and school parents socialized at a cocktail reception, while they perused the many silent auction

items in person and on their smart phones. Following cocktails, guests enjoyed a delicious dinner along with a high-spirited live auction that really got the crowd excited to raise money for our school. It was a wonderful day for the SNS Community!

A very special thanks to the Golf Outing and Gala Committee led by Brooke Keith and Shannon Duzy. These women worked so hard, and it showed in every detail of the day!



Alice and Wonderland Jr. Comes to the SNS Stage



SNS Girls Get The Royal Treatment

The Saint Norbert's girls felt positively regal as they whirled and twirled with their VIP dates on the dance floor at the annual SNS Princess Ball. DJ James played hits from the ages as the girls danced in their adorable treaded socks, the perfect party gift for a night on their feet. A big thank you to the volunteers who brought gorgeous spreads of food for the guests. Everyone had a sweet and memorable night together.



Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

The Saint Norbert's boys and their moms enjoyed a picture perfect evening at the ballpark for the 2017 Mother-Son Baseball event. Students ranging from pre-K to 8th grade cheered on the Reading Phillies from a private group section behind third base as they defeated the Portland Seadogs in an action packed Friday night game. Kindergartener Matthew Schultz

won the opportunity to throw out the first pitch of the night with the SNS crowd cheering him on. Under the watchful eye of Mrs. Hennessy, the Bulldog boys carried the American flag onto the field prior to the game, a special moment the boys will always remember. It was a fun filled night of bonding for our SNS boys and their mothers.



Honoring Our Lady

The St. Norbert School community celebrated our long standing tradition of honoring Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother, during the school's annual Mary Procession on May 19th. The entire student body, escorted by the faculty and staff, processed from the school building to the Church to participate in a special Mass celebrated by Fr. Michael Lee. The procession included

the second grade students wearing their communion outfits, sixth graders dressed in their Confirmation robes, and the eighth grade students in their graduation dresses and suits. Eighth grader Christina Paski had the special honor of crowning the beautiful Mary statue. She was assisted by second grade attendants Sophia Labate and Lana Schalich.



Planting Seeds, Growing our Future

The St. Norbert School Annual Fund delivers 12% of the school's annual operating budget and serves to support a wide range of efforts at SNS. Among these are outstanding academic programs, teacher professional development, maintenance of our classrooms

and school campus, and making a SNS educational affordable to all families. The broad range of initiatives supported by the SNS Annual Fund means that each student, family and faculty member benefits from every dollar raised.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school families, grandparents, alumni, and friends of the SNS, \$97,000 has already been raised towards our goal of \$110,000. This year, an overall school family participation rate of 76% was achieved. This was

the highest level of family participation in the SNS Annual Fund ever attained. We are very gratified by the on-going commitment of all of our donors to the mission of SNS and its future sustainability.

CYO Spring Sports Update

Track and Field Champions

Congrats to our boys and girls on the St. Norbert track & field teams for winning the 2017 CYO Region 32 Track and Field Championship. In addition, the boys won their Division and the girls placed fourth with their team score. We were especially proud of how the athletes persevered despite some foul weather during the meet. With earnest effort comes great accomplishments!

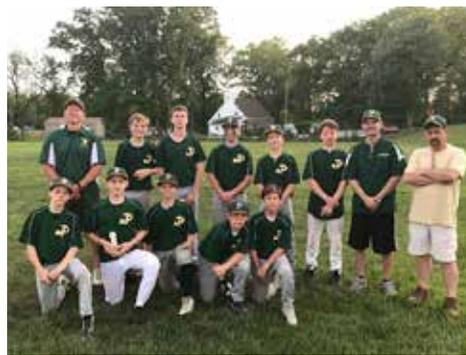
Back to Baseball

St. Norbert is pleased to have a baseball program again, now that



seven of our student-athletes have teamed up with players from Saint Patrick's. The partnership is a home run for everyone involved - Saint

Patrick's has welcomed us with open arms, the kids are happy to be playing the sport, and we are cheering them on at every game.



FACT

Every year, our Upper School (5th-8th grades) attend a retreat day held at Daylesford Abbey. This year it was run by NET Ministries - NET Ministries challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. Every August, 175 young Catholics aged 18-28 leave behind their jobs, school, family, and friends to devote nine months to serving with the National Evangelization Teams (NET).