



Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls

Parent Newsletter

Fall Edition 2013

THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Blessings! Being associated with Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls, our Alumnae, teachers, parents and students is among my many blessings for which I am grateful! You and your families will certainly have a place in my prayers on Thanksgiving Day!

The school year is progressing nicely. We had an exciting two weeks in November building up to the Universal Visitation Day and Open House. Maybe you saw our special TV ad while watching ABC Family or the lawn signs which were provided by the Home and School Association. One week before the Open House, some of our parents volunteered to telephone the parents of the Eighth graders to invite them to our November 14 Open House. As a result, we had a PACKED Open House. I am so grateful to the following for their time and effort: Mrs. Walsh (Mary Kate, '14 and Aileen, '16), Mrs Gray, (Devynn, '16), Mrs. Gallagher, (Caleigh, '15), Mrs. Trahey, (Colleen, '17), Mrs Kaznica, (Madeline, '17), Ms. Green, (Melanie, '14), Mrs. Fruewald, (Rebecca, '14), Mrs. Stewart, (Laura, '15, Rebecka, '16), and Mrs. Porretta, (Laura, '17). The faculty prepared a fantastic, new format for the day under the leadership of Mrs. Zolk and they were rewarded with the positive energy and excitement their efforts engendered. I was so proud of everyone. Perhaps your daughter told you about LF's video version of "Home" which was produced by Mrs. Murray. Truly, it captured the Little Flower spirit and the love the students have for our school. Appropriately, the girls refer to Little Flower as their second "home."

Grandparents' Day for Sophomores and Juniors is Thursday, December 12, the day we will share our Christmas spirit through our presentation of the annual Christmas Concert. The Grandparents will receive a mailed invitation from the school to the Christmas Concert. A light luncheon will be served following the performance. If your daughter will be leaving with her grandparents, Mrs. Schenk will need you to sign the permission form that will be made available to the students closer to the date. The Grandparents' Day for Freshmen and Seniors is Thursday, February 6 and they will be treated to the first full performance of "Annie." We have the addresses from the registration application but if their addresses changed, please contact Sister Joan Ames at 215-455-6900, Ex. 118 or write to her at sjames@littleflowerhighschool.org.

Our second Coach Bag Bingo for the year will be at St. Dominic's Hall on Saturday, April 26. If you would like to serve on the committee, please either call or email me (lfpres930@hotmail.com). I would be most grateful for gift card donations—any denomination will be fine! If you want to go a huge step further and donate a basket, that would be wonderful, too!!! All proceeds benefit our Tuition Assistance Program of which 70% of our students are recipients.

The PSAS grant applications are available on our website for you to download, but they are really encouraging parents to apply on-line. The cost this year is \$25. Remember, with the one application, you are applying for TAP, BLOCS, OSTC and Little Flower grants. I STRONGLY encourage EVERYONE to apply even if your gross income is rather high and you never receive TAP or BLOCS. You DEFINITELY will receive assistance from Little Flower but I am not permitted to award a grant unless parents/guardians apply to PSAS. The Ellis Grant application will be available early January and there is still no fee. The due date is earlier this year—March 15. Please note their deadline or you will be disqualified if it is late.

By now, ALL FEES should be paid and you should be arranging to pay the tuition from July to November. The Diocesan expectation is that parents will have the first five month's tuition paid by January 27, the beginning of the second semester. I welcome conversations with the parents regarding why you are behind in your payments. You know I am always willing to work with you but you do have to take care of the tuition of the past five months.

We are so grateful for your support and cooperation. Truly, your children model these virtues and I believe this contributes to the general peaceful running of the school. Be assured of my daily prayers for you and your family, especially those who are seeking employment. Have a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas and New Year. God bless you!

Sincerely,
Sister Donna Shallo, I.F.M.
Sister Donna Shallo, IHM
President

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We were delighted to see so many parents at our recent parent meetings and school events, including Freshman Parent Night, Back-to-School Night, Home & School Meeting, Ring Mass at St. Matthew Church, H&S Fashion Show, and Harvest Dance.

Once again, we offer a warm welcome to all our freshmen and transfer students and their families and our new faculty and staff members. I hope you are pleased and proud that your daughter is a Little Flower student and that you are a member of the LF community.

Dr. Pace, Standardized Testing Specialist, conducted a full-day SAT Seminar for seniors on October 2 and October 23 and a PSAT seminar for junior students on October 9. Dr. Pace will return to Little Flower in the spring to offer SAT seminars for juniors preparing to take the March SAT. All of the students who have an opportunity to work with Dr. Pace appreciate her help and support. We are so grateful to Dr. Pace for helping our students prepare for the PSAT and SAT tests. Information on other seminars offered by Dr. Pace may be found at: www.drpaceseminars.com.

Safe Environment Lessons are offered each year in all diocesan elementary and secondary schools. Our Theology teachers presented the Safe Environment Lessons on October 28-29 in their classes. The freshmen classes viewed “The Gift of Innocence”, a film which is designed to help teens understand the threat of sexual violence and their sacred innocence in the eyes of God. Sophomores, juniors and seniors participated in the Praesidium program in their classes.

All students and parents have access to the grade reporting program, GradeConnect, which is used by teachers in the diocesan schools. If you are experiencing any difficulty, please contact the Academic Affairs Office, 215-455-6900, ext. 150, as soon as possible.

The first quarter marking period ended on Friday, November 8. I hope your daughter is working to achieve her personal best every day in all subject areas. Report cards were mailed to you last week. Please review all sections of your daughter’s report to see the academic grade and comment(s) given by each teacher, behavior and attendance records. If you have any questions or concerns about your daughter’s report, please contact her teachers by phone or email.

There are tutoring opportunities for students who need academic assistance. Students in the National Honor Society offer tutoring each morning before school and every Wednesday after school in Room 166.

Little Flower is participating in Mayor Nutter's V.I.P. (Very Impressive Performers Program) again this year. The V.I.P. Challenge issued by the Mayor's Office of Education for the First Quarter was directed toward freshmen who maintained perfect attendance for the first quarter. All participating schools in the city were invited to submit the names of freshmen with perfect attendance. LF submitted the names of seventy-five students who met the criteria. Four freshmen were among students randomly selected to attend the VIP Award Ceremony with Mayor Nutter in November and receive tickets to a sporting event in the city. Congratulations to LF VIP students: Meghan Dougherty, Madison McCue, Chelsea Torres and Mariluz Villarin.

Currently we are in the process of implementing an iPad initiative with the Class of 2017. This initiative is part of our ongoing efforts to raise standards of rigor and relevance, to increase critical thinking and problem solving and to foster in students responsibility and accountability for learning and achievement. The iPads were made available to the freshmen for their use through a special technology grant. Thank you to the Home & School Association for providing the protective covers which are required for the iPads.

We are truly grateful to God for the many blessings we enjoy every day at LF. We take great pride in being members of this special school community. Thank you for your outstanding commitment to Little Flower. I remember you and your family in my prayers every day. Be assured of a special remembrance in our prayers of gratitude at the Thanksgiving Liturgy on Tuesday, November 26 and throughout the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

God Bless!
Sr. Kathleen

ACTIVITIES UPDATE FROM THE STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At this point, our Activities Program is in full swing! Let me fill you in on what has already taken place as well as what we have to anticipate in the next few months.

September

The Installation of SGA Officers, Student Council Reps, Homeroom Reps, and Club Presidents took place on September 24. Joining us for this special occasion were Senior parents and alumnae from the classes of '53, '63 and '88. Gianna Hall, SGA President, set the tone for this year with her inspiring speech. Laura Yerkes, Sarah Milewski and Rosemary Hannah complete the roster of SGA Officers for this year.

On September 26 our Freshmen were introduced to their Senior Big Sisters. The Seniors accompanied their Little Sisters to the gym for juice, munchkins and socializing. This initial introduction was followed on the evening of October 30 with the Big/Little Sister Night. Both events provided opportunities for Big and Little Sisters to get to know each other.

Congratulations to our students who presented a dance routine in the Puerto Rican Parade on September 29. They were selected as the 2nd Place winners in the High School Division of the parade.

October

On October 15, our Seniors received their school rings at St. Matthew Church. The liturgy, attended by family and friends of the Class of 2014, was beautiful. The ring celebration continued on October 18 with the Ring Dance. At each occasion, the Class of 2014 made us very proud.

A mandatory meeting for all parents/guardians of Juniors and Seniors was held on October 22 in the Auditorium. At this meeting, the first prom/dance information letter was distributed, discussed and signed. Members of the Guidance Department were also present to discuss the college application process and other important guidance issues. Please note that your presence was required at this meeting in order for your daughter to be able to purchase a ticket for the Senior Prom or Junior Dance. Those who were unable to attend this meeting will receive a letter in the near future explaining when and how to make up the meeting.

Chance Drive

Our first Chance Drive ended on November 18. Thank you to all who generously supported this very important drive. I do need to remind you that if your daughter did not reach her \$75 goal by the end of the drive, that amount will be added to your financial statement and deducted from your next tuition payment.

For those students who returned \$40 or more by Wednesday, October 30 and earned a Dress Down Day on Friday, November 22, there was a list published of those eligible. Students who believed they qualified were directed to carefully check this list for their names and promptly report any omissions to the Student Affairs Office. Every homeroom also received a copy of the dress code to be followed on November 22.

For those students who returned \$100 or more by the last day of the drive (November 18) and earned a personal holiday in the first semester, there was a list published of those eligible. Students who believe they qualify should carefully check this list for their names and report any omissions to the Student Affairs Office before taking their holiday. Students who do qualify should call the Attendance Office as usual in the morning to report that they are taking their personal Chance Drive holiday that day. They should also bring in an absentee note stating the reason for their absence (“Chance Drive holiday”). December 2, 2013 is the first day and January 10, 2014 is the last day the holiday may be used. No student may take her holiday before checking to be certain her name is on the published list.

Optional Fundraisers

If your daughter is involved in after-school activities, don't forget our two Activities Buses. The first bus leaves at 3:30 p.m.; the second, at 4:45 p.m. The cost is \$1.00. To

help defray the cost of these buses, we sponsor two optional “mini-fundraisers”:

- Tupperware Sale

Brochures distributed on November 21. Order deadline is December 5. Delivery date is December 18 – just in time for Christmas!

- Pizza Sale

Order forms distributed on January 3. Order deadline is January 16. Delivery date is January 30– just in time for Super Bowl parties!

Delivery of these items is made to school. Think about it, talk to your family and friends, and hopefully take part in one or both.

*****Mark your calendar*****

December 3 Winter Sports Meeting – Mandatory for all coaches, moderators, athletes, and parents – 6 pm

December 3 Home and School Meeting - 7 pm

December 10 Freshman SGA Installation – HR

December 12 Grandparents’ Day – Grades 10 and 11

December 13 Father/Daughter Dance – 7 – 10 pm

December 15 Christmas Concert – 2 pm

Be sure to read this section!

The fine reputation that our school dances have enjoyed over the years is a source of pride for Little Flower. It is due to the guidelines we have set in place and to the cooperation we have received from both you and your daughters. Although I did mention several of the following points in the Summer Newsletter, I would like to emphasize them again for the benefit of all, especially those new to Little Flower this year.

Students and their escorts are expected to arrive no later than one hour after the starting time of a dance. After one hour, a phone call is made to the home of any student who has not yet arrived.

Students and their escorts are expected to remain until the dance is over. Rides should be ready to pick students up promptly at the conclusion of the dance.

Students who are absent from school on the day of the dance are not permitted to attend the dance unless they have received permission from Mrs. Schenk.

No tickets are sold on the day of the dance. No tickets are sold at the door. The beginning and ending dates for tickets sales for dances are listed on the school calendar which every student received in September. Refunds are not given for tickets that are not used. Students are not permitted to exchange tickets with each other.

Female students from schools other than Little Flower are not permitted to attend Little Flower dances.

The Junior Dance and Senior Prom are date dances. Students must be accompanied by a gentleman escort. For all other Little Flower dances, students may attend alone or with a gentleman escort.

Dress codes are announced and published before every dance. Students who dress

inappropriately will be subject to the consequences listed in the Student Agenda Planner. All aspects of Little Flower's code of conduct are in effect at all dances.

I am very grateful for the outstanding cooperation I have received in the past with regard to our dances. Not only do I feel your support with maintaining our high standards, but also with your assistance as chaperones.

Closing Comments

Every day I am reminded in some way of the goodness and generosity of our Little Flower parents and guardians. As we move toward the wonderful holiday of Thanksgiving, I offer my thanks for all you do, and my best wishes to you and your families for a blessed Christmas and joyful New Year.

Ms. Patricia McCaffrey
Assistant Principal for Student Affairs

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

The Little Flower administration and faculty welcomed an enthusiastic and promising group of students in September. We thank you for entrusting your children to our care. You play an important role in establishing an academic tone and spirit that will hopefully permeate the 2013-2014 school year. Your presence and your input at the Freshman Parents' Meeting and Back to School Night indicated your determination to have your children succeed. We look forward to your continued interest and input to help make Little Flower so special.

An Agenda Book was given to all of our students at the beginning of the school year. We encourage you to read through the handbook section that clearly spells out the policies and regulations of the school. Also, the Agenda Planner is designed to help you check the book to see that your daughters have written their daily assignments, tests, projects, etc., to help keep them on target. Remember to check Grade Connect to see your daughter's progress.

The first quarter ended November 8. Report cards will be sent out during the week of November 17. Report cards will be mailed home because these contain tuition and discipline records. Report cards do not need to be returned to school. Please review your daughter's report card. If you think your daughter needs additional help in a particular subject you may contact the subject teacher to arrange for tutoring. NHS students are available for tutoring before school in the cafeteria and Wednesdays after school in Room 166.

Progress reports will again be issued in the second quarter. Rather than mail these home, students will be given their Progress Reports before the Christmas vacation. We are requesting that you sign the report and return it to the homeroom teacher by December 20.

Each year our juniors and seniors are offered Advanced Placement courses. The students in these courses are required to follow a rigorous curriculum followed by an AP test conducted by the College Board at the end of the school year. Most of the nation's colleges and Universities award credit based on successful performance on the AP exams. Only about 18 percent of the more than 1.3 million high school students in 16,000 Secondary schools worldwide who took the AP exams performed at a level high enough to merit the recognition AP Scholar. Seven of our students qualified for the AP scholar award by completing three or more exams with a grade of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are Nicole Barth, Dominique Brown, Kayla Gallagher, Sara Leonetti, Alexandria, Milligan, Sarah Plummer, and Emily Talamona. Five students qualified as AP Scholars with Honor by receiving an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.. The AP Scholars with Honor are Megan Cullen, Lindsey Gibbs, Megan Himes, Elizabeth Peirce, and Emily Zanker. Shiza Francis received recognition as an AP Scholar with Distinction by averaging 3.67 with score of 3 or higher on all six of her AP exams.

Our school had the distinction that none of our students had a score of 1 on last year's AP exams; every student scored 2 or more on a total of 90 AP exams. Additionally, SAT scores increased by 49 points per student last year. Students, parents, and teachers can be very proud of these achievements.

Two new AP courses have been instituted this year. Mrs. Diehl teaches AP Studio Art, and Mrs. Schiavone teaches AP Art history.

All students in grades 9, 10, and 11 have taken Scranton Performance Series assessments between September 4 and October 18. All were tested in Reading. Grade 9 students were assessed in Math, and students in grades 10 and 11 took the Geometry or Algebra assessments. Students will be tested a second time between January 2 and February 13, and also a third time between April 1 and May 2.

Reports from the first testing period will be sent with first quarter report cards. Additional reports will be sent with the third quarter and final reports so parents can track student progress.

Teachers can access results for each individual student and class that they teach. The tests are aligned with the Common core Standards, and the teacher can check progress on each standard. This will help direct instruction, and can also be an effective tool in course recommendations.

My first year as Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs at Little Flower High School for Girls has been a rewarding experience. Every day I learn something uplifting about our school, our students, our staff, and the parents of our students, and I am thankful to be part of this wonderful community.

Mr. Larry Rosbach
Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR STUDENT SERVICES

Dear Parents,

First, let me thank you for your commitment to our standards of excellence. Your support of our policies and procedures is obvious from the level of cooperation our students exhibit each and every day.

ACCESSIBILITY:

Please make certain to keep your information up-to-date. Should you move/change address/ get a new cell or work or home number, please notify us of the change – a form needs to be filled out in the Main Office; the new information has to be given to Student Services as well.

DRESS CODE CONSIDERATIONS:

The uniform must be knee-length. If your daughter's uniform is not in compliance, please don't hesitate to request a uniform pass if you need time to adjust the hem. Requests need to be made in writing.

N.B. A number of students have short uniforms because of shrinkage. The uniform should be washed in cold water and hung up to dry; washing it in hot water and putting it in the dryer will definitely cause it to shrink!

2. Even though students are aware that hair must be a natural color or that piercings or tattoos are violations of the dress code, some still make choices that are inappropriate. Please remind them that students who refuse to comply with these regulations will not be permitted to attend classes.

ATTENDANCE ISSUES

Please remind your daughter that if an early dismissal is necessary, she must bring a note from you a day in advance, so that the required form can be prepared.

A form to make an 'early dismissal' request can be found on our website, for your convenience.

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. Consequences for late notes include demerits and detention.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Please remind your daughter that cell phones cannot be brought to school until they are registered in Student Services. Once registered the phone must be placed in the locker during the school day; phones can be used in the building after the eighth period.

If a cell phone is confiscated, 10 demerits will be issued and detention assigned. If the phone is being used when confiscated 15 demerits will be issued and detention assigned.

If the phone is not registered 25 demerits will be issued and detention assigned.

NURSE'S OFFICE PROCEDURES

The school Nurse is on campus Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays students who are ill are cared for by members of the Student Services Office.

Only the Nurse or the Student Services Office will contact you if your daughter needs to be sent home. If you receive an unauthorized call from your daughter please contact us at 215-455-6900 ext. 125, 128 or 126 to notify us of the call. We will then send for your daughter to determine whether she needs to be sent home due to illness, and will then contact you.

TRANSPORTATION

If a bus does not show at its appointed time, contact us or have your daughter contact us at (215) 455-6900, ext. 125, 128 or 126. The problem will be reported to the SEPTA Supervisor, who usually is able to send out a replacement bus. In this situation all lateness's are excused.

On those routes that have more than one bus students are urged to take the earliest bus that comes along in order to avoid lateness.

INTERNET SAFETY

Once again I want to share with you links that may be of interest on the topics of bullying, internet safety, cyber-bullying, etc.

As I become aware of them I will share them with you, and would ask that you also do the same.

I also ask that if you become aware of an incident of harassment (online or otherwise) involving any LF student you let me know right away, even if (or especially if?) the situation is occurring outside of school. Remember, this is where they spend most of their time five days a week, so even if it's happening outside of school it eventually comes into school.

These links may be helpful:

www.isafe.org (Information on internet safety).

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/06/us/06formspring.html?emc=eta1> (Article about on of the latest social networking sites).

www.kidshealth.org (Resources for parents and educators on bullying and other issues).

www.suite101.com/bullying (Articles on many topics for parents of today's youth).

On Nov. 25, 2013 we were pleased to have Deborah McCoy, consultant and presenter on internet safety once again provide our students with a lot of valuable information as they try to navigate the digital world.

One bit of news Ms. McCoy shared with them is a new iPhone app that allows parents to monitor your daughter's/son's activities on social networks like Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. In addition, its Android Mobile application allows you to monitor your child's text messages, call history, downloaded apps and even the pictures taken with the phone.

The app is free for 30 days; should you want to continue to use it there are two plan options, starting at \$9.95 per month. If you are interested in this app please contact me at 215-455-6900 ext. 126.

Again, thank you for all you do for Little Flower!!! Should you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at ext. 126.

Mrs. Schenk
Assistant Principal for Student Services

ACCREDITATION FOR GROWTH UPDATE

The **Life Skills Committee** celebrates another year of increased survey scores for our student, both on the class level and grade level. The results of the survey given in May 2013 indicate that the students are associating their LF activities with the Life Skills Objective.

The Life Skills Committee has been perusing the use of the iPad technology as an additional tool for students to enhance their life skills.

Additionally, the survey results indicate that the students need to have more opportunities for hands-on activities in regard to the Life Skills Objective as well as more effective ways to handle the stress of being a 21st Century learner.

With these challenges in mind, the Life Skills Committee is seeking alternative ways of providing needed life skills, while recognizing that the physical structure of the school (for example, lack of a garage and a kitchen utilized during the school day) makes hands-on demonstrations difficult. Furthermore, the committee has initiated discussion methods that could be explored in the classroom environment to help students ease the level of stress they may be feeling.

The **Mathematics Committee** continues to assess information regarding Little Flower's student performance objectives.

The committee notes significant lessons learned in three areas. Although the school experienced a slight increase in PSAT scores from 2011 to 2012, there is not enough data to reflect a significant trend. A numeracy sample was taken by the students, the results of which are being studied to enhance student accountability. In the area of math confidence, a growing percentage of students are extremely positive about the importance of math in the curriculum.

Significant successes in the math action plan include positive feedback about Pi Day, the Kate Ruby math scholarship, and the number of T1 and T2 clubs that use math.

The math committee is working on the implementation of LFDM (Little Flower Does Math) which would use part of a homeroom period similar to LFR (Little Flower Reads).

The **Communications Committee's** goal is for students to communicate effectively and demonstrate the results of their use of in-depth research skills in both oral and written presentations.

Students will be measured on their knowledge of and use of research skills by utilizing an internally designed survey based on the Pennsylvania state and the Philadelphia archdiocesan standards for research skills. In addition, student progress in using research skills for papers and reports will be evaluated by utilizing both the internally designed survey and a school-wide rubric based on the Pennsylvania state and the Philadelphia archdiocesan standards for research. The goal is that by 2017, 95% of Grade 12 students will demonstrate mastery of research skills by achieving a 3 or 4 overall score on a school-wide rubric used to evaluate the senior research paper. In addition, the team's action plan includes a goal of a 15% improvement in the scores of Grade 12 students in the writing section of the SAT.

Students will also be measured on their oral communication skills by utilizing an internally designed rubric based on both the Pennsylvania State and Philadelphia archdiocesan standards for speaking and listening. By 2017, 95% of Grade 12 students will demonstrate mastery of oral communication skills by achieving a 3 or 4 overall score on the school-wide rubric.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To All Parents/Guardians:

Reminder, children in **all** grades k-12 need **two doses** of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or documented history of disease. This is required by state law this school year. All chickenpox documentation forms should be sent into school.

During the summer Freshman students were mailed a physical form. Pennsylvania law mandates a complete physical exam upon entering 9th grade. Please have the physical form completed by your family doctor and returned to Little Flower. If your child is in need of Health Insurance, please contact CHIP at 1-800-986-KIDS or visit www.CHIPcoversPAkids.com to enroll today. Families can also visit any city health center for free or low cost health care.

As we prepare for the upcoming cold and flu season, I would just like to offer you some helpful suggestions:

1. Encourage your daughter/son to eat properly and get a good night's sleep. Healthy people will be better able to resist illness.
2. If your daughter/son is sick in the morning with a fever or is vomiting, please

do not send them to school. When someone has a fever they are usually contagious. They may then spread the illness to others in the school community.

3. Encourage frequent hand washing. Hand washing is the most effective way to prevent infection.
4. Get a flu shot now at your family doctor or any city health center.

Let's work together so your child will have a successful school year.

Sincerely,
Chris McCarthy, RN School Nurse
215-455-6900 ext. 124
cmccarthy@littleflowerhighschool.org



GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The Guidance Office is available to you and your daughter for career, college and personal services. We have visited all grades and are in the process of having individual interviews. Please contact us for any support you might need concerning your daughter. Our emphasis is currently on the Seniors during this peak application time. As of this date, over 60% have applied to over 400 colleges. Our major source of communication with parents and seniors is the email system via Naviance Family Connection.

NAVIANCE: Web based program that we use here at LF to manage the college application process and to explore career choices. Senior students and parents are encouraged to use Naviance for college searches and to track their applications.

Naviance website: <http://connection.naviance.com/littleflower>

DEADLINES: Seniors and parents please be aware of application and scholarship deadlines. Please allow several days for the Guidance Office to process transcripts and recommendations.

ACCEPTANCE LETTERS: Seniors are asked to bring all correspondence from a college or university to the Guidance Office. This includes acceptance, wait list or non-admit letters.

SCHOLARSHIP LETTERS: Seniors should bring all scholarship letters to the Guidance Office so we can make a copy. This information is printed in the graduation booklet.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid): Forms cannot be completed before January 1, 2014. The Guidance Office will have some worksheets available, but you must apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov

CSS/FINANCIAL AID PROFILE: Check with the college to see if your child requires this form. Forms are available in the Guidance Office if needed.

NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE: Students interested in playing Division 1 or Division 2 sport can apply online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

SAT TEST DATES 2013-2014

TEST DATE	TEST OFFERED	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION
December 7, 2013	SAT & Subject Tests	November 8, 2013	November 22, 2013
January 25, 2014	SAT & Subject Tests	December 27, 2013	January 10, 2014
*March 8, 2014	SAT Only	February 7, 2014	February 21, 2014
May 3, 2014	SAT & Subject Tests	April 4, 2014	April 18, 2014
June 7, 2014	SAT & Subject Tests	May 9, 2014	May 23, 2014

*Test is administered at Little Flower Catholic High School.
 Fee is \$51.00 and late registration is an additional \$27.50 for a total of \$78.50
Standby Fee is an additional \$45.00 for a total of \$96.00
 Apply online at www.collegeboard.com

ACT TEST DATES

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION
December 14, 2013	November 8, 2013	November 9-22, 2013
February 8, 2014	January 10, 2014	January 11-24, 2014
April 12, 2014	March 7, 2014	March 8-21, 2014
June 14, 2014	May 9, 2014	May 10-23, 2014

The ACT is NOT administered at Little Flower.
 Basic registration fee is \$36.00. The ACT Plus Writing is \$52.50
 There is an additional fee of \$22.00 for a late registration.
 Apply online at 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.

“ANNIE” IS COMING TO LF

Leapin' Lizards! The popular comic strip heroine **ANNIE** will be coming to the Little Flower stage on February 7, 8 and 9 of 2014 in one of the world's best-loved musicals.

ANNIE is the perfect family-friendly musical. Featured songs include “Tomorrow”, “It’s A Hard Knock Life”, “You’re Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile”, and “Easy Street”.

Show times are 7:30 PM on Friday and Saturday, February 7 and 8, and 2:00 PM on Sunday, February 9.

Tickets will go on sale on Monday, January 27. Prices are \$10 for General Admission and \$6 for Senior Citizens, Students with ID, and Children under 10.

Call 215-455-6900, extension 141, for more information

I’m Gonna Like It Here – AT LF!



FINE ARTS

Temple Ophthalmology is hosting an art contest for Little Flower Art Students. The participants will have their art work displayed in the offices of Temple Ophthalmology at both their Broad Street and Jeanes Hospital Campus locations.

The Little Flower Traveling Art Show will get underway after the New Year. We are currently mailing requests to a variety of businesses to participate in displaying LF student art work in their store fronts and offices. Please stay tuned for locations and dates.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

I would like to offer my Congratulations to our Golf Team who were Philadelphia Catholic League Champions and PIAA District XII Champions and our Soccer and Volleyball Teams who both made the Philadelphia Catholic League Playoffs. Great Job Girls!

The Mandatory Winter sports meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 6 pm. Anyone who plays a winter sport must attend this meeting with a parent or guardian. Important information will be distributed.

Congratulations to the following Student Athletes who have made All Catholic:

Volleyball

Colleen Stengel	2 nd Team
Kellie Hill	2 nd Team
Molly Larkin	Honorable Mention

Soccer

Meghan Petroski	1 st Team
Starr Sargent Boone	1 st Team
Casey Brown	2 nd Team
Casey Ritter	2 nd Team
Victoria Goebig	2 nd Team
Susan Blaney	3 rd Team
Morgan Basilio	3 rd Team

Field Hockey

Taylor Bookman	2 nd Team Goalie
Rose Pisacano	Honorable Mention

All uniforms from Fall sport teams must be returned to the Athletic Office by November 22nd.

November Lottery Tickets will be posted on our Website. It will be updated once a week during the month. Numbers are drawn during the homeroom each day. I would like to thank all those who supported this fund raiser.

CSC EVENT UPDATE

CSC has been busy helping others with a number of service activities. In October, we celebrated World Sight Day as a school community. Students were able to wear sunglasses throughout the school day in order to raise consciousness for visual impairments. Students also participated in a variety of awareness walks. Over 50 student walkers physically supported the Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk. In addition, many others heeded the call to action by purchasing bracelets, rings, pins, and chances to win a breast cancer/LF themed basket that CSC and the cheerleading team organized. In support of a current senior student at Little Flower, many proudly displayed their light within in the Light the Night Walk for Leukemia and Lymphoma while others marched in memoriam of a LF alumna at the Lupus Walk. The last event in October was the collection of baby products at the annual Big Sister/Little Sister Dance.

The month of November is dedicated to collecting food and spare change for our Little Flower Thanksgiving Drive. This program provides a turkey and a box of typical Thanksgiving food to Little Flower families in need for the holiday. It is during this time that the true spirit of St. Therese is alive in our school! The girls realize that this drive is incredibly important as it benefits our community directly; not strangers, rather, their own peers. That being said, they never seem to disappoint and contribute as much as possible.

In December, Little Flower will begin its "Operation Santa Claus" program. Each religion class is assigned a family and assists by not only providing gifts, but wrapping and labeling them as well. The Religion Department is a vital component in this program's success and our community is very grateful for all of their efforts.

By following the example of St. Therese and helping in our own "little way," we make a big difference in the lives of others. If you would like to get involved in any of our causes, including our newly elected year-long cause, Wounded Warrior, please contact me (x214) and I would be happy to inform you of our upcoming events.

With thanks,
Laura Stankiewicz, CSC Moderator

THANK YOU

We would like to express our appreciation to all those who took the time to vote for Little Flower during Target's August/September FB Fundraiser. We gratefully received a \$2,226.00 check; this year it was not a gift card which gave us greater flexibility.

We are so grateful to our Home and School Association for picking up the tab of the lawn signs advertising our Open House. This was not a budget item and so it meant a lot to receive their wonderful support!

CONGRATULATIONS

Gabrielle Bonewicz, '14, received the Good Citizenship Award for "demonstrating good citizenship" through her activities in youth service organizations. Along with other young people, Gabrielle was honored at the 67th annual Youth Work Day at the Union League in October.

Kaitlyn Volz, '16 was chosen to represent LF at the Hugh O'Brian (HOBY) Leadership Conference.

THANK YOU

Thank you to parents, faculty, staff, friends and fans of Little Flower for participating in the Target Education campaigns. We received \$1,911 from the Target Take Charge of Education campaign, in which Target donates 1% of your purchase to Little Flower when you shop with your REDcard. In addition, we received \$2,246 as a result of your votes Little Flower as your “favorite school” in the recent nationwide Give With Target Facebook campaign.

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION

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