

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

- Parents, I want to thank you for your assistance and patience during the start of the school year. As a reminder, please drop your children off on the school side of Hickory Street in the morning. Parking across the street can lead to issues with the children being a little less cautious should they need to return to the car. In the afternoon, please be patient in the car lines. Dismissal is much quicker when the established system is followed.
- It was GREAT to see all the families at our "Block Party" this past Sunday to open school. **SAVE THE DATE** next year, August 25, 2024, 4-6 PM, with the same food trucks from **GEAKERS and OOGIES. They were AWESOME!!!**
- Next Thursday, September 7, 2023, we will hold an Open House for families to meet the teaching staff from 6 to 7:30 PM. Middle School Parents will meet in the Community Center, while grades 1 5 parents will go directly to the child's classroom. After the initial 30 minutes, we will break out into two shorter 20-minute sessions. If possible, we ask that the children remain at home.
- The Parent Communication Packet for next Thursday, September 7, 2023 will
 have the required paperwork that MUST be filled out completely and then
 returned to the Main Office. More details will be included with the packet.





SUPPLIES NEEDED ASAP



PARENTS,

WE ASK THAT EACH CHILD BRING
IN PAPER TOWELS, TISSUES, AND
CLOROX DISINFECTANT WIPES TO BE
USED BY ALL CHILDREN IN THE
CLASSROOMS.

THIS IS A VOLUNTARY REQUEST!

WHEN BROUGHT IN, JUST HAVE YOUR CHILD BRING THEM DIRECTLY TO THEIR HOMEROOM TEACHER.

MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR KIINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.





Stay in the loop with the... St. Anne School Parent School Association (PSA)

<u>St. Anne Parents</u> - If you have any interest in volunteering or helping plan fun activities for our school this year or simply just want to stay in the loop with all things PSA, please join our PSA email distribution list!

Please email Ellen Dunn at <u>ellensdunn@yahoo.com</u> and include the following information:

- Your Name
- Student Name(s) and Grade(s)
- Email Address

You will then be included on all future PSA email communications and signup genius requests. This will keep you up to date with PSA happenings and give you every opportunity to get involved with the school any way your schedule allows. Thanks for your support and interest!

UPCOMING PSA Meeting – September 18th at 6pm in the Community Center

Hello Parents!

The St. Anne's PSA (Parent School Association) has already started meeting, planning and hosting events to help make this one of the best years yet!! You'll see our crowd-pleasing, favorite activities as well as new and exciting events that hopefully everyone loves. Of course we have fundraisers planned to help make all of these events possible, but as always - ALL OF THE FUNDS raised go directly back to making the FUN and SAFETY happen for the KIDS!!!!

We would like to hear from you too! Please try and attend our next meeting on September 18th because there are plenty of ways to be involved as much or as little as you would like! If you are unable to make the meeting, but would like to volunteer or participate in the PSA, there are many ways to work at home or on the sidelines.

We held our initial meeting on August 21st with the Committee Chairs and have a few open spots - particularly for Catholic Schools Week Committee. At this meeting we covered expectations for the various committees and opportunities we see for fun events for the students. We also worked through the PSA calendar items we already have which is attached so you can plan ahead. We NEED your help! So please, if you haven't done so already, get your clearances (visit www.stannebethlehem.org →Parents → Volunteer Information for all requirements) and send them in to Mrs. Vasko so that you can volunteer! The complete School calendar can be found on the St. Anne home page and the PSA calendar will be in the Communication Packet.

Looking forward to a great year!! Your PSA Board

PSA PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023-2024

, September, 2023	Dine & Donate - TBD
Monday, September 18, 2023	PSA Meeting 6pm
Monday, September 18 – Friday, September 22, 2023	Scholastic Book Fair
Monday, October 2 – Saturday, October 7, 2023	Seussical PSA Theater support
, October, 2023	Dine & Donate - TBD
Monday, October 23, 2023	PSA Meeting 6pm
Friday, October 20, 2023	Middle School Dance - Halloween
Sunday, October 22, 2023	Phantoms Night
Friday, November 3, 2023	Dance-A-Thon
, November, 2023	Mr. Pastie pick up
, November, 2023	Dine & Donate - TBD
Monday, November 20, 2023	PSA Meeting 6pm
Tuesday, December 5, 2023	Gertrude Hawk pick up - Christmas
Monday, December 4 – Friday, December 8, 2023	Santa Shop
Monday, December 18, 2023	PSA Meeting 6pm
, December, 2023	Ice Skating Night @ SteelStacks
, January, 2024	Dine & Donate - TBD
Monday, January 22, 2024	PSA Meeting 6pm
Monday, January 29 – Friday, February 2, 2024	Catholic Schools Week
Sunday, January 28 – Friday, February 2, 2024	Scholastic Book Fair
, February, 2024	Dine & Donate
Monday, February 19, 2024	PSA Meeting 6pm
Friday, February 9, 2024	Middle School Dance - Valentine
Tuesday, February 13, 2024	Fastnacht Day – Fastnachts for all!
Friday, March 15 – Sunday, March 17, 2024	Tricky Tray
, March, 2024	Dine & Donate - TBD
Monday, March 18, 2024	PSA Meeting 6pm
, March, 2024	Gertrude Hawk pick up - Easter
, April, 2024	Dine & Donate - TBD
Monday, April 15, 2024	PSA Meeting 6pm
, April, 2024	Skateaway/Skyzone/Freefall Night
Friday, April 26, 2024	Pretzel Day – Pretzels for all!
Friday, May 3, 2024	Middle School Dance - Farewell
Monday, May 6 – Friday, May 10, 2024	Teacher Appreciation Week
Thursday, May 16, 2024	Talent Show
, May, 2024	Dine & Donate - TBD
Monday, May 20, 2024	PSA Meeting 6pm
, May, 2024	Iron Pigs Night
Monday, June 3 & Tuesday, June 4, 2024	Olympic Days





SPHINX VIRTUOSI CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

FRI SEP 29 | 10AM | Suggested Grades: Middle & High School

Sphinx Virtuosi is a dynamic and inspiring professional self-conducted chamber orchestra and serves as the flagship performing entity of the Sphinx Organization – the leading social justice non-profit dedicated to transforming lives through the power of diversity in the arts. Comprised of 18 accomplished Black and Latinx artists, a critical aim of Sphinx Virtuosi is to evolve and transform the face of classical music into the rhythm of artistic excellence, pioneering programming, and impassioned community engagement. With support from The Long Family Endowment for Community Outreach in the Arts.



RHYTHM OF THE ARTS: SUGAR SKULL

Day of the Dead, A Día de Muertos Musical Adventure WED OCT 4 | 10AM & 12:30PM

Suggested Grades: Elementary & Middle School

A touring bilingual/bicultural musical for young audiences and families that uses traditional regional music and dance from Mexico to tell the story of twelve-year-old Vita Flores. Vita thinks her family has gone loco planning a celebration for deceased loved ones. Why throw a party for the dead? But when a spirited candy skeleton suddenly springs to life, Vita finds herself on a magical, musical journey to unravel the true meaning of Día de Muertos.



THE RODNEY MARSALIS PHILADELPHIA BIG BRASS

Off-Campus School Workshop

THU NOV 16 | 1PM | Suggested Grades: Middle & High School

Rodney Marsalis effortlessly mixes classical, big band swing, New Orleans jazz and straight ahead jazz with his group The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass. Born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana, he comes from a musical family (Marsalis). He is offering a one-hour masterclass with him and his band to learn the New Orleans "Second line" and "Stars & Stripes." Once the student musicians learn these pieces, they are offering them an opportunity to join them on-stage at Zoellner! With support from The Long Family Endowment for Community Outreach in the Arts.



ERTH'S DINOSAUR ZOO™

FRI FEB 2 | 10AM | Suggested Grades: Pre-K to 4th grade

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LAS CAFETERAS Program and Q&A FRI MAR 8 | 10AM | Suggested Grades: Middle & High School

Las Cafeteras are remixing roots music as modern day troubadours. They are a sonic explosion of Afro-Mexican rhythms, electronic beats and powerful rhymes that document stories of a community seeking to 'build a world where many world fit.' From Afro-Mexican to Americana, from Soul to Son Jarocho, from Roots to Rock and Hip Hop, Las Cafeteras take folk music to the future. In addition to the 3/8 performance, Las Cafeteras will offer a workshop for all ages on Thursday, March 7.



DOKTOR KABOOM! THE WHEEL OF SCIENCE WED MAR 13 | 10AM & 12:30PM | Suggested Grades: 3rd to 9th

Doktor Kaboom performances are designed to appeal to everyone. The crowd is involved throughout the show, and volunteers are chosen for specific routines and invested for the entire hour. In *The Wheel of Science!* Doktor Kaboom has a great big spinning wheel labeled with everything from optical illusions to chemical reactions to a homemade hovercraft, and more! At least a dozen fantastic demonstrations are ready to go. Wherever the wheel stops, that's what's next! Real science, with real explanations without condescension, mixed with professional comedy for the whole crowd.



NIMBUS DANCE: THE NEW TIDE & LETTER HOME

Program and Q&A

FRI APR 5 | 10AM | Suggested Grades: Middle & High School

Choreographer Dawn Marie Bazemore's work *The New Tide* explores the iconic 1940s-50s era photography of Gordon Parks, set to the music of the legendary Sam Cooke. Bazemore's new work is rooted in history, storytelling, and just plain irresistible dancing! *Letter Home* is a solo piece about a WWII soldier at sea in the Pacific. Come experience this program with Q & A from the audience. The program enhances civics and American history through the arts. *This work has funding from National Endowment for the Arts and New Jersey Performing Arts Center.*



STORYFACES

MAY 8-10 | 10AM & 12:30PM | Suggested Grades: Pre-K to 4th grade

The stories come to life on the faces of the audience in this innovative and exciting storytelling show. Volunteers are brought on stage and face painted to illustrate stories as artist Christopher Agostino tells captivating folktales and his uniquely animated original stories — ranging from the comic adventures of *The Amazing Face Story* to the heroic tale of *Punia and the King of the Sharks* and an ancient tale asking the timeless question: Is Life Fair? He is the artistic director of Transformations Facepainting, a company that has transformed thousands of people annually for the Bronx Zoo, NYC Parks Department, the NYC Housing Authority, and special events like the World Science Festival.



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