



Catholic Schools Week Highlights

Sun., January 28th

11:30 AM Catholic
Schools Week Mass
12:30 PM Open House
& Education Fair

Mon., January 29th

9:00 AM Open House
& Parent Visitation

Wed., January 31st

Nickels to Knock out
Cancer service event

Fri., February 2nd

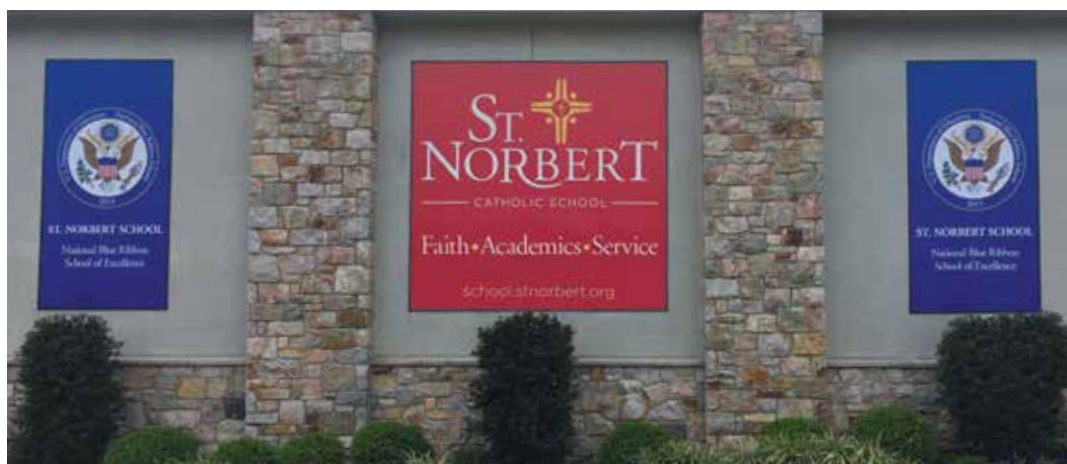
12:30 PM Student
Talent Show
5:00 PM Pizza Bingo



Sat., May, 5, 2018
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CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Celebrating 60 Years of Excellence

Since we've opened our doors, our school has grown significantly into a vibrant community of students who learn to live the key values of faith, academic excellence, and service upon which St. Norbert was established.

In 1956, the St. Norbert Parish was founded from portions of nearby St. Monica and St. Patrick Parishes and entrusted to the care of the Norbertines, who first came to America from the Netherlands in 1893. Following the first mass celebrated in July 1956 in the old Paoli Fire House, plans were underway to build a church and school on the current

grounds on Route 252.

Mass was first held in the original church on the ground floor of the present-day school building in May of 1958. In that same month, the Grey Nuns started teaching in classrooms on the second floor and continued to serve our students with tremendous dedication for the next 40 years.

The school flourished significantly from 1957 through 1985. A new church was built in 1985 and the first floor of the school building was converted into four classrooms, a computer lab, a library, a music room, and an

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art room. In 1992, our Parish Activity Center opened, featuring the existing gym.

The school dining hall was modernized in 2000, and, in 2005, a new addition encompassed classroom space, a reception area, a suite of offices, and a faculty lounge, as well as expansions to the library, science lab, technology center, art studio, and music room.

Saint Norbert School first received accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges & Schools Commission on Elementary Schools in October 1996. All standards for re-accreditation were met in the Fall of 2007 following an extensive self-study, with special focus in the areas of Reading, Science

and Technology. The evaluation report commended the school for excellence not only in these fields, but also in the areas of Philosophy, Leadership and Governance, Student Services, and Resources.

In 2015, Saint Norbert School was one of only 50 private schools to be named as a Blue Ribbon School, a prestigious honor given by the Department of Education to elementary, middle, and high schools where students either achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap.

We are so thrilled that several of our school alumni have chosen to send their children to St. Norbert's! In fact, our beloved Mrs. Rice attended St. Norbert, sent her children here, and

then served as a long-time member of our faculty and administration.

Colleen Schultz, alumna and mother to Matthew (grade 1), Mia (grade 2), and Chloe (grade 5), had these thoughts to share: "There is something special about St. Norbert's that is hard to verbalize, more of a feeling, from the teachers who truly care about our children, their education and faith, to the families who have become very special to us. I remember that real family feel from my own school years, with fond memories of the teachers and friends, many with whom I am still friends today. The CYO program is another great, fun memory for me. I still remember the basketball playoffs with our tiny team of seven. These are some of the reasons my husband and I chose to send our children here."

St. Norbert Alumni Create Prayer Garden

St. Norbert School alumnus Richie Cavallaro lived out our school's commitment to service by creating a beautiful prayer garden behind the parish office, consisting of six benches, a podium, an arbor, and a statue of St. Francis. Richie led the project as a requirement to be named an Eagle Scout, the highest and most prestigious Scout ranking.

"The service requirement is the hardest portion of the Eagle Scout badge to earn, but is also the most gratifying, as it is a job done to benefit others," said Richie, Class of 2016 and currently a sophomore at St. Joseph's Preparatory School. This initiative required months of

planning and preparation by Richie, including procuring materials and financial support, and preparing the actual worksite. Richie's team — consisting of Troop 7 members (with the help of their parents) — spent many hours over seven weeks in the fall working on the garden.

"The credit for the idea belongs to St. Norbert Pastor Father Lee and St. Norbert's Principal Mrs. Hennessy, but all members of Troop 7 collaborated on the final project," says Richie. "Without the help of Troop 7, my parents and my fellow St. Norbert alumni, I would not have been able to complete the project, as it took countless hours."

Richie designed the space for the St. Norbert community to connect with the outdoors in prayer and enjoy the nicer weather for prayer groups and meetings.

"We are very proud of Richie and the boys who assisted him for their dedication to this service project and for creating such a beautiful spot for prayer and reflection for our church and school," says Mrs. Hennessy. "We are thankful for the many hours Richie and his team spent completing this project, and can't wait for spring when we can fully take advantage of all of their hard work!"





A Special Evening at the Saint Norbert's Nativity

Saint Norbert's students presented another spectacular Nativity performance under the direction of Mrs. Ceil Frack and Mrs. Mary Riisen. Seeing the story of Jesus's birth through the eyes of the children is

one of the highlights of the school year and sparks the true spirit of Christmas in all who attend. This year's solo performances brought tears to the eyes of many of our parents with their beautiful renditions

of traditional Christmas songs, and the baby Jesus, our very own Nikos Sarris, younger brother of Travis Saverino in 4th grade, was a perfect little angel. Once again, the Nativity was a very special evening for all!



Sports Highlights

Congratulations to our Fall CYO Sports teams on another successful season!



In Memoriam

The Saint Norbert School community mourned the sudden losses of two of its beloved members this past summer.



Brian Zwaan, a tireless supporter of Catholic education, passed away on July 31, 2017. He and his wife, Diane, sent all four of their children to St. Norbert's — Elizabeth (2001), Matthew (2002), Sarah (2006), and Margaret (2010). Brian served as a coach, mentor, and board member for the St. Norbert Parish CYO, and was a major advocate and contributor to the EITC program, benefitting several area Catholic schools, including St. Norbert's. Brian's efforts were also critical to keeping his alma mater Archbishop Carroll open during a period of financial instability.

In 2009, St. Norbert School honored the Zwaan family with the Marguerite D'Youville award for their significant dedication to the school community. Brian also received the Distinguished Graduate Award by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 2014, and was inducted posthumously into the Chester County Hall of Fame for the Foundation for Catholic Education.



Larry Schwartz, a 1977 graduate of St. Norbert's and active member of Saint Monica's Church, died suddenly on August 15, 2017. Larry and his wife, Tracey, had three children, two of whom attended St. Norbert's.

Larry was a coach and mentor in the St. Norbert Parish CYO. In 2015, he, along with Gregg Furtaw and Brian Toole, coached the parish's varsity soccer team to a triple overtime victory — the third straight year the Bulldogs won the title.

Larry was also very active in the local community, including as a volunteer for the Devon Horse Show, and co-founder of the Philadelphia Area Disc Alliance.

Project Linus

Project Linus is a non-profit organization that provides homemade blankets to children in need.

Mrs. Scelzo's second grade class, along with parent volunteers, lovingly make blankets each year for this wonderful cause. Service is central to our mission at St. Norbert and this is just one of the many ways we empower the children to share their gifts with others.



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

The Andersen Family

The Benedict Family

The Beres Family

The Binkley Family

The Bolger Family

The Brandberg Family

The Burke Family

The Campbell Family

The Caruolo Family

The Chmura Family

The Ciprietti Family

The Clifton Family

The Connell Family

The Decker Family

The DeLisi Family

The DeMeo Family

The Drayton Family

The Durrans/Povey Family

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The Freed-Flinn Family

The Herrera Family

The Joy Family

The Klenk Family

The LeSage Family

The Linquata Family

The McDougall Family

The Oliver Family

The Rodriguez Family

The Shahpari Family

The Stach Family

The Zubey 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 scores show the continued hard work by both the students and the teachers in the achievement of these results.

March 2017 TerraNova Spring National Percentiles

		Reading	Language	Math	Total Score	Science	Social Studies
Grade K	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	72	NA	83	82	NA	NA
	Chester County	73	NA	85	85	NA	NA
	St. Norbert School	86	NA	93	94	NA	NA
Grade 1	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	73	NA	77	79	69	75
	Chester County	78	NA	83	85	75	80
	St. Norbert School	93	NA	92	95	86	88
Grade 2	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	77	NA	76	81	64	73
	Chester County	82	NA	80	85	68	79
	St. Norbert School	95	NA	91	96	87	87
Grade 3	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	68	64	64	70	69	70
	Chester County	79	74	76	81	79	78
	St. Norbert School	94	90	86	94	92	87
Grade 4	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	68	68	64	72	62	70
	Chester County	77	77	76	83	73	79
	St. Norbert School	79	85	85	89	81	81
Grade 5	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	67	69	72	74	64	66
	Chester County	79	81	84	86	78	78
	St. Norbert School	85	89	92	93	88	83
Grade 6	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	73	75	69	78	66	69
	Chester County	83	83	82	89	75	80
	St. Norbert School	83	84	82	89	75	82
Grade 7	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	76	80	78	84	66	75
	Chester County	84	87	88	91	76	82
	St. Norbert School	86	95	94	96	75	87
Grade 8	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	82	83	82	87	73	76
	Chester County	89	89	92	94	84	86
	St. Norbert School	89	89	89	92	80	84

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 in October.

8th grade student Gabriella Palmer and 7th grade student Madeline Grous 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. Three alumni of St. Norbert School are members of the National Honor Society- Stephanie Minnis, Patrick Dacey and Greta Barnes.

Congratulations to Gabriella and Madeline and their families!



St. Norbert School 2016-2017 Annual Fund

St. Norbert School is profoundly grateful for all those who took a role in supporting our school last year. Nearly \$113,000 was raised for the 2016-2017 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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