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# Principal's Posting

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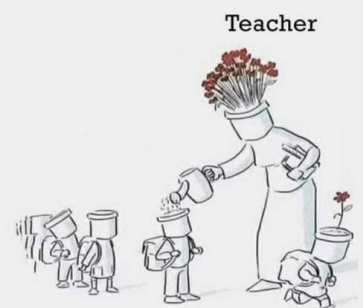
"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access [by faith] to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God."

~Romans 5:1-2

## A Short Reflection on our "WHY"

This picture was shared with me earlier this week by our Art teacher Mrs. Abell. In the craziness of our world today, sometimes we all need to stop and focus on the "why" behind what we do what we do. Teachers are not in the business of education for the money or even for summers off. We are in it to care for the seeds that have been planted by our students' parents. We're in it to see the lightbulb moments when something clicks for your children. We are

The beauty of teachers...



Students

in it because we LOVE what we do, and we LOVE our students. Thank you for allowing us to help them blossom.

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## Principal's Spotlight

This week I would like to shine a light on Ella in the 7th Grade. According to Mrs. Guzman, Ella has been incredibly helpful to others in her class. She is kind and patient, and she leads by quiet, consistent, and calm example. Mrs. Guzman says that Ella has "a servant's heart." What a gift Ella is to us!

I would also like to shine a light on Emma H in 1st Grade. Emma is a quiet and strong leader. The other day Emma saw a friend having a rough day. Without making a big deal, she just slowed down and paused while Mrs. Abell was trying to help another student come into the building. Emma softly touched the other student's arm and waited to see what her friend needed. We can all learn something from Emma. Sometimes, just showing up and being there is enough!



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## Congratulations to Us!

As many of you know, we have been named by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as a School of Distinction! This is a reflection of our students' Terra Nova test scores from last March. We are so proud of the hard work that they put in day-after-day, and we are thankful for our teachers and the many hours of planning and instruction of our students.

Recently, I found out that, not only are we a School of Distinction, but our students collectively scored in the top 15% of the nation! How amazing is that! Congratulations to all of our students and teachers on this incredible achievement!

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## Pot Luck Sign Up

Home and School is sponsoring a pot luck lunch for the teachers' in-service on Monday, 10/9. Click [here](#) to sign up and contribute.

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## October Lunch Parent Sign-Up Genius

We are looking for any parents who are available to volunteer their time during lunches. Our teachers have had to cover quite a bit since school began. If you are willing and able, we would love to have you, and you can certainly make it a regular occurrence if you'd like to do so. Click [here](#) to sign up for October.

You must have your clearances in order to do so. For more information on obtaining your clearances, please click [here](#).

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## Student Council Events in October

Student Council has been busy planning out a variety of events for the month of October. Check out what's coming up!

- Student Council \$1.00 Dress Down Day Friday, 10/13
  - The theme for the dress down day is all about the Fall! Think fall colors, cozy flannels, boots, lumber jack-inspired patterns, etc.
  - Proceeds from this dress down will help offset the cost of the Haunted House later this month.
  - Haunted House Saturday, 10/28
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## Snapology - After School Opportunity

Does your child enjoy Pokemon or Star Wars? If they do, we have an exciting new opportunity for them. Students in Grades 3-8 are invited to join the Star Wars Robotics club after school on Wednesdays; and students in Grades 1-6 are invited to join the Pokemania club after school on Thursdays. Sessions begin on Wednesday, 10/18 and run through Thursday, 12/14, depending upon the club you choose.

A flyer with more information and a registration link is attached.

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## Important Reminders

- Please keep a change of underwear and extra clothes in your child(ren)'s backpacks in PreSchool through Kindergarten. We are seeing a number of accidents, and we are unable to provide those items on a consistent basis.
- If you have signed up to volunteer at the school in any capacity, or you're interested in chaperoning a field trip in the near future, you **MUST** have your clearances and safe environment training.

The following background checks and training programs are required:

1. PA State Police Criminal Record Check

The background check can be obtained online with results available within a few minutes. <https://epatch.pa.gov/home> Please print & forward a copy of this certificate to the school office. **Renewal is required every 5 years.**

2. PA Department of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance Check

The clearance can be obtained online at:

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>. Once certificate is emailed to you please print & forward a copy of this certificate to the school office. **Renewal is required every 5 years.**

3. Required Safe Environment Training (3 Parts):

1. **Safe Environment Part I: Protecting God's Children** (in-person)

Provides basic facts about child sexual abuse and the adults' roles in prevention. To register go to: [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?theOrgID=18461&theme=0](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=18461&theme=0)

2. **Mandated Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse** (Safe Environment Part II) *Mandated Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse* provides an overview of Archdiocesan reporting procedures for suspected child abuse and Pennsylvania Child Welfare Laws. *Mandatory Reporting of Child Sexual Abuse*, is available in English and Spanish. [Click here](#) to login to the **Training Institute** and begin the training.

3. **Technology Addendum**

This training module is only pertinent to those staff and volunteers who attended the Safe Environment/Protecting God's Children Training before July 1, 2011. From this date forward the addendum has been included in the new Safe Environment Foundational Training. Please click [here](#) for further information.

NOTE: Please direct all questions to [OCYPTraining@adphila.org](mailto:OCYPTraining@adphila.org) or [215-587-2466](tel:215-587-2466) concerning difficulties with any of the on-line training modules.

Please send copies of all training certificates of completion to the office.

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## Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Ann Parish

St. Ann's blood drive with the American Red Cross is Friday October 13th from 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM in St Ann Church Hall. Please visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org> to schedule your appointment. Thank you so much for being a part of our lifesaving partnership with the Red Cross. We appreciate your support.



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## The G Lodge

While the teachers are working on their in-service day, why not take the family out for breakfast or lunch at the G Lodge? Check out the special deals on the attached flyer.

### The Aesthetic Simple Menu .pdf

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## Crossing Guards Needed!

Are you or someone you know interested in being a crossing guard? Join the team that is dedicated to

keeping Phoenixville kids safe as they bike and walk to and from school! Seniors are welcome and training is provided. Please see the flyer for additional information.

### The Crossing Guard Company.pdf

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## Upcoming Dates

- 10/9/2023 - No School/Teacher In-Service
- 10/12/2023 - School Mass in St. Ann Church @ 10:00AM
- 10/19/2023 - Student Council Installation @ 2:00PM in St. Ann Church/October Birthday Dress Down/Home & School Meeting @ 7:00PM
- 10/21/2023 - Home & School Night Out in Phoenixville @ 7:00PM
- 10/31/2023 - Halloween Parade @ 1:30PM



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