



To date, the 2018 class has earned a total of \$271,600 in scholarship money. Over the past eight years, we have topped \$2,461,200 in scholarships.

The Class of 2018 will attend the following schools in the fall.

Archbishop Carroll High School

Bishop Shanahan High School

Conestoga High School

Devon Prep

Malvern Prep

Merion Mercy Academy

Notre Dame Academy

St. Joseph's Prep

Villa Maria Academy

# ST. NORBERT

— CATHOLIC SCHOOL —



## A Legendary SNS Teacher Retires

If you ask graduates of St. Norbert School to share some of their favorite memories of their time here, you will frequently hear them talk fondly of their days in first grade with Mrs. Korom. Many recall their transportation project and culminating field trip to Strasburg Railroad, how she patiently and creatively taught them to love to read, and perhaps most importantly, how to live out their faith. After 38 years of teaching at St. Norbert's, Mrs. Korom will retire this June, leaving a beautiful legacy of faith, service, and life-long learning.

"We have been very blessed to have Mrs. Korom here for so many years," said St. Norbert School Principal Mary Kay Hennessy. "Her dedication, hard work, loyalty, and love for her students, as well as her collaboration with her colleagues were visible in school every day."

In all that she does, Mrs. Korom exemplifies her devotion to God, particularly through her commitment to service. The students were always excited to drop their coins into the classroom Poor Pig and participate in the school-wide St. Jude Math-A-Thon, which Mrs. Korom led for many years.

She constantly expanded her knowledge and approach to teaching, incorporating technology and STEM principles into the curriculum to help energize the students and stretch their imaginations. Parents were often amazed at what their children shared with them from their days with Mrs. Korom!

Lisa Corcoran, whose nine children each had Mrs. Korom, reflected on her impact: "Mrs. Korom dressed as a witch each Halloween but, in my opinion, she should have dressed as a magician

## A Legendary SNS Teacher Retires (continued)

because what she did with those first-graders was nothing short of magic. They walked in as scared, naïve, little children, and always, to my amazement, by October they were reading, writing, and memorizing poems, and transformed into confident, well-mannered little people.”

Parent Stephany Ziegler also shared her thoughts on Mrs. Korom: “It has been a gift to have Mrs. Korom teach our six sons. Not only is she an incredible teacher who has taught ALL her students how to read, but more importantly she has taught them about Jesus and how to love like Him. In her eyes learning about Jesus is just as important as reading and writing and the children she has instructed over the years have been blessed to receive that gift from her at such a young age.”

Mrs. Korom has always been highly admired by her fellow teachers

and staff members. Long-time St. Norbert’s teacher Mrs. Cardile, who has known Mrs. Korom for 20 years, said: “She taught my child in first grade many years ago and there is no other first-grade teacher to whom I would have entrusted my child. She is one of the most dedicated, loving, and masterful teachers I have ever had the honor to teach with. I will miss her as both a teacher and as a friend.”

Mrs. Korom will be missed for years to come, but she will always be part of the St. Norbert’s community through all that she instilled within these walls through her faith and passion for learning, which will live on through her colleagues and students. We wish her and her husband, Mike, many years of happiness together with their growing family, and we thank her for her many years of service to our school.





## The Sun Came Out for SNS' Production of Annie, Jr.!

It was certainly not the “hard-knock life” for the St. Norbert’s students who partnered with Mary Jo Springer, Director of SNS’ recent production of “Annie, Jr.” In just 6 short weeks, Mrs. Springer and over 40 talented St. Norbert’s students pulled together an energetic performance that had the audience mesmerized and on its feet by the show’s end!

“This year’s program involved, by far, the least rehearsal time I’ve ever had to produce a show,” noted Mrs. Springer. “But, these kids pulled it together! They worked very hard and paid close attention at every rehearsal, as we quickly worked through each song, dance, and scene. I’ve always been struck by the Bulldogs’ ability to get the job done!”

Mrs. Springer, owner and manager of The Springer Studio, Phoenixville, was once the music teacher at St. Norbert’s, while also acting as the music teacher for St. Basil the Great. “I found I couldn’t do both, so I started my own musical theater business,” says Mrs. Springer. “In 2016, I returned to St. Norbert’s to produce the school’s first musical, “Willy Wonka, Jr.”, and this year marked my third year producing SNS’ spring musical.”

St. Norbert’s Mom, Eileen Watson, was one of the backstage parents. “Mary Jo is a fabulous director,”

commented Mrs. Watson. “She is a talented singer, piano player, and choreographer. Equally as important, she loves children and is dedicated to helping them develop their self-confidence. She, and her assistant Corrine Kucewicz, bring so much joy and energy.”

Back stage, it was up to the students to be ready with their costumes, props and microphones. “The kids did a great job of being aware of what was happening, staying quiet as necessary and getting on stage on cue,” noted Mrs. Watson. “They all were actors and stage crew helpers, and some helped with lights. It was impressive to see them step up and take responsibility to ensure the play ran smoothly.”

Mrs. Springer notes how blessed she feels to do what she does and work with the SNS kids.

And SNS is just as lucky to have Mrs. Springer. “Mary Jo began each production with a pep talk and a prayer,” said Mrs. Watson. “She reminded the kids that they’ll never do this play with these kids again, which was particularly meaningful for the eighth graders. She said enjoy the experience and do your best, then thanked God for the chance to follow her passion and work with such special kids.”



## Girls Lacrosse Makes its Debut at St. Norbert's

St. Norbert School's inaugural girls lacrosse season was a huge hit despite the rainy spring. A special thanks to Barb Kucia and Kelli Czajkowski for coaching both the JV and Varsity teams. They made it a fun, positive experience for the girls while teaching them the game.



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## A Princess-Perfect Night

The Saint Norbert's girls felt positively regal as they whirled and twirled with their dads 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. The dads and their daughters had a sweet and memorable night together.



## SNS Mothers and Sons Having a Ball!

It was a cold night for baseball, but the moms and boys of St. Norbert's bundled up and enjoyed the annual Mother Son Event at the Reading Phillies First Energy Stadium. The spirited group of boys, along with some brave moms, carried the American flag out onto the field during the National Anthem, a special moment the boys won't soon forget. Our very own first grader, Liam Moore, threw out the first pitch of the game on his seventh birthday, no less! The mothers and sons enjoyed an all you can eat buffet as they watched the game from a special section behind third base. This is always a treasured memory for our community, and even though it was chilly, everyone had a ball!



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## Diamond Derby

On May 5th, St. Norbert School hosted the 2018 Diamond Derby at the Barn at Liseter. Nearly 140 guests attended the event and enjoyed an evening of cocktails and food, live music, and silent and live auctions. This year's special live auction items included an Eagles sculpture signed by Nick Foles and Carson Wentz, a chef dinner prepared by Mr. Michael Filan, and thirty pitches at a dunk tank featuring Fr. Lee, Fr. Steve and Mrs. Hennessy.

Everyone's generosity and loyal support helped to raise \$85,000, of which \$8,000 will be targeted for dining hall improvements. Many thanks to the sponsors, volunteers and the very dedicated event team, led by Mrs. Connie Neary, which made the Diamond Derby such an incredible success.

Special congratulations to Mrs. Deborah Bookstaber, the winner of the Golden Horseshoe; the 2nd grade class, winner of the Shiny Diamond; and the 20 winners who placed their bets on Justify for a first place Derby finish.





## May Procession

On May 10th, the entire St. Norbert School community gathered for the annual May Procession, a cherished event honoring the Blessed Mother. Students, teachers, and staff processed together from the school building to the church, with the second-grade students in their First Communion outfits, the sixth-graders in their Confirmation robes, and the eighth-graders in their graduation dresses and suits. Fr. Steve Albero led the community in a beautiful tribute to Mary, with words and songs praising Our Lady. Eighth-graders Kelly O'Connor & Evelyn O'Neill had the honor of placing a crown of flowers on our Mary statue, with second graders Mia Schultz and Lauren Walton attending them.



## CYO Spring Sports Update

### Track and Field Champions

The St. Norbert Boys and Girls Track and Field Team participated in the CYO Region 32 Track and Field Championship on May 6th. Thank you to each athlete for their outstanding performances; there were many personal best times on the track and distances achieved in the field events. We are all so proud of each athlete's individual and team contributions. Congratulations to the boys team for placing 3rd in the overall Boys 2018 Championship!



# FACT

The talent of several St. Norbert School students was on display in April during the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Concert of Excellence which was performed at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia. Congratulations to 8th graders Gabriella Palmer and Michael Dobson, 7th graders Anna Bagley, Eva Caria, Charlotte Fritz and Madeleine Grous, 6th grade student Christopher Palmer and 5th grade student Eleanor Grous.