



Catholic Schools Week Highlights

- Sun., January 26th
11:30 AM CSW Mass
12:30 PM Open House
12:30 PM Library Book Fair
- Mon., January 27th
9:00 AM Open House
- Wed., January 29th
Nickels for AVM service event
- Fri., January 31st
1:15 PM Talent Show
5:00 PM Pizza Bingo

ST. NORBERT

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Students Create Chemo Bags for Local Cancer Patients

This past semester, our students participated in a very special service project that gave them a hands-on opportunity to bring a smile to patients battling cancer. When sixth grade teacher Megan Klunk was undergoing chemotherapy treatment several years ago, she received a bag of small goodies to help bring her comfort along with a note of encouragement. She was so touched by this thoughtful gesture that she decided upon her return to school to pass the kindness forward and have her own students make Chemo Bags.

After the first year, the entire upper school joined in for the project and this past year students in every grade participated. While in school, the students decorated paper bags with bright colors, encouraging words, and prayers. They then took the bags home and were encouraged to use their own money to purchase small items to fill the bag. From tissues and lip balm, to mints and fuzzy socks, the students were very thoughtful and creative with their contributions. More than 180 bags were then boxed and hand delivered to Paoli *Continued on page 2*



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Oncology, Exton Oncology, and West Chester Oncology treatment centers.

The students enjoyed personally selecting the items for the bags and with so many families touched by cancer, they appreciated the impact this gesture could make on a patient. St. Norbert's has received many thank you cards from nurses, doctors, and patients themselves, and one couple even stopped by the school to personally thank the students for the bag. A special thank you to Mrs. Klunk for turning her personal experience into a unique act of service our students will long remember.



SNS Calendar of Service Projects and Collections

Month	Service Project
Sept.	Peanut butter and jelly jar drive
Oct.	Pink Out Day for breast cancer awareness New socks for men, women and children Halloween candy collection for the military
Nov.	Thanksgiving canned food drive
Dec.	Build a Bear Project for Nemours * Alfred I. duPont Hospital Linus Blanket Project *
Jan.	Cans of soup, Nickels for a Cause event
Feb.	Mardi Gras Pajama Day for St. Norbert Parish, Pajama Ministry (monetary donation)
March	Goody bags for the military
April	Toiletries for local shelters
May	Baby items and monetary donations for local women's shelter
June	Boxes of cereal for local food pantry

* Kindergarten participates in the Build a Bear project
* 2nd grade completes the Linus Blanket Project

Congratulations CYO Athletes!

It was an action-packed Fall for our students who participated in CYO soccer, football, cross country, and field hockey.

Soccer

The Varsity soccer team had an impressive regular season record of 9-0-1. The team advanced through the regional playoffs and was seeded #3 heading into the Archdiocesan playoffs to represent SNS.

The JV soccer team also finished the regular season 9-0-1. The team was seeded #2 going into the regional playoffs where they advanced to the championship game.

Football

Several boys from St. Norbert's participated in the St. Patrick's

Warriors Football program this Fall. The team ended the season 5-2-1 overall. For their service project this season, the team donated 95 pounds of food to the Chester County Food Bank.

Cross Country

Approximately 20 students from St. Norbert's participated in the cross-country program, which is open to grades K-8 and focuses on instilling a life-long love of running. Meets take place on Sundays at Belmont Plateau and runners have the opportunity to qualify for Nationals.

Field Hockey

Girls from St. Norbert's and St. Patrick's joined forces this Fall to compete in CYO field hockey. About 20 girls from SNS participated on the Varsity and JV teams, and enjoyed building their skills and bonding with teammates. Congratulations to all Fall CYO sports players and coaches!



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 2019 TerraNova Spring National Percentiles

		Reading	Language	Math	Total Score	Science	Social Studies
Grade K	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	67	NA	80	68	NA	NA
	Chester County	65	NA	83	69	NA	NA
	St. Norbert School	71	NA	91	79	NA	NA
Grade 1	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	67	NA	74	67	64	67
	Chester County	74	NA	79	70	72	74
	St. Norbert School	72	NA	82	71	59	75
Grade 2	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	75	NA	74	70	60	68
	Chester County	80	NA	80	77	66	73
	St. Norbert School	92	NA	90	90	87	88
Grade 3	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	65	65	63	64	65	66
	Chester County	78	78	76	76	80	77
	St. Norbert School	87	87	86	85	82	83
Grade 4	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	63	66	63	65	58	67
	Chester County	72	74	75	75	71	76
	St. Norbert School	83	81	87	85	87	86
Grade 5	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	63	65	67	67	61	62
	Chester County	73	75	81	78	73	71
	St. Norbert School	87	87	91	90	86	83
Grade 6	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	69	73	64	70	62	64
	Chester County	80	83	78	82	72	76
	St. Norbert School	84	89	89	89	80	90
Grade 7	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	70	79	76	74	65	68
	Chester County	79	87	86	86	77	78
	St. Norbert School	85	85	89	94	86	87
Grade 8	Archdiocese of Philadelphia	75	75	75	77	64	67
	Chester County	84	85	87	87	77	81
	St. Norbert School	85	87	87	88	68	79



Welcome Sister Barbara!

This Fall the St. Norbert community welcomed Sister Barbara Ann Montague to the faculty. Sister Barbara teaches religious enrichment to Grades 1-8 once a week. She also assists with kindergarten, tutors students in math, and works with small reading groups.

Sister Barbara is an IHM Religious Sister and has worked in elementary education for 50 years. She taught grades 4-8 in inner city schools in Philadelphia for 16 years, and also served as principal at St. Gabriel School,

Our Lady of Ransom School, and St. Cyril of Alexandria School.

“I love being a part of SNS!” says Sister Barbara. “The students have been so welcoming and friendly, and they are a joy to teach. The parents have been very welcoming too and I am impressed how involved they are in the school. SNS has a very strong Catholic Identity and it is wonderful to see how our students put their faith into practice.” In her free time, Sister Barbara likes to read, exercise at the gym, and participate in Zumba classes. *(pictured on left with our principal Mrs. Hennessy)*

Saint Norbert's Nativity - The Perfect Way to Celebrate Christmas

Our school community looks forward to the Nativity each year to invigorate our holiday spirits and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Every student at Saint Norbert School plays a part in depicting the story of Jesus' birth from the sweet little sheep and angels from the lower grades to the middle and upper school soldiers and heralds.

This year, Lauren Elguicze played a beautiful Mary, while Nick Walton was the earthly father, Joseph. Chloe Burke, daughter of SNS parents Christina and Mike, was an adorable baby Jesus. A special thank you to our musical director, Mrs. Ceil Frack, and Mrs. Mary Risen for somehow outdoing themselves year after year. We are so fortunate to get together during the holiday season and witness the miracle of Jesus' birth through our amazing students' eyes.

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

- The Ammouri Family
- The Boyle Family
- The Brown Family
- The Cogan Family
- The Crispell Family
- The Dechiaro Family
- The Epps Family
- The Gillin Family
- The Goulet Family
- The Huang Family
- The Karnati Family
- The Kolla Family
- The Mackowiak Family
- The Maldonado-Galindo Family
- The Pierce Family
- The Pilato Family
- The Pingitore Family
- The Rodenbach Family
- The Rodgers Family
- The Schrieber Family
- The Shalons Family
- The Simmons Family
- The Smith Family
- The Thompson Family
- The Tyrell Family
- The Unger Family
- The Yin Family
- The Zhang Family



Alumni Spotlight

We are so proud of our alumni and love when they keep in touch and let us know how being a Bulldog continues to make an impact!



Sloane Duzy (2016)

Favorite SNS memory: Our field trip to Longwood Gardens, when the boys ended up jumping in the fountains!

Most meaningful thing I learned at SNS: In 8th grade, Mrs. Harlan gave us the advice to always be humble and kind.

Favorite SNS service projects: Our CYO soccer team projects.

Today: I'm currently a senior at Archbishop Carroll and am very active in the school's Theater Society (ACTS) as the assistant director.



Gia Whalen (2019)

Favorite SNS memory: Growing up with my classmates and having such great teachers and staff. But also having a small class size because it gave me the opportunity to get extremely

close with my peers.

Most meaningful thing I learned at SNS: Time management is such a key skill in high school - I'm so glad I learned it at SNS.

Favorite SNS service project: The Chemo Bags project meant a lot to me because my grandfather was in the hospital battling cancer throughout all last year, so it had a special place in my heart.

Today: I am in my second semester at Villa Maria Academy. I love my teachers, classmates and everything about my school.

I had a great first field hockey season at Villa. I was also thrilled to be selected to the USA Junior National Indoor Team, the USAFH Junior National Camp, the AAU Junior Olympics U16 Team, and the USAFH Stars and Stripes U14 - All Star team. And I recently attended my second and final selection for the USA Outdoor Field Hockey team! I am very honored and excited for this opportunity and am so grateful for what SNS has done for me to create a solid foundation for the rest of my life.



Caroline Klaiber (2017)

Favorite SNS memory: Being student council president. It was so much fun to plan and organize all of our school dances, dress down days, and service projects. I am also really proud of introducing a dress down day on your birthday. I loved being able to positively impact our school community.

Most meaningful thing I learned at SNS:

The importance of service and giving back to the community. SNS allowed me to participate in a variety of service projects, like Nickels to Knock Out Cancer and coat drives, that taught me the importance of giving back to the community and to those less fortunate.

Favorite SNS service project: Nickels to Knock Out Cancer. It was so much fun to go down to the gym and count and organize the nickels. It was an interactive way for the whole school to get involved in a hands-on service project. I thought it was a good lesson on how doing a good deed can strengthen our relationship to God.

Today: I am a junior at Conestoga High School. I am the starting goalkeeper for the girls' soccer team and was able to help my team reach the State Championship in Hershey. I am also continuing my commitment to service through the clubs I participate in, such as Peer Mediation, a service club dedicated to giving back to the school community and helping others.



Eagle Scout Proud

Three of our 2016 alumni - **Richie Cavallaro, Ryan Hoffman, and Noah Makowicz** - became great friends as Cub Scouts in first grade and grew up together to achieve the highest rank of Eagle Scout. To complete their qualifications, each gave back

to the St. Norbert community in a tangible way. Richie created an outdoor classroom and prayer garden at St. Norbert; Ryan constructed the very popular gaga pit on our school grounds; and Noah built reflection benches at Daylesford Abbey.

