



# *Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls*

## *Parent Newsletter*

*Summer Edition 2016*

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### **OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Blessings! First of all, *Thank you* for your commitment to Catholic education! Each year tuition increases and we are well aware of the many sacrifices you make in order to provide your daughter with the priceless gift of a *Little Flower education*. We truly admire you for all you do to make your daughter's dream of attending Little Flower a reality.

During last year, the Diocese and Faith in the Future charged the schools with the task of forming a new Board—The Board of Specified Jurisdiction. So, I spent the first half of the year identifying and approaching various individuals—mostly Alumnae with expertise needed for the challenges ahead. We are “up and running” and I would like to present the following Alumnae and friends who have graciously agreed to assist the school wherever needed:

Barbara Majkowski Bowen, '80, Board Chair, President of Perioperative Consulting; Kathleen Corcoran Bauman, '95, Director, National Quality Organization of PricewaterhouseCoopers; Bob Cahill, husband of Kathleen Kane Cahill, '74, CFO of Howitt & Rodgers, Co.; Matthew Douglass, husband of Gina Zalot Douglass, '83 and father of Samantha, '14 and Sarah, '16., Mechanical Engineer, Code415 Branch Manager of US Navy; Kimberly Doll Gallagher, '92, Executive Director of Merck; Doreen Halbruner, '81, Consultant – Corporate Facilities & Real Estate; Suzanne Gluch Homel, '71, Senior Director, Administrative Services at Fox Rothschild, LLP; Maureen Crumlish Labuda, '95, I. T. Director Global User Services at Endo International; Maureen Catto Lindsay, '71, Retired from CIGNA Corp; Michael Mariakis, husband of our deceased Alumna, Denise Steinke Mariakis, '70, Retired Investment Banker for JP Morgan; Robert F. McCool, son of Marie Kelly McCool, '49 and husband of Tricia McCoy McCool, '88, VP Information Technology at Chubb; Diane Majkowski Murphy, '86, CFO, HLS Industries, Inc.; Marie Foody O'Riordan, '81, Executive Recruiter, Lambert & Associates; Joann Mackiewicz Paris, '74, Director of Finance, Northampton-Bucks, County Municipal Authority; Katie Griffiths Schmidt, '02; Neonatal Nurse Practitioner at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Michael J. Serverson, father of Brianna, '18, Senior Manager Accounts Payable at Comcast; Linda Tarini, '93, Communications Director at GSK; Joanne Gault Williams, '91, VP, Debt and Structured Finance at CBRE, Inc.

The Board consists of the following committees: Catholic Identity, Development, Enrollment, Facilities and Finance. The committees met several times during the second half of the year familiarizing themselves with Little Flower and identifying ways they can help to advance Little Flower's mission.

Already the new Board has made their presence felt by hosting the first Senior Picnic on the school grounds. Under the leadership of Chair Barbara Majkowski Bowen, delicious wraps, snacks, ice cream and special “LF cupcakes” were provided on Friday, May 20. Several Board members were also in attendance to meet and greet the Seniors. During the picnic, the Seniors had the opportunity to express their interest in benefiting from the new “College Mentoring Program” initiated by the Board. Flexible work schedules permitted some of the Board to attend the Class of 2016's Graduation at Holy

Family University on June 10. In addition, in an effort to help the school reach its fundraising goal by June 30, the Board made “End of the Year Reminder Calls” to our Alumnae on the evening of June 21. We are so blessed to have such an enthusiastic and engaged group of individuals assisting us.

The parents of our sophomores, juniors, and seniors now have one year’s experience with paying tuition through the company, SmartTuition, which the Diocese selected last year. The parents of our Class of 2020 have experience with a couple of tuition collection agencies that partner with the elementary schools. So, it is my hope that the year’s past experience has helped all to resolve to stay current with your tuition payments in order to avoid those steep late fees.

To my knowledge, all who applied to SMARTAID were informed by Little Flower of their grant award. Please contact me if your application is complete and VERIFIED but you have not heard from me. Remember, if your application is on HOLD or INCOMPLETE, the ARCH grant and OSTC/EITC grants have not yet been applied to your statement. So, while I was trying to reduce your monthly payments through those grants, it won’t happen until you provide SMARTAID the required missing information.

Sometimes parents will contact me stating they haven’t received a grant from SMARTAID. You won’t—SMARTAID **suggests** an amount to the schools but they cannot award money because they do not know how much tuition assistance the schools have available. The awards you received are either from our internal funds provided by our Alumnae and friends, from Archdiocesan fundraisers, and from OSTC/EITC money designated for Little Flower students by our business friends.

We received a limited amount of OSTC/EITC funding. These funds have to be designated by a company for Little Flower. So, if you are a business owner or if you know a business owner, please contact me with the name, etc., and I will be happy to assist them in participating in the OSTC/EITC program. Instead of paying your liability income tax to the state, it can be designated for Little Flower through BLOCS, an approved Scholarship Entity.

Student rosters will be mailed by mid-August. As you know, we are not permitted to send June’s reports or the rosters for the new school year if there is still a balance from the previous year. In addition, every President has been asked to uphold this Diocesan policy whereby students may not return for the new school year if there is still a balance for the previous year. Do try to pay off last year’s balance by August 15.

Last school year, our two Designer Bingo events combined raised \$27,487.00 for our Scholarship Fund. Several parents volunteered and they had fun those nights, so I am hoping more parents will consider volunteering the night of Saturday, October 22, the first Designer Bingo of the year. Please let me know if you would like to be on the Bingo Committee, (It entails attending one “Wrapping Meeting,” donating a basket, and working October 22) or if you can help us for a couple of hours or the entire night 6:00-10:00. Also, we welcome gift cards to include in the Variety Baskets. If you would like to donate a complete basket or if a couple of parents wanted to work on providing us with a basket, we would be thrilled!! The Variety Baskets last year yielded a profit of \$4200. You can drop off your gift cards or baskets the evening of Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 13 or closer to the October 22 date—whatever works best for you.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to e-mail me ([Ifpres930@hotmail.com](mailto:Ifpres930@hotmail.com)) or call me. Because I am often out of the building for various reasons, it is best to have an appointment before making the trip up to school.

May God bless you and guide you in your role as the primary educator of your daughter. You are always in my daily prayers....Enjoy the rest of the summer! Be assured of my daily prayers for you and your family but especially during my Annual Retreat the week of July 11. God bless you!

Sincerely,



Sister Donna Shallo, IHM  
President

## **OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL**

I hope you are enjoying these summer days and that you are finding some time for rest and relaxation.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to our graduates, their parents and family members! We celebrated the Class of 2016 and their many achievements in our inspirational Baccalaureate Liturgy and Graduation Ceremonies. May God continue to bless our graduates in all their future endeavors!

On behalf of the entire school community, I wish to express our gratitude and best wishes to those faculty and staff members who will not be returning to Little Flower next year:

Mrs. Julie Tangradi, Assistant Principal for Student Services, recently resigned her position as Assistant Principal. We thank Mrs. Tangradi for her selfless service to our community this year. She shared her faith, many gifts and professional skills, and her deep love of Little Flower with all members of our school community. Mrs. Tangradi did everything possible to ensure that our Student Services Program addressed the needs of our students and staff. She lived the LF mission every day as she handled all her responsibilities with care and concern for all. God Bless and Best Wishes, Mrs. Tangradi!

We acknowledge and thank Sister Kimberly Miller, IHM, for her extraordinary service to the Little Flower Community over the past ten years. Sister Kim's dedication to our students was well known throughout our community. She was an excellent Theology teacher, enthusiastic fan of athletic teams, faithful moderator of school dances, clubs and activities, and dedicated proponent of reading and writing. Sr. Kim offered countless hours of volunteer service in the school library and to our summer reading program. Sr. Kim initiated and coordinated the annual LF Writers' and Readers' Festival. Our prayers and good wishes go with Sr. Kim.

Mrs. Susan Gallagher, '67, Flossie Shop, retired after 26 years of loyal service to Little Flower. Mrs. Gallagher, a loyal LF alum and mother of alums Gretchen, '90, Ami, '91, and Megan, '94, provided loving and joyful customer service to our entire school community--students, staff, parents, alumnae, and visitors. We express our gratitude to Mrs. Gallagher for her dedication and support to Little Flower throughout the years. God Bless, Mrs. Gallagher!

Ms. Kaia Turner served our school community last year as an ACE teacher, Alliance for Catholic Education program, St. Joseph's University. Ms. Turner taught American Government and Communication Skills and participated in many school activities. She completed her year of service as an ACE teacher and earned a Masters Degree from St. Joseph's University in June. Congratulations, Ms. Turner!

Ms. Grace Jin, part-time Chinese Language teacher, resigned her position to accept a full-time position. Ms. Jin offered our students an excellent Chinese language program. We wish her well!

Ms. Denise Gagliardi, CORA Counselor, assisted many students and their families during thirteen years of dedicated service to the LF community. Ms. Gagliardi will pursue post-graduate studies at Villanova University. We wish her the very best!

We were fortunate to have dedicated substitute teachers serve in several departments when needed this year. We acknowledge Mr. Michael Clymer, Theology, Mr. Joseph Travaline, Social Studies, and Ms. Carmen Earland, ESOL, for their dedication and commitment to our students and our school community during their terms of service. Best Wishes!

At this time we wish to welcome several new staff members to our community:

Mrs. Amy Steinmetz Carthy, '87, returns to Little Flower as Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving. Mrs. Carthy has a long and loving association with Little Flower as a student, former Development Director 1992-1994, and a loyal member of the Alumnae Association. She brings to this new position many personal and professional gifts, talents, and experience, and her deep love for Little Flower.

Thomas Rambo, an ACE Fellow from St. Joseph's University, will join the English department to teach Theater, English and Communication Skills.

As we prepare for the new school year, we anticipate welcoming our freshmen students, Class of 2020, and transfer students and their parents to the Little Flower Community.

Any parent who wishes to volunteer to help with any school activity must obtain specific clearances before serving as a volunteer. Volunteers (unpaid) are those who may have any possible contact with or responsibility for children in their role as volunteer for the Archdiocese.

All Requirements for Volunteers are outlined below:

**Clearances Requirements:**

Clearances for Volunteers Living in PA for Less than 10 years:

- Federal Bureau of Investigation Fingerprint Clearance
- Pennsylvania State Police Check
- Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance

Clearances for Volunteers Living in PA Continuously for 10 years:

- Pennsylvania State Police Clearance
- Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance
- Disclosure Statement application for volunteers to be filed at the place of service

**Additional Requirements:**

- "Protecting God's Children" Training:  
You can register at a parish or location near you by going to <https://www.virtusonline.org>
- Online Mandated Reporter Training:  
You may obtain link on LF website under "Volunteering at LF". When you complete the training, please email certificate to [kmeng@littleflowerhighschool.org](mailto:kmeng@littleflowerhighschool.org).

- Arrest/Conviction Report and Certification Form  
You can download form on our website under “Volunteering at LF.”

All clearances must be obtained before giving service. Clearances, including the FBI, must be renewed every five years. Volunteers are not required to pay for either the PA State Police Check or the PA Child Abuse History Clearance.

We are so grateful to all our parents who volunteer to assist in any way with our school programs, including student activities, dances, annual musical, concerts, and field trips, and so forth. We need your help and appreciate the time and effort you give to support our programs and events. If you wish to serve as a volunteer in any capacity with any activity, please obtain your clearances and complete trainings as soon as possible. If you have any questions about clearance requirements, please contact Mrs. Kay Meng, 215-455-6900, ext. 115.

Our Middle States Evaluation will take place April 4-7, 2017. Faculty, staff, students, parents and our extended community have an important role to play as we prepare for the Middle States Evaluation. Parents will be invited to participate via surveys and/or meetings throughout this year. As always, thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

We will continue the Bell #2 schedule every Wednesday with 8th period dismissal at 1:51 PM. Maintaining the same day/each week early dismissal facilitates scheduling for both LF and Septa. This schedule also provides additional time for Academic Board and Middle States meetings throughout the year.

Dr. Pace, a specialist in Standardized testing, will conduct readiness seminars for juniors in preparation for the PSAT and seniors in preparation for the November SAT. The PSAT seminar is October 12; SAT seminars are October 26 and November 2. Additional information and registration forms will be available to seniors and juniors in the fall.

Rosters will be mailed to seniors, juniors and sophomores sometime during the week of August 15. All who have settled tuition and all fees from the 2015-2016 year will receive their rosters. Students who are not re-registered, that is, they have not paid registration fee and selected courses for 2016-17, will not receive rosters until they complete the registration process.

Freshmen and transfer students will receive rosters during their special orientation days, September 7-8.

Please notify the Main Office when you have a change of address or phone number. If you change your email address, please email Mrs. Kay Meng, [kmeng@littleflowerhighschool.org](mailto:kmeng@littleflowerhighschool.org). It is very important that we have current phone numbers and email addresses for all parents. We maintain regular parent contact via email for school newsletter, letters, and other communications.

Please check the condition and length of your daughter's uniform before the start of the school year. The uniform is to be knee-length. If your daughter has outgrown her uniform, we would be grateful if you would donate her uniform to school. We asked our graduating seniors to donate uniforms and uniform supplies at the end of the year. Uniform donations are always welcome. You may bring any uniform items to the school office during the summer and school year. There are times when a student is in need of a uniform. It is so helpful when we are able to provide a uniform for the student.

We are truly grateful to God for the many blessings we enjoy every day at LF, and we take great pride in being members of this special school community. Thank you for all that you give to our school.

community through your continued cooperation and support. We could never do what we do without you!

May God bless you and your family throughout the summer season.

*Sr. Kathleen Klarich, RSM*  
Principal

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE**

### **ROSTERS**

Student course requests are compiled and the master schedule will be constructed over the summer months. When the schedule is finalized, students will be placed in the rosters they will be receiving in September.

The Academic Affairs Office will be able to fulfill most student requests for elective subjects. In a few cases, where this is not possible because of time conflicts and availability of courses, alternatives will be scheduled. Students should check their school email periodically over the summer in case Mr. Rosbach needs to contact them about a possible roster problem.

In the case of freshman students, rosters have been formulated based on the results of standardized tests taken while in elementary school, the recommendation of the eighth grade teachers, and an analysis of the student's effort and scholastic achievement over the years.

### **PSAT**

The Archdiocese is again requiring all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors to take the PSAT test on Wednesday, October 19. Sophomores and Juniors will be taking the PSAT (which is formulated like the new SAT) and freshmen will take a test called PSAT 8/9. Taking these tests should help the students improve their SAT scores and provides feedback about their academic strengths and weaknesses.

### **STANDARDIZED TESTS**

The Performance Series Test will again be administered to 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students three times over the course of the year.

### **HONOR ROLL REQUIREMENTS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Honors	Average 93	no grade less than 90
2 <sup>nd</sup> Honors	Average 88	no grade less than 85

Honors are determined from the grade average, and do not depend on the tracks of the courses which the student is taking. To calculate the grade average, add together the grades for all tracked courses and divide by the number of credits. Honors will be calculated on a quarterly basis and will **not** include semester assessments or the semester average.

### **SUMMER READING**

All students in each class year will read one book selected by the English Department and one book the student chooses from a list of twelve. Specific details are posted at

[www.littleflowerhighschool.org](http://www.littleflowerhighschool.org) Reading assignments for freshmen have been mailed in the student packet.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer and I look forward to seeing you in September.

*Mr. Rosbach*

A.P. for Academic Affairs

## **ACTIVITIES UPDATE FROM THE STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you and your families are enjoying a very happy and healthy summer. I'm sure that while your daughter is enjoying the break, she is looking forward to the coming school year and all of the fun activities that are planned. Our mascot this year is the Panda. Our theme is "You get to decide the legacy that you leave." Both of these were selected by the Class of 2017.

A copy of our school calendar will be distributed to every student during the first week of school. Included in the calendar are the bell schedules and a list of phone extensions for various school offices. It is very important that you keep this calendar in a spot where both you and your daughter will have access to it throughout the year. It would also be a good idea to check our website each month for revisions to the calendar.

### **Mark Your Calendar!**

August 25	6:30 pm	Fall Sports Meeting – <b>Mandatory</b> for all athletes, parents, coaches, and moderators involved in fall sports program
September 8	7 pm	Freshman Parent Meeting
September 13	7 pm	Back to School Night For All Parents
September 27	8:15am	Installation
September 28		Faculty Professional Development Day- Students Do Not Report
October 3		St. Therese Feast Day Liturgy
October 4		Opening of Chance Drive
October 4	7pm	Home & School Meeting
October 6	8:15 am	Big/Little Sister Introduction
October 11	5-7pm	Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 11	7pm	<b>Mandatory</b> meeting for parents and guardians of all Juniors and Seniors

October 18	7 pm	Ring Mass at St. Matthew Church
October 19		PSAT – Grades 9, 10, and 11. Dismissal 11:45 am. Seniors use this day for college visits
October 21	7-10 pm	Ring Night
October 24		LAST DAY to merit prizes/holiday-Chance Drive
October 25	2:30pm	Chance Drive Drawing
October 27	8-9am	NHS Induction
October 28	6:30-8:30 pm	Big/Little Sister Night
October 31		LAST DAY for Graduation Fee at \$215
November 1		All Saints Day – HOLY DAY & HOLIDAY
November 4		Senior Ring Adjustments/Senior Cap and Gown Measured
November 8		Senior Class Photo – HR;  Optional School Portraits – lunch periods (applies only to those who wish to order these photos)
November 11		End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
November 15		Club Photo Day
November 18	7-10 pm	Harvest Dance
November 23		Spirit Day – Dismissal 11 am

**Please note: Attendance at the mandatory meetings on August 25 and October 11 is expected of those involved. Please make arrangements to be available to attend. Parents who miss the Junior/Senior Parent Meeting on October 11 will be contacted by letter to view the video of the meeting at a designated time during the school day.**

### **Ring Mass**

Little Flower school rings will be distributed to our Seniors at the Ring Mass to be held on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 pm. at St. Matthew Church. This year, each Senior will receive four tickets for Ring Mass. If your daughter has not yet ordered a ring, she may still do so. Please be aware, however, that rings ordered after June 30 are not guaranteed to arrive in time for Ring Mass. Should this occur, your daughter may still participate in the Ring Mass by borrowing a Little Flower ring from a relative or friend, or from the Student Affairs Office where we have a limited supply of rings available. Borrowed rings must be brought to the Student Affairs Office no later than Thursday, October 13. It is our hope that all members of the Senior Class will be present for this very special celebration.

## Graduation Fee

It may seem early to bring up Graduation but we all know how quickly time passes! The Graduation Fee is \$225, however, if paid on or before October 31, there will be a \$10 discount bringing the cost to \$215. Hopefully, you will be able to take advantage of the “Early Bird Special.”

## Fundraisers

As usual, we will have our two major fundraisers this year. The 1<sup>st</sup> Chance Drive will begin on October 4. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Drive will take place in February. The required quota for each student is \$100 in the October Drive and \$75 in the February Drive. Participation in both of these fundraisers is required of all students.

To help defray the cost of our Activity Buses, we sponsor two optional fundraisers which we hope you will support. Our Tupperware Sale begins on October 31(think Christmas!). Our Pizza Sale begins on December 19. More detailed information will be given to students in homeroom and appear in future newsletters.

## Activity Buses

For students who remain after school, we provide two Activity Buses. The first bus leaves Little Flower at 3:40; the second, at 5:00 pm. Since these buses are not SEPTA buses, there is a \$1 charge for riding them. Students are to be prepared with \$1 which is to be paid before they board the bus. Every afternoon announcements are made over the P.A. to remind students about the departure times of these buses. Buses run Monday through Thursday. There are no Activity Buses on Friday. The routes of these buses are listed below and can also be found in the Student Agenda Planner. Please note that the drivers are instructed not to deviate from the established routes.

### Activity Bus Routes

#### 3:40 Bus

- 9<sup>th</sup> Street to Boulevard – North on Boulevard
- Stops at 5<sup>th</sup> St., Rising Sun Ave., Foulkrod St., Pratt St.
- Turns right at Pratt
- Stops at Large St., Oxford Ave., Frankford Ave., Torresdale Ave.
- Turns left at Torresdale, continues to Bridge St., turns right, continues to Richmond St.
- Stops at Lefevre St., Castor Ave., Tioga St., Allegheny Ave.
- Turns right at Allegheny
- Stops at Aramingo Ave., Frankford Ave., Kensington Ave.
- Turns right at Kensington, continues to “I” St., turns left, continues to Hunting Park Ave., turns right
- Stops at “J” St., “L” St., and finally at Castor Ave.

#### 5:00 Bus

- 9<sup>th</sup> Street to Boulevard – North on Boulevard
- Stops at 5<sup>th</sup> St., Rising Sun Ave., Pratt St.
- Turns right at Pratt
- Stops at Large St., Oxford Ave.
- Turns left on to Oxford Ave., crosses Boulevard, continues on Oxford



- Stops at Levick St., Cottman Ave.
- Turns right at Cottman
- Stops at Castor Ave., Bustleton Ave., Boulevard, Frankford Ave.
- Turns right at Frankford
- Stops at Levick St.
- Continues on Frankford to Pratt
- Turns left at Pratt
- Stops at Torresdale Ave.
- Turns left at Torresdale, continues to Bridge St., turns right, continues to Richmond St.
- Stops at Lefevre St., Castor Ave., Tioga St., Allegheny Ave.
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- Stops at Aramingo Ave., Frankford Ave., Kensington Ave.
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### **Clubs**

Each month there are two extended homeroom periods (T1 and T2) that provide time for club meetings so that students who are unable to remain after school will have the opportunity to join a club. We believe that interacting with each other and with faculty/staff members outside the classroom setting is an important aspect of school life. Each year, there are approximately 40 clubs offered. Hopefully, your daughter will find at least one to join and enjoy.

### **Dances**

Specific information about class dances as well as general dance information can be found in the Student Agenda Planner which every Little Flower student will receive in September, but I would like to address certain issues here as well:

1. The Junior Dance and Senior Prom are date dances. Young ladies must be accompanied by a gentleman escort. ESOL students who are gentlemen must be accompanied by a young lady.
2. Parents/guardians of Juniors and Seniors are required to attend the mandatory meeting on Tuesday, October 11 at 7 pm. Those Juniors and Seniors whose parents/guardians do not attend this meeting will not be permitted to purchase tickets for the Junior Dance or Senior Prom. This meeting is for parents/guardians only.
3. Students attending our other school dances are not required to be accompanied by an escort. If they chose to bring an escort, they must follow the guidelines mentioned in #1 above.
4. Students who are absent on the day of an after-school or evening activity are not permitted to attend that event unless they have the permission of the Assistant Principal for Student Services.
5. Refunds are not available for tickets purchased for dances/events.
6. Dress code regulations are published and posted prior to every dance. Students are expected to know them, follow them, and communicate them to their escorts. Sneakers, casual (“work”)

boots, sweats, shorts, jeans are never permitted for our students or their escorts. Gentlemen are always expected to wear a shirt and tie.

7. Students and their escorts who are not properly dressed may be asked to leave the dance. In this case, parents will be called, students will receive demerits, and ticket money will not be refunded. Those students and their escorts who are not dressed properly but who are permitted to remain at the dance will receive demerits and will not be permitted to purchase formal photographs of the dance. In this case, parents will receive a letter informing them of the situation. The consequences stated here will be issued according to the nature of the dress code violation.

Our goal with regard to dress code is that our students select clothing which reflects the respect they have for themselves and the values of Little Flower. This can be quite a challenge in light of current fashion trends! We ask your assistance in making certain that your daughter makes appropriate choices.

### **Guidelines and Deadlines**

Guidelines and deadlines are very important to us in the Student Affairs Office. Please encourage your daughter to follow guidelines and meet deadlines in order to avoid being disappointed or upset. Please remind your daughter of her responsibility to check on information she may have missed if absent from school. Important announcements and reminders are communicated to the students on a daily basis. Our goal is to make certain that the correct information is available to all students. Our hope is that all students will be attentive to it. It is unfortunate when a student misses an opportunity to purchase a dance ticket, order a special tee shirt, etc. due to missing a deadline. We would be most grateful for your assistance in this area.

### **Closing Comments**

The four years of high school go by very quickly. Please encourage your daughters to get involved in the many activities and clubs at LF so that their experience here will be a memorable, fun and rewarding one! From the moment they walk through our doors, everything they do matters – not only for the present, but for their future as well. Encourage them to make the most of this time in their life! Enjoy the rest of your summer! See you in September! Looking forward to all the “Panda”monium!

*Mrs. Maryanne Rayer*

Assistant Principal for Student Affairs

## **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR STUDENT SERVICES**

Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your family are enjoying a restful and enjoyable summer!

As we prepare to begin another new school year, please review with your daughters some of our most important policies and procedures which are detailed below.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call (215) 455-6900 ext. 126.

### **DRESS CODE CONSIDERATIONS**

Students generally accumulate more demerits for dress code violations than anything else. Please review the code requirements with your daughter so that she starts the year off well!

Students are expected to come to school and leave school in full uniform; (those involved with after school activities are the exception). This means students may not wear sandals, flip-flops, sneakers, moccasins, shower shoes, clogs or other casual footwear to or from school. In addition, sweats, jeans, pajama bottoms, etc. may not be worn under the uniform.

Sneakers for gym class are worn only in the Gym and only for the class itself.

## **THE DRESS CODE**

1. The Little Flower uniform is a maroon, knee-length jumper. As your daughter grows, you may need to lower the hemline to keep her in compliance with the length requirement. When you buy a uniform if the length needs to be adjusted, it is advisable to hem it rather than have it cut, so that it can be lengthened. Consider shopping early to avoid the rush in case you have to order your jumper.
2. The appropriate class emblem is to be sewn on the upper left side of the uniform; replacement emblems can be purchased in the Main Office or at Flynn and O'Hara.
3. The school blouse is white, with a peter-pan collar. Students may wear long or short sleeves. Long sleeve blouses are worn for formal assemblies. If a tee shirt is worn under the blouse it must be plain white with no printing, writing or pictures on it.
4. The regulation sweater is a maroon cardigan with the school logo. Each year at least twenty sweaters end up in our Lost and Found. Please encourage your daughter to write her name on the label.
5. Maroon knee socks or stockings are required. Only the Trimfit Cotton Spandex Knee-Hi is to be worn with the uniform; this knee sock will be sold through our uniform and shoe suppliers (see below).

All uniform items can be ordered from Flynn and O'Hara, 10905 Dutton Road, 215-637-4600, or 6801 Frankford Avenue, 215-624-1983.

6. A maroon and white saddle shoe completes the *Little Flower Look*!

(The solid maroon shoe is acceptable if the maroon and white is not available.)

Our regulation shoe supplier is DiGiulio's, 6948 Frankford Avenue, 215-333-5512.

In past years some students with certain medical conditions have been informed by their doctor that they are not able to wear the regulation shoe. If your daughter has such a condition a doctor's note indicating why/for how long and requesting a shoe pass must be presented in the Student Services Office on your daughter's first day in September, and she must wear either the softer saddle shoe or the oxford-style Eastland.

7. Please remind your daughter that earrings may be no bigger than a quarter and only one pair may be worn at a time. Gauges, disks, etc. are not permitted with the uniform.
8. Scarves, bandannas and wide headbands (three inches or more) may not be worn.
9. Visible piercings - face, nose, eyebrow, tongue, hands etc. - are not permitted with the uniform.

10. Please remind your daughter that only natural hair color is permitted by our dress code. 'Fashion colors' (burgundy, gold, blue, green, orange, neon red, etc.) and glitter are never permitted, nor are extreme hairstyles – Mohawks, streaks of color, spikes, dyeing hair half one color half another, etc.

11. Visible tattoos are not permitted.

If, on occasion, your daughter cannot be in compliance with the dress code, you may request a temporary pass. All requests must be in writing. Also, please specify the length of time your daughter will be out of uniform. All requests will be given careful consideration.

Even though students are aware that they may not come to school with visible tattoos or piercings or with wildly colored hair, some will make that choice nevertheless. Please remind your daughter that class/school attendance may be affected for students who refuse to comply with these regulations.

Little Flower students are recognized and praised for the way they look in uniform; thank you in advance for carrying on this proud tradition!

### **ATTENDANCE ISSUES**

1. When a student is absent, her parent/guardian must telephone the Student Services Office at 215-455-6900 ext. 125 or 128 between 7:30 am and 10:00 am. No student is ever permitted to make this call herself.
2. Absentee notes (written on the school form) must be brought to the Student Services Office on the day of return. If your daughter has seen a doctor during her absence, a note verifying this should be attached to the school form. These forms are also available on our website at [www.littleflowerhighschool.org](http://www.littleflowerhighschool.org). Click on *Student Services Information*. Scroll down to *Reporting of Absence*.
3. Unexcused absences exceeding 22 days will result in assignment to Summer School.
4. A student must serve detention each time she is late after four occurrences. A student must serve same-day detention each time she is late after nine occurrences. A student is late if she is not in her seat in homeroom when the bell rings at 8:00 am and must report to Student Services for a late pass.
5. If your daughter needs an early dismissal she must bring a note from you the day before her appointment, so that the required form can be prepared. You can download this form on our website. Click on *Student Services Information*. Scroll down to *Early Dismissal* and download and print out the form. Please do not email this form; your daughter must bring it in to Student Services.

### **CELL PHONE POLICY**

- Cell phones are to be registered in Student Services;
- The phone must be turned off and placed in the student's locker during the school day;
- Phones may be used in the building after the 8<sup>th</sup> period dismissal;
- If a cell phone is confiscated, demerits (10-25) are issued, and a detention is assigned.
- A confiscated phone is returned to the student at the end of the day on which it was taken. At the end of the day the student will return to Student Services to retrieve the phone.

## **LITTLE FLOWER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEMS LOST OR STOLEN.**

### **TRANSPORTATION**

SEPTA buses transport our students to and from school and are scheduled to arrive no later the 7:45 AM each day. Schedules for the 2016-17 school year will be distributed to students on the opening days of school. Information about Little Flower bus routes can be found on our website. Should you have questions about a specific route assigned to our school, please do not hesitate to call (215) 455-6900 ext. 126.

If you live in any of these school districts - Abington, Cheltenham, Colonial (Plymouth Meeting), Haverford, Springfield, Upper Darby, Upper Dublin, Upper Moreland or William Penn – your daughter may be eligible for transportation or transportation reimbursement during the coming school year. Please contact your local district office to inquire.

Please refer to our *Student Handbook* which is included on our website for a description of all school policies and procedures.

Thank you for your commitment Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls.

Be assured of my continued prayers for a safe and happy summer and for a wonderful new school year!

*Mrs. Julie Tangradi*

Assistant Principal for Student Services

## **GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT**

The staff in the guidance department is comprised of individuals who are committed to the well-being of your daughter. The guidance department works to help students achieve their academic and personal goals.

### **GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING STAFF**

#### **Staff Member**

Mrs. Mary Berner

Ms. Lindsey Stoner

Sister Rose Yeager, IHM

Mrs. Marie Murphy

#### **Position**

Director of Guidance

Social Worker

Counseling Staff Member

Guidance Secretary

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

The Class of 2016 earned \$14,679,326 in scholarship and university grant money. There were 280 scholarships offered to 84 students. This year's graduates were accepted to over 140 different colleges and universities.

### **SENIORS**

Here are some thoughts for the summer:

- Please be sure to update your Naviance account. Complete your resume, list the teachers you asked for recommendations, check to see if your parents have registered and begin to research colleges.

- Be sure to check messages on Naviance and your Little Flower email. Mrs. Murphy is in the office during the summer and will continue to update you on opportunities that come to us. I am not in every day during the summer, but I do check email daily. Mr. Rosbach uses email to contact you if a question comes up about your roster.
- If you have not asked teachers for recommendations, consider sending them an email now. Most teachers prefer to get a head start on these during the summer and you want their most positive results! Check the Naviance home page, your LF email or the orange paper distributed in homeroom for instructions on how to request a recommendation.
- If you are considering submitting your applications through the Common Application, you will receive more information in August.
- Another great resource is the Philadelphia Futures' STEP UP TO COLLEGE material. Their books were distributed at the parent meeting in October, but additional information and materials are available at [www.stepuptocollege.org](http://www.stepuptocollege.org) Also, Philadelphia Futures will offer a hotline for college admissions questions during the summer. Email your questions to [stepuptocollege@philadelphiafutures.org](mailto:stepuptocollege@philadelphiafutures.org)
- Summer is a great time to visit colleges, especially if the visit can fit into a family trip!
- I will start working on your counselor recommendations and reports this summer. I am so glad that I am getting to know each of you and that we will be working together in the fall to find the best fit for your future!

### **IMPORTANT TEST DATES**

All freshman, sophomore and junior students will take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 19, 2016. This test is especially important for juniors because not only does it provide firsthand practice for the SAT you will take in the spring, it also gives the student a chance to enter the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) scholarship programs.

### **SAT TEST DATES**

#### **2016-17 SAT Dates**

Deadlines expire at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, U.S.

#### **2016-17 SAT Administration Dates and Deadlines**

SAT Date	SAT Subject Tests Available (Find Dates)	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline		Deadline for Changes
			Mail	Phone/ Online	
Oct. 1,	See SAT	Sept. 1, 2016	Sept.	Sept.	Sept. 20,

<b>2016 Register</b>	Subject Tests available on this date		13, 2016	20, 2016	2016
<b>Nov. 5, 2016 Register</b>	See SAT Subject Tests available on this date	Oct. 7, 2016	Oct. 18, 2016	Oct. 25, 2016	Oct. 25, 2016
<b>Dec. 3, 2016 Register</b>	See SAT Subject Tests available on this date	Nov. 3, 2016	Nov. 15, 2016	Nov. 22, 2016	Nov. 22, 2016
<b>Jan. 21, 2017 Register</b>	See SAT Subject Tests available on this date	Dec. 21, 2016	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 10, 2017	Jan. 10, 2017
<b>March 11, 2017 Register</b>	SAT Subject Tests not offered on this date	Feb. 10, 2017	Feb. 21, 2017	Feb. 28, 2017	Feb. 28, 2017
<b>May 6, 2017 Register</b>	See SAT Subject Tests available on this date	Apr. 7, 2017	Apr. 18, 2017	Apr. 25, 2017	Apr. 25, 2017
<b>June 3, 2017</b>	See SAT Subject Tests available on this date	May 9, 2017	May 16, 2017	May 24, 2017	May 24, 2017

Apply online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

## ACT TEST DATES

June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016	May 7-20, 2016	June 21, 2016
September 10, 2016	August 5, 2016	August 6-9, 2016	September 20, 2016*
October 22, 2016	September 16, 2016	September 17- 30, 2016	November 8, 2016*
December 10, 2016	November 4, 2016	November 5- 18, 2016	December 20, 2016*
February 11, 2017 (except New York and internationally)	January 6, 2017	January 7-20, 2017	February 22, 2017*
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017	March 4-17, 2017	April 18, 2017*
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	May 6-19, 2017	June 20, 2017

The ACT is NOT administered at Little Flower. Apply online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

\*Some students are eligible for an SAT or ACT Fee Waiver based on financial needs. Students are encouraged to check the status of their eligibility through the guidance staff before registering for the SATs.

**COLLEGE BOARD (CEEB) # 393-380**

**LITTLE FLOWER TEST CENTER #39-512**

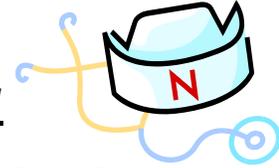
The goal of the guidance and counseling program here at Little Flower is to facilitate each student's development and growth throughout high school. The guidance and counseling program works in partnership with parents, teachers and administrators and is "guided by St. Therese's spirituality of simple, loving service, empowering young women to recognize and develop their potential, to deepen their faith, and to grow in awareness of their moral responsibilities to the global community by creating a supportive, nurturing environment and implementing a comprehensive program which promotes academic excellence and integrity, moral development, generous service, and civic responsibility" (Little Flower School Mission Statement).

I can't wait to meet the class of 2020 and get to know more sophomores and juniors! Seniors, what an exciting year this is for you, I am thrilled to share it with you.

I hope you are enjoying your summer, reading many wonderful books and getting ready for a great year. See you in September!

*Mrs. Mary Berner,*  
Guidance Director

## **FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL NURSE**



Welcome to all the new students to Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls. Pennsylvania state law mandates a **9<sup>th</sup> grade physical**. Parents of all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students have been mailed a physical form to be completed by your family doctor or completed at any city health center. Completed physicals are to be returned to the school nurse by September, 2016. Please have your child's immunization's updated. If your child needs health insurance, please visit [www.CHIPcoversPAkids.com](http://www.CHIPcoversPAkids.com) or call 1-800-986-KIDS to enroll your child in CHIP, Pennsylvania's Children's Health Insurance Program.

Should your daughter have a medical condition that requires special consideration a pass may be issued. In order to receive a pass for textbooks, shoes, water bottle, elevator, or the bathroom, a doctor's note must be on file in the Student Services Office in September, 2016. Please contact your doctor over the summer for a current note. A doctor's note must be submitted yearly so the school knows the condition is under the care of a physician.

Please contact me in September for any new issues or any changes in your child's health. The school needs to be aware of any of your concerns. Working together will help your child succeed in school. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Chris McCarthy, RN*  
School Nurse  
215-455-6900 ext. 124

## **NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICE CORPS**

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Little Flower Students,

This year, "The Year of Mercy", Pope Francis said, "A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just." Our mission has been to prove this mantra correct. Through a monetary collection for Operation Rice Bowl, a toiletry drive for "Queens of Clean", a post-Lent "Snack Time" during classes to raise funds for Catholic Relief Services, opportunities to feed the poor at St. Francis Inn, and music enjoyed at lunch during "I Listen for a Cure" to benefit Leukemia and Lymphoma, the Corporal Works of Mercy were a part of our everyday lives. We concluded our season of service in May with a Zumba class in the gym to benefit Bringing Hope Home, an organization that provides financial relief to patients with cancer, and the girls never missed a beat! Thanks, again, for all you have done so far and remember that when we each help in our own "little way," we can make a big difference in the lives of others.

Upon our return to school we will be having CSC Representative Elections in religion classes. We are looking for dedicated, selfless, reliable and enthusiastic representatives. A video application will be required so please start thinking of ideas and be on the look-out for information on the CSC bulletin board. For more information on ways you can help or if you have service ideas for our students, please contact me at [lstankiewicz@littleflowerhighschool.org](mailto:lstankiewicz@littleflowerhighschool.org)

Sincerely,

Laura A Stankiewicz

Dear Parents/ Guardians/Employees,

Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls has developed and maintains an Asbestos Inspection and Managements Plan as required by the Asbestos Emergency Response Act of 1986 (AHERA). A copy of the plan is available for your inspection at the school office during regular office hours. KEM Partners, Inc. (610-594-2600 ext. 206) is the school's asbestos program manager and Acer Associates (856-809-1202) is the school's consultant. Inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to these organizations.

Sincerely,

Sr. Donna Shallo, IHM  
President

Sr. Kathleen Klarich, RSM  
Principal

# LITTLE FLOWER 2016-2017 MUSICAL DISNEY'S "THE LITTLE MERMAID"

## AUDITIONS FOR ALL INTERESTED LITTLE FLOWER STUDENTS INCLUDING THE CLASS OF 2020

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 – VOCAL WORKSHOP TO PREPARE FOR AUDITIONS (1:00 PM, FAB)

**AUDITIONS - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 (9:00 AM) &  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 (12:00 PM)**

### **LITTLE FLOWER HS AUDITORIUM**

*Vocal Audition Roles: Ariel, Scuttle, Sebastian, Mersisters (6), Ursula, Chef Louis, Flotsam, Jetsam\**

*Acting Audition Roles: All of the above plus Windward & Leeward*

- Any gentlemen in area high schools who are interested in being a part of *The Little Mermaid* cast "**must**" attend the meeting on Saturday, September 10 at 9:00 AM & the Dance Audition on Sunday, September 11 at 12:00 PM
- Parts are still available for the Pilot, Ensemble Singers, Ensemble Dancers and possibly for Chef Louis
- Those gentlemen that have already been cast (**Prince Eric, King Triton, Grimsby, Flounder**) must also attend the meeting on Saturday, September 10 at 9:00 AM & the Dance Audition on Sunday, September 11 at 12:00 PM

### **PARENT MEETING**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

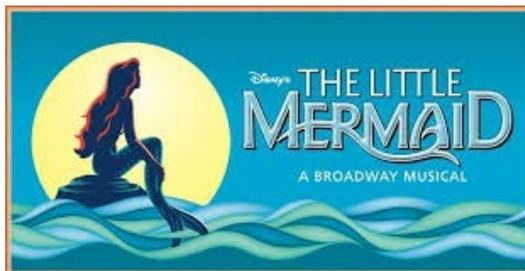
**9:30 AM**

### **LITTLE FLOWER HS AUDITORIUM**

**ALL PARENTS OF CAST AND CREW ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**

Call 215-455-6900, extension 140, for more information or visit our website at  
<http://www.teacherweb.com/PA/LITTLEFLOWERHIGHSCHOOL/LFMUSICAL/>

\*Any elementary school girls that were a part of the *Mary Poppins* cast are also eligible to audition on September 10 & 11



## Little Flower Fall Sports' Tryouts

### Field Hockey

Date - Monday, August 15, 2016  
Time - 8:00 - 11:00  
Location - Little Flower High School



### Soccer

Date - Monday, August 15, 2016  
Time - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Location - Hunting Park (New Turf Field)



### Volleyball

**Date - Monday, August 22, 2016**  
Time - 10:00 - 12:30 for Freshman ONLY!  
12:00 - 3:00 for Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors  
Location - Little Flower Gym



### Golf

Date - Monday, August 15, 2016  
Time - 3:00 - 5:00  
Location - Juniata Golf Club



### Tennis

Date - Monday, August 15, 2016  
Time - 9:00 - 11:00  
Location - New Courts Hunting Park



### Cross Country

Date - Monday, August 15, 2016  
**Time - 6:00 - 7:30 PM Meeting Parent and Student**  
Location - Little Flower High School Cafeteria



Please Note: Please bring your COMPLETED PIAA Sports Physical form which can be downloaded at <https://www.littleflowerhighschool.org>  
For more information and directions contact the Athletic Office at 215-455-6900 X138

## **CONGRATULATIONS:**

Class of 2016

Graduating Class of 2016 earned \$14,679,326.00 in Academic Scholarships and University Grants.

- 69% of graduating seniors received academic scholarships and grants.

Class of 2016 received acceptances to 140 different colleges and universities.

- 97% of graduating seniors are pursuing post-secondary education.
  - 76% -- Four-Year Colleges/Universities
  - 21% -- Two-Year Colleges/Post-secondary School programs

Graduating seniors Kristen Adamczyk, Jamie Galanaugh, Noch Anh Ho, and Theresa Pearce attended the Diocesan Academic Honors Convocation at the Cathedral in May. Student honorees represented the highest three percent of the Senior Class according to cumulative ranking at the end of the first semester of senior year. Thao Nguyen, '17, carried school flag at Honors Convocation

Lauren Hirst, '16 and Gerri Passalacqua, '17, received Court St. Francis De Sales #2617 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas High School Grants. They were recognized for their service and participation in activities which "exemplify (their) Catholic faith".

Kathryn Davis, '17, received the Widener University High School Leadership Award at the National Constitution Center on March 23. This award recognizes high school students "who embody the university's commitment to develop and inspire leaders to affect positive change". Katie will participate in a leadership experience at Widener University in the fall.

Meghan Moore, '17, was nominated and selected to participate in The Youth Work Foundation of The Union League of Philadelphia at the 70th annual Good Citizen Day on May 11. Meghan was recognized for her many achievements and participation in service and good citizenship activities.

Veronica Lacey, '19, and Theresa Tangradi, '19, were selected as Founders Award Recipients by The Emergency Aid of Pennsylvania Foundation at Cabrini College on April 24. Veronica and Theresa were honored for leadership, service and good citizenship.

Class of 2017 students Allison Blackmon, Naybria Brown, Erin Collins, Cortney Griffin, Karen Kerwick, Samantha Monteiro and Thao Nguyen were selected to participate in the Diocesan Scholars program during senior year. In addition to their classes at LF, these students will take college classes at LaSalle University or Manor Junior College.

## ***Thank You:***

Thank you to all LF parents and friends for your participation in the Target REDcard program. We received \$2,439.87 this school year from the Target Take Charge of Education.

We also thank Target for the funds we received over the years through the REDcard program, which ended as of May 14, 2016.



## **SCHEDULE FOR THE OPENING OF SCHOOL**

Wednesday, September 7

- Freshmen and all Transfer Students 8:00 – 1:51 Dismissal

Thursday, September 8

- Only Freshmen report 8:00 – 2:39 Dismissal
- Meeting for Parents of Freshmen 7:00 P.M.

Friday, September 9

- Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors Report 8:00 – 2:39 Dismissal

Monday, September 12

- All classes report 8:00 – 2:39 Dismissal

Please Note:

Tuesday, September 13

- Back-To-School-Night for all Parents 7:00 P.M.



**DESIGNER BAG BINGO AND  
DINNER**

**COACH ~ KATE ~ MICHAEL ~  
& MORE....**



**PRESENTED BY**

**LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

*At*

*St. Dominic's Marian Hall  
8532 Frankford Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA ~ 215-624-5502*

*SATURDAY EVENING, October 22, 2016  
6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.*

**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN, RAFFLE BASKET AUCTION, DOOR PRIZES  
PROCEEDS BENEFIT LITTLE FLOWER SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*Doors open at 5:45 p.m.*

*Dinner served at 6:00 p.m. and Bingo will promptly start at 7:30 p.m.*

*COST: \$40—Includes Buffet Dinner, Wine & Beer and 12 rounds of Bingo  
(We are not including dessert)*

*Additional cards available for purchase*

**CASH ONLY will be accepted at the event**

**13<sup>TH</sup> ROUND IS A 50/50 CASH PRIZE**

**No tickets will be sold at the door**

**\*\*PA STATE LAW: Must be 21 years of age or older\*\***

For more information contact Sister Donna at

[lfpres930@hotmail.com](mailto:lfpres930@hotmail.com)

(Include Designer Bag Bingo in Subject line)

**Yes, I want to play Designer Bag Bingo on October 22,2016**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets. I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$40 per ticket)

**\*\*To reserve a table of 10, please send payment all together**

Please make checks payable to Little Flower Catholic High School

**To receive your ticket, mail a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:**

Sister Donna: Little Flower, 1000 W. Lycoming St., Philadelphia, PA 19140

Name \_\_\_\_\_ IF LF ALUM YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND, BUT I AM ENCLOSING A DONATION**