

The Deadline for Completing the Survey Has Been Extended to Monday, February 22nd



ST. BASIL THE GREAT SCHOOL

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February 9, 2010

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you my vision for St. Basil the Great School. Our graduates have been well prepared to go on to competitive high school and then go on to college or into the work force. St. Basil the Great School has taught more than science and math, it has given our graduates a strong, moral foundation on which to grow. While many things have changed over the last century, St. Basil the Great School has always prepared our students for a future filled with options and opportunities.

Today, I invite you to join me as we reinvest in our school. Father Mac and I are engaged in an exciting program, the Leadership Initiative, run by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (Office of Catholic Education) and the Churchill Institute on Leadership and Development. The Leadership Initiative will share with us best practices in leadership, management, and academic programming. Your input is welcomed, and in the next several days, you may be contacted to participate in a focus group or task force. I hope that you will find the time to support our school.

All the information gathered will be compiled into a Strategic Plan with specific goals. I will share the Strategic Plan with you when it is completed. The first step is for you to complete a survey. This is a different survey than you completed for us in the fall. That survey was for our Middle States and this shorter one is for our strategic plan. We had a 99% return rate on the first survey and hope to have that type of response for this survey. It is to be completed on line and the link is

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/stbasils>

Please complete the survey by Monday, February 15. Thank you in advance for sharing your time, talent, and treasure.

God Bless You,

Dr. Angela Rufo

**YOUR HELP
LIVING STATIONS 2010**

February 17, 2010

Dear Parents,

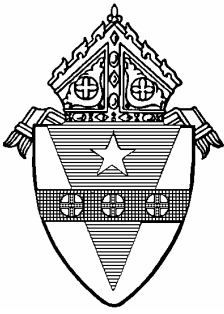
Many parents have approached me regarding helping with the Living Stations Production. The production is to be performed on Friday, March 26th at 1:00 p.m. and on Monday evening March 29th at 6:30 p.m. In order to put on this production, I am asking for your help in the areas listed below. Please bring any donations and/or costumes to the gym or to the seventh grade classroom.

1. **Costumes:** We are in need of several new costumes. If you are able to sew and are willing to make one or more of the costumes please let me know as soon as possible. I will reimburse you for the cost of the material. I also have patterns and specific information needed for the new costumes.
2. **Palm Trees:** Like last year, we are in need of a lot of plants; both living and artificial will be accepted. The bigger the better, but little ones will be accepted as well. Please put your name on the bottom of the plant and drop off in the gym on the stage.
3. **Parent Volunteers:** I am in desperate need of parents to help set up the scenery, assist with costumes, make-up, and general help, before, after and during the performances.
4. **Washing and Ironing of Costumes:** Please respond by e-mail to tchmeh@verizon.net and I will let you know the day and time you should pick up the costumes and when they must be returned.
5. **Snacks for the Students:** Please respond by e-mail to tchmeh@verizon.net and let me know which of the following dates you are able to send in a snack and or drink. I will respond as soon as possible to your assigned date. We have around 30 students participating at this time.
6. If you would like to donate a gently used but powerful CD player and/or speakers, please let me know via the above e-mail.
7. Lastly I am always in need of parents from the lower grades to help during the practices so that when your children are participating you are familiar with the process and also because as students graduate from St. Basils I lose many parent volunteers.

As most of you know, my son Troy will be in 8th grade next year and I will be stepping down from the helm as director after next year's performance. In order for this wonderful tradition to continue, we will need someone to volunteer to be the new director.

As always, thank you for your time and consideration,

Mary Beth Horner



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February 15, 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian of the Elementary Students in Parish and Regional Elementary Schools,

I begin this letter to you with great gratitude for your support of Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! Your commitment to quality, Catholic Education is very much appreciated.

Since the announced closure of Northeast Catholic High School in October 2009, interest was expressed by the Cristo Rey Network to pursue the possibility of a Cristo Rey School opening within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Cardinal Justin Rigali and Bishop Joseph McFadden have met with the Cristo Rey organization and have given permission for a feasibility study to look into this alternative type of school to be considered for children within the city of Philadelphia.

As discussions have continued over these past several months, questions have come to my attention that I feel need to be clarified so that we all have the same understanding of the philosophy and structure of a Cristo Rey School.

I would ask that you review the information that is a part of this communication so that you are aware of the facts and the direction of this Cristo Rey School and its accompanying mission and vision. To date, a feasibility study is underway to gain the interest and the support of those families who would qualify for entrance into this school. The current target date for determining the opening of this school for the 2010-2011 school year will be late March or early April 2010.

Thank you for your interest and attention to the current facts around this initiative.

Sincerely in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary E. Rochford".

Mary E. Rochford
Superintendent of Schools



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Wed., Feb. 17 (Ash Wed.) & Tues., Feb. 23, 2010 - 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner or Take Out

[**Delicious Lenten Entrees and Sandwiches Available**](#)

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"Fireproof" Movie and Program March 6

"Calling All Couples," the Women's Fellowship of St. Basil the Great, Kimberton, is sponsoring "Fireproof," a feature-length movie about the importance of God's love in couples' lives. The film will be followed by a series of short talks by Fr. Jeffrey Rott of Ss. Simon & Jude Parish.

Registration begins in the school gym at 8:30 am, and the day concludes with Benediction in the Chapel. Coffee and danish will be served during registration, and a soup lunch will be provided. The film and program are recommended for: Mature Teens, Dating, Engaged and Married Couples; young and old; parents and grandparents.

Come learn about the "Love Dare" and how it can change our lives.

RSVP: June Weiland, Spirituality Chair, 610-933-6120/junedonw@aol.com



St. Basil the Great CYO Track & Field

Want to be part of a team that has a winning tradition? ...

The St. Basil Track & Field team has won a team championship trophy every year since 2003!

Year:	Team Championships:
2009	Area E Championships (3 rd Place Overall – Boys)
2008	Area E Championships (1 st Place Overall – Girls)
2007	Archdiocese Track & Field Championships (3 rd place Overall – Girls)
2006	Archdiocese Track & Field Championships (3 rd place Overall - Girls)
2005	Area E Championships (3rd place Overall – Girls)
2004	Region Championships (1st place - Novice Girls)
2003	Region Championships (3rd place - Novice Girls)

Last year alone we had:

- 21 NEW St. Basil records established
- 6 Athlete's received medals at the Philadelphia Archdiocese Championships

St. Basil's CYO Track & Field program is looking for talented young athletes to **keep the tradition alive** for one of the most successful track programs in the Philadelphia Archdiocese!

All K thru 8th grade athletes in the St. Basil the Great Parish or school are encouraged to join our team. [Sub-Novice Team = Grades K–3; Competitive Team = Grades 4–8]

- *Remember, the new 2008 CYO ruling allows our public school athletes to compete for both our CYO team and their school team!!*

The 2010 Season Starts March 1st
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!!

Registration: You can go to our website, www.stbasiltrack.com and register anytime.

Practices: You can go to our website, www.stbasiltrack.com and check out the practice schedule.

Competitive team 1st Orientation Practice: March 4th, 6pm – 7pm in school gym.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Coach O at oustrich@verizon.net

