



Catholic Schools Week Highlights

Sun., January 27th

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

Mon., January 28th

9:00 AM Open House

Wed., January 30th

Nickels for J.D. service event

Fri., February 1st

5:00 PM Pizza Bingo



Sat., March 30, 2019
6:00 - 10:30 PM
The Barn at Liseter

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C-STEAM Powers St. Norbert School!

STEM is an educational approach focused on the foundations of science, technology, engineering, and math, with curriculum and activities encouraging young minds to explore in unique, hands-on ways. At St. Norbert School, we also incorporate the arts and the teachings of our Catholic faith. As a result, every day our students are powered by our faith through C-STEAM (Catholic - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math)!

In our PreK classroom, Mrs. Donaher proves that it's never too early to start putting C-STEAM in action. Through fun, interactive activities, the children engage

in what looks like "play" but is actually a carefully constructed environment where they are encouraged to ask questions, hypothesize, discuss their observations, and come up with conclusions. "I make it a point not to interrupt this thought process because watching them make their own discoveries is a sacred experience," said Mrs. Donaher. "It's how I perceive God at work in the human mind." Activities include a Halloween challenge to build a haunted house with a baby ghost (tissue with eyes), creating the letters of the alphabet using strips of paper, and making patterns with pom-poms and tweezers.

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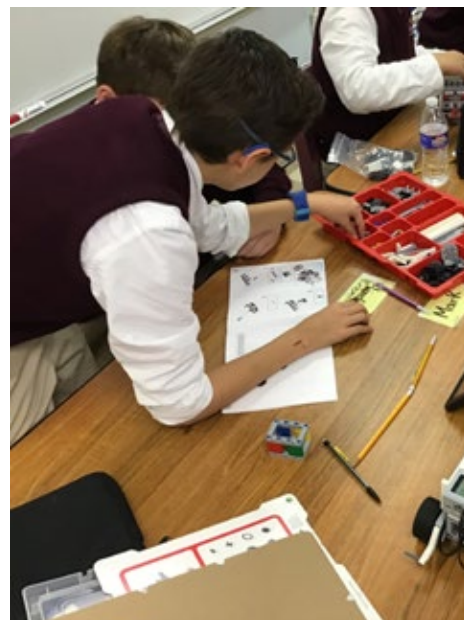
Earlier this year, second graders completed a STEM Lego challenge—to design a new mailbox for Santa because his old one was overflowing! Working in small groups, the students first discussed a plan for creating an elevated mailbox with a bag of Legos and an envelope for measurement. Through this project, they worked on the skills of collaboration, problem solving, planning, measuring, and building.

“C-STEAM to me is real-world application of knowledge and skills, and I use it to develop projects that cross all curriculums and focus from the past all the way through to the modern society,” says upper school social studies teacher Mrs. Klunk. She believes that connecting C-STEAM and social studies shows

the students that events are not isolated. For example, technological advances such as the cotton gin and the electric light bulb both had societal implications. Her students come to understand the integration between science and technology and world events.

In Mr. DeSimone’s Technology Instruction classes, eighth graders create a memory box, a process that incorporates all elements of C-STEAM, from programming the circuit board computer and learning about light and illumination, to measurement, construction, and artistic decoration. Sixth graders get to build and program a LEGO EV3 Robot, requiring students to apply various concepts such as light and distance, computer programming, and mathematic wheel calculations.

All grades have fun learning and exploring through C-STEAM at St. Norbert School!



Congratulations St. Norbert Fall CYO Sports Teams!

It was an action-packed Fall for St. Norbert CYO field hockey, soccer, and cross country teams.

Field Hockey

The St. Norbert’s/St. Patrick’s Varsity field hockey team clinched the Archdiocesan Field Hockey Championship, defeating St. Joseph’s 2-1 in sudden death double overtime. Earlier this Fall, the Varsity team won the Acorn Tournament, an annual event that raises money for charity.

The players took some time off the field to participate in a special service project, working with Mrs. Lori Myers to prepare lasagna formaggio in the SNS kitchen. The team made five large pans of lasagna to donate to a local family and area shelters.



Soccer

The JV soccer team, seeded #4 heading into the playoffs, beat #1 seed St. Aloysius 4-3 in the semi-finals, and then defeated Saints Simon and Jude 2-1 to win the Region 17 CYO Championship.

The Varsity team finished the regular season strong with a record of 6-1-2, and advanced to the playoff quarter finals.

Cross Country

This fall the St. Norbert Cross Country team’s overall average mile split improved from 9:52/mile to 8:36/mile



over the course of eight races. Several runners achieved below 7:30/mile on the demanding, historic Belmont Plateau cross country course in Fairmount Park.

Team members also participated in the Regional Cross Country Championship in Bucks County and the National Cross Country Championship in Nashville, TN.

Congratulations to all Fall CYO sports players and coaches on their exciting seasons!



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 2018 TerraNova Spring National Percentiles

		Reading	Language	Math	Total Score	Science	Social Studies
Grade K	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	65	NA	80	78	NA	NA
	Chester County	70	NA	85	83	NA	NA
	St. Norbert School	67	NA	88	85	NA	NA
Grade 1	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	70	NA	75	77	66	71
	Chester County	76	NA	80	83	73	77
	St. Norbert School	86	NA	85	90	83	84
Grade 2	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	74	NA	73	78	63	70
	Chester County	80	NA	78	84	69	76
	St. Norbert School	90	NA	93	95	87	87
Grade 3	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	67	64	64	69	67	68
	Chester County	75	72	75	79	76	77
	St. Norbert School	89	90	81	92	86	87
Grade 4	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	66	67	62	70	59	68
	Chester County	76	78	76	83	72	78
	St. Norbert School	93	86	88	94	89	89
Grade 5	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	65	67	67	71	62	60
	Chester County	75	78	80	83	73	71
	St. Norbert School	81	84	90	89	85	70
Grade 6	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	70	74	65	75	64	68
	Chester County	82	86	82	89	77	79
	St. Norbert School	89	93	91	95	88	90
Grade 7	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	73	81	76	83	65	72
	Chester County	82	87	88	91	76	80
	St. Norbert School	81	85	86	89	81	82
Grade 8	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	78	80	76	83	66	69
	Chester County	88	90	91	93	78	82
	St. Norbert School	93	93	91	95	78	85



On December 2, Father Steve Albero was formally installed as the new pastor of Saint Norbert Church! In recent months, he and the parish's new parochial vicar Father Arul Amalraj have spent time getting to know our students and sharing in special events such as First Friday Mass and First Reconciliation. We also wished Father Mike Lee a happy and healthy retirement, thanking him for his many years of service to our school.

A Special Evening at the Saint Norbert School Nativity

There is nothing like the St. Norbert School Nativity to put you in the holiday spirit, and this year's performance didn't disappoint. From our littlest sheep to our heralds and angels on high, each student plays a part in telling the story of Christ's birth. It's remarkable to watch the kids take their roles so seriously and act and sing with such conviction, a true testament to our directors, Mrs. Ceil Frack and Mrs. Mary Riisen. Aubrey Mae Scelzo, daughter of our second grade teacher, was a perfect angel as the sweetest baby Jesus.

The Nativity is always one of the highlights of the school year, and it truly embodies the true spirit of Christmas.



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

- The Brandt Family
- The Cambridge Family
- The Chen Family
- The Coonrad Family
- The Dixon Family
- The Dolan Family
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- The Weir Family
- The Wynn Family
- The Zhang Family



Service at the Heart of St. Norbert

Service to those in need in our community is at the forefront of all we do at St. Norbert School. Initiatives, such as the peanut butter and jelly drive, the Nickel Race, and the St. Jude’s Math-a-Thon bring the entire school together for an important cause. The students work on special service projects as well in their individual classrooms each year.

Mrs. Dunkerley’s kindergarteners make stuffed animals that are then delivered to children at Nemours/ DuPont Hospital for Children. The students take pride in stuffing their animal and adding a heart and special wish for the recipient. They also complete a birth certificate for their creation and decorate a gift bag. “Children at this age

can relate to cuddling with a stuffed animal for comfort and doing something special for sick children,” says Mrs. Dunkerley.

In sixth grade, Mrs. Klunk’s students put together chemo bags that are delivered to Chester County and Paoli oncology offices. The bags include goodies to bring comfort to a chemo patient — mints, tissues, drinks, crossword books, healthy snacks, magazines, and hats. The students then decorate the outside of the bag with motivational quotes, along with a sweet note and prayers from the student.

It’s a true Pink Out in October when the students show their support by wearing their pink and donating

to Unite for HER, a non-profit in West Chester that serves women diagnosed with breast cancer.

Throughout every grade at St. Norbert School, our students are guided by their faith to learn the value and importance of giving back and serving others.



SNS Graduate Gives Back

SNS students of all ages had much to be grateful for this past Thanksgiving, including the opening of a gaga pit on the school playground. This great addition is thanks to SNS 2016 alum Ryan Hoffman, who raised money and constructed the pit as a project to attain Eagle Scout rank.

Similar to dodge ball, gaga is a fast-paced game played in an octagonal pit. Players try to strike opponents below the knees with a soft rubber ball.

Ryan set up a webpage to raise

money to purchase the wood, brackets, stain, and mulch needed to construct the pit, and got Home Depot to provide a discount on the materials. He constructed the pit over two weekends in November with the help of family and fellow Troop 7 scouts.

Ryan, who is a 2016 Neumann Scholar and a junior at Archbishop Carroll High School, said of the project, “I wanted to give back to the St. Norbert School community that gave me so much.”

St. Norbert School 2017-2018 Annual Fund

St. Norbert School is profoundly grateful for all those who took a role in supporting St. Norbert School last year. Nearly \$97,000 was raised for the 2017-2018 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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Grants

St. Norbert School was awarded grants during the 2017-18 school year from the following organizations in recognition of the school's academic achievement and to support various educational programs and future sustainability.

Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance
The Foundation for Catholic Education

Special Fundraising Events

The Diamond Derby, the major fundraising event of the 2017-18 school year, raised over \$80,000 for learning resources, technology upgrades, continuing education for faculty, and campus improvements. The Diamond Derby was also an opportunity for parents, faculty and staff, and friends of the school to celebrate as a community their commitment to Catholic education for all our students.

We would like to thank and acknowledge the following sponsors and families who supported the Diamond Derby event.

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