



Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls

Parent Newsletter

Fall Edition 2015

THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Blessings! What a grace-filled September we experienced at Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls! Before Pope Francis visited our city, we were blessed to welcome the relics of St. Therese and her parents through the efforts of Maureen O'Reardon, a member of Little Flower's Class of 1974. Our students were very reverent as they visited the beautiful reliquary throughout the day in the auditorium.

You may recall reading that Pope Francis chose to make a stop at the Curran Fromhold Correctional Facility. One of our Alums, Michele Murphy Farrell, '81 is the Warden there. Michele met Pope Francis and shared with Little Flower a beautiful set of rosaries which Pope Francis blessed before he gave them to her. For Michele, "what happens once, happens twice" because she was among the 2,000+ Little Flower students who were at the airport when Pope John Paul II left Philadelphia after his visit in 1979. The rosary is in the First Floor display case along with the pictures of Pope John Paul II's visit.

Special thanks to parents Mrs. Donna Kaznica, (Madeline, '17) and Ms. Patricia Ellis, (Renee, '19) for joining the Designer Bag Bingo Committee. We realized a profit over \$11,000 for our Scholarship Fund during the event on October 3. Also helping that night were the following parents: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Raday, (Alexandria, '18), Mrs. Karen Vuillermet, (Julia '19), Ms. Kathleen Lotty, (Niamh '18), Mrs. Patricia Elliott, Madelyn and Meredith, ('18) and Mr. Lou Burke, ('Madison, '19). Our next Bingo is March 5, 2016 at St. Dominic's. I hope other parents will consider joining the committee and/or volunteering to help that evening. We are always grateful for gift cards to use with the baskets.

In keeping with our tradition, we invited our Alumnae from the 60th, 50th, and 25th Anniversary classes back for the Installation Ceremony on October 6. They told me that witnessing our students' enthusiasm and goodness first hand warmed their hearts and added to the pride they already feel as a Little Flower Graduate.

For your own information, especially if you have children approaching high school and for your friends, I would like our parents/guardians to be aware of the change the Diocese has made to the Registration Process. Since the 1990's, we welcome the Eighth Graders in November on Visitation Day and host Open House and Registration for the next school year. Now, the Universal Visitation Day is held in April for students in the SEVENTH Grade. Another change is the Application Process. First, the student

APPLIES to the high school by sending their Application Form and grades. The application is reviewed at the high school and if everything is in order, the student will receive a Letter of Acceptance. NEXT, the parents send in the **Registration Form along with \$75** (discounted until January 15--\$100 after that date).

On Sunday, November 8, we are hosting the first Open House. Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon followed by tours and two Financial Aid Presentations. I am grateful to the following parents for making calls to the parents of grade 8 students inviting them to the November 8 Open House: Mrs. Donna Kaznica, (Madeline, '17), Ms. Patricia Ellis, (Renee, '19), Mrs. Maryellen Raday, "Alexandria, '18) and Mrs. Susan Porretta, (Laura, '17).

Grandparents' Day for **Freshmen and Seniors is Thursday, December 10.** They will be treated to the full show of *Mary Poppins* while Grandparents' Day for **Sophomores and Juniors is December 17,** 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 both events. 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. A light luncheon will be served following the performances. If your daughter will be leaving with her grandparents, Mrs. Tangradi will need you to sign the permission form that will be made available to the students closer to the dates.

The Diocese has contracted with **Smart Tuition to use its financial aid processing division, SmartAid, to manage the application process beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. This replaces the services provided by PSAS. As in the past, by applying to SmartAid, you will have the opportunity to receive financial aid from LF, BLOCS, EITC/OSTC and TAP depending on your need.** To access the application, go to www.smartaidforparents.com. You will also see the link on our webpage under Financial Aid. The application is \$25.00. The Parent Help Center is available 24/7 at 1-800-360-8027. If you want assistance or the use of our computers, we will be hosting a Financial Aid Application Night in our computer lab from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9 and on Wednesday, March 9. Please contact Mrs. Kerr to make an appointment so that you are not waiting to be assisted. (215-455-6900, Ex. 162) or MKerr@littleflowerhighschool.org. The Ellis Grant Applications will be available in January and there is no fee.

I urge you to be current with your tuition payments and fees in order to avoid the late fees that Smart Tuition charges. Out of consideration, we did not post the School Fee, Fall Sports Fees, iPad insurance Fee and Chance Drive Fee to your account during the months these fees occurred and were due. However, if you have not paid these fees by now, the fees along with a late fee will be added to your Smart Account.

As always, I would like to express our appreciation to you for entrusting your **daughter** into our care. We enjoy our partnership with you. Please know that each student is valued here in **her** "home away from home." May God bless you and guide you in your role as the primary educator of your **daughter**. Be assured of my daily prayers for you and your loved ones. As Thanksgiving Day approaches, know that 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 have a special place in my prayers on Thanksgiving Day! God bless you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sister Donna".

Sister Donna Shallo, IHM
President

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

I am pleased to introduce and welcome the newest members of our school community: Mrs. Grace Jin, Chinese teacher and Mrs. Vanda Menna, French teacher. As we welcome our new teachers, we express sincere gratitude to Mrs. Donna Mu and Ms. Kathleen Bilgutay for their dedication and service to our students during the first two months of the year.

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. Timothy Church, Parent-Teacher Conferences and the Junior/Senior Parents Meeting.

Dr. Pace, Standardized Testing Specialist, conducted a full-day PSAT Seminar for juniors on October 7 and SAT Seminar for seniors/juniors on November 4. Dr. Pace will return to Little Flower in the spring to offer SAT seminars for juniors preparing to take the New SAT in March. Our students who have taken Dr. Pace's seminars in the past expressed their gratitude and appreciation for Dr. Pace and the extra help and support they received. We are so grateful to Dr. Pace for helping our students prepare for the PSAT and SAT tests. You will find additional information on other seminars offered by Dr. Pace at: www.drpaceseminars.com.

All students and parents have access to the grade reporting program, GradeConnect, which is used by LF teachers and all teachers in the archdiocesan secondary 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 will end on Friday, November 13. I hope your daughter is working to achieve her personal best every day in all subject areas. Report cards will be mailed to you during the week of November 22. 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 email or phone, 215-455-6900.

There are tutoring opportunities for students who need academic assistance. Your daughter may contact her teacher to inquire about extra help in a specific subject; National Honor Society students offer tutoring every morning before school in Room 205 and every Wednesday after school in Room 205; and homework help and tutoring are available during the lunch periods in the library.

We will continue to implement our iPad initiative this year with the Class of 2019. The 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. Parents and students will receive iPad policies and procedures and a contract which must be signed by parents and students before students will receive iPads. We will issue iPads to the Class of 2019 on Monday, November 16. Freshmen will participate in a prayer service of blessing during the homeroom period and receive their iPads in their English classes. The iPads are made available to the students for their use through special technology funds. Thank you to the Home & School Association for providing \$1,500 toward the cost of the protective covers, which are required for the iPads.

If you are interested in volunteering to help at Little Flower in any capacity, you need to obtain official clearances. The clearances required for all volunteers are listed on the LF website, at the "Volunteering at LF" tab. We are so grateful to all our parents who volunteer to assist in any way with our school programs, including student activities, dances, annual school show, concerts, field trips, etc. We need your help and appreciate the time and effort you give to support our programs and events. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kay Meng, 215-455-6900, ext. 115.

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.

You and your family are remembered in my prayers every day. Be assured of a special remembrance in our prayers during our Thanksgiving Liturgy on Tuesday, November 24 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.

October

The Installation of SGA Officers, Student Council Reps, Homeroom Reps, and Club Presidents took place on October 6. Joining us for this special occasion were SGA

parents and alumnae from the classes of '55, '65 and '90. Aileen Walsh, SGA President, set the tone for this year with her inspiring speech. Kathleen Buehner, Kurat Abaidullah and Olivia Wnek complete the roster of SGA Officers for this year.

On October 2, 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 29 with the Big/Little Sister Night. Both events provided opportunities for Big and Little Sisters to get to know each other. This year there was a Halloween theme for Big/Little Sister Night. Many of the girls were dressed in cute, clever costumes.

On October 13, our Seniors received their school rings at St. Timothy Church. The liturgy, attended by family and friends of the Class of 2016, was beautiful. The ring celebration continued on October 16 with the Ring Dance. At each occasion, the Class of 2016 made us very proud.

A mandatory meeting for all parents/guardians of Juniors and Seniors was held on October 20 in the Auditorium. At this meeting, the first prom/dance information letter was distributed, discussed and signed. Mrs. Mary Berner of the Guidance Department was 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.

On October 23, the National Honor Society Induction was held. Fifteen new members were inducted into the St. Therese Chapter. President Tracy Glova welcomed everyone, and fellow officers, Jamie Galanaugh, Lauren Hirst, Ngoc Anh Ho and Kaitlyn Volz gave reflections on character, scholarship, leadership and service. The guest speaker, Nicole Foley'09, gave an inspiring speech as well.

Chance Drive

Our first Chance Drive of this school year ended on October 26. 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 \$100 goal by the end of the drive, the balance will be added to your December statement.

For those students who returned \$50 or more by Monday, October 19 and earned a Dress Down Day on Friday, November 6, 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 6.

For those students who returned \$125 or more by the last day of the drive (October 26) 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. Parents of 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”). November 23, 2015 is the first day and January 8, 2016 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 3:40 p.m.; the second, at 5:00 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 2. Order deadline is November 16. Delivery date is December 9 – just in time for Christmas!

- **Pizza Sale**

Order forms distributed on January 5. Order deadline is January 14. Delivery will be the week of February 1, just in time for Super Bowl parties! (This is a change from the January 28 date that is on the school calendar.) We will have the exact date for delivery as we get closer to the sale.

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 1	Winter Sports Meeting – Mandatory for all coaches, moderators, athletes and parents - 6 pm
December 1	Home and School Meeting - 7 pm
December 8	Holiday and Holiday – Immaculate Conception
December 10	Grandparents’ Day – Grades 9 and 12
December 11, 12, 13	“ <i>Mary Poppins</i> ”
December 17	Grandparents’ Day – Grades 10 and 11
December 20	Christmas Concert – 2:30 pm
January 12	Freshman SGA Installation - HR
January 15	Father/Daughter Dance – 7 – 10 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 several of the following points were mentioned 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. Tangradi.

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 that 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.

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

Closing Comments

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.

Mrs. Maryanne Rayer
Assistant Principal for Student Affairs

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

The Little Flower administration and faculty welcomed an enthusiastic and gifted 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 2015-2016 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 organized and on target. It is also important to check Grade Connect to see your daughter's progress.

Progress reports will again be issued in the second quarter. Rather than mailing them home, we plan to give students their Progress Reports in homeroom December 16. We

are requesting that you sign the report and have the student return it to the homeroom teacher by December 21.

Parents of students who receive the comment FAILURE WARNING – QUARTER or FAILURE WARNING – SEMESTER are required to meet with the teacher who issued the warning at the January 7 Parent-Teacher Conference between 5:30 and 7:30 PM. The Academic Office is working on a confidential, online method for parents to reserve a specified time to meet with each teacher. Details of how to do this will be posted on Grade Connect as the time for the meeting approaches.

The first quarter will end November 13. Report cards will be sent out during the week of November 23. 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. Also, NHS students are available for tutoring every day before school and Wednesdays after school in Room 205. Students can also sign out during the second half of their lunch period on Tuesdays and Thursdays to meet with NHS tutors.

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 high school students 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, Class of 2015, are Jillian Capella, Maria Formoso, Margaret Harte, Jessica Kuhlmeier, Elena Roman, and Alexis Ukogu as well as Aileen Walsh, Class of 2016. Three 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 Selena Bemak, Lauren Kirk, and Christine Kuhlmeier.

All students in grades 9, 10, and 11 have taken Scranton Performance Series assessments between September 8 and October 19. All were tested in Reading and in either Algebra or Geometry. Students will be tested a second time between January 4 and February 12, and also a third time between April 4 and May 6. 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 Scantron Performance 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.

The PSAT had a new format this year and, for the first time, Grade 9 students took a different test than the students in grades 10 and 11. Students with a free College Board account can access Kahn Academy SAT tutorials on the College Board site to prepare for the new format. Most students have already started doing this in their classes, but it is worthwhile to continue the prep work at home. Parents and students are encouraged to

access sample questions using the new format on the College Board site. Results from the October 14 PSAT will be distributed to the students when they become available in December.

Mr. Larry Rosbach
Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR STUDENT SERVICES

I am truly grateful for the amazing spirit of cooperation I have witnessed during these first few months of my time here at Little Flower. The warm welcome I have received from the entire Little Flower community has been both humbling and astounding and I thank you for the gift your children are to us.

There are so many pieces that work together to create a successful school day. We sincerely appreciate your participation in this endeavor as we know how many responsibilities you balance in the span of one twenty-four hour period. Our goal is to try to make the details more manageable. To help us do this, we ask you to please review the procedures noted below within your family.

Absent notes

Please remember that an absence note signed by a parent or guardian must be submitted for each student absence the day the student returns to school. If you wish to include a doctor's certificate, please attach it to the official school absence note.

Students may pick up absent notes in the Student Services Office to keep handy in case of absence. This official note should be brought to school the day the student returns. The note may also be accessed on the Little Flower website under Student Services Information at www.littleflowerhighschool.org/?pid=167.

Students are often reminded via their Little Flower email accounts of this requirement. Students are encouraged to check their email daily for important communications from the entire school community. Demerits and detentions are issued if reminders do not prove successful. Please help us fulfill this necessary requirement.

Early dismissal

Students needing an early dismissal should bring a note signed by a parent or guardian the day before the dismissal. The early dismissal form is available on the Little Flower website under Student Services Information at www.littleflowerhighschool.org/?pid=167. This form helps us to communicate with the faculty and to ensure your child is waiting for you upon your arrival.

Absent calls

We know that mornings prove a hectic time in most households, especially when a child is sick. We ask that you please call the Student Services Office at 215-455-6900 x125 or x128 to report your child's absence before 10 am so that we know your child is safe at home with you.

Cell phone policy

Cell phones often do not prove conducive to a productive learning environment. Students are expected to keep cell phones in their lockers turned off throughout the school day. We know and appreciate how much you value cell phones in confirming the safety and security of your children. This is our highest priority as well. As a result, they and you are encouraged to use the Student Services Office phone access (215-455-6900 x125 or x128) if necessary during the school day.

Cell phone use is not permitted before or during the school day. If a phone is used during the school day, the phone is taken and deposited securely in the Student Services Office where the student may pick it up at the end of the school day. Ten to twenty-five demerits and detentions may be issued depending upon the use of the phone and whether or not the phone is registered.

Lateness

Students must be in their homerooms when the 8 am bell rings. Any student who is not in homeroom at this time is considered late for school. A detention is assigned upon the fifth lateness and each one thereafter until the tenth is reached. Same-day detention is assigned on the tenth lateness and each one thereafter. Please work with your children to adjust their schedules if lateness begins to become a habit.

IDs and lanyards

Each student was provided a lanyard upon which to display her ID. The lanyard and ID are to be worn as part of the school uniform each day. The cost of a replacement ID is \$15 because each ID card contains wiring which communicates with our secure access system. If an ID is lost, it is extremely important that the loss be reported so the card may be deactivated to prevent unauthorized access to the building. Replacement lanyards are available in the Flossie Shop as are plastic protective holders for the ID cards.

Lockers and locks

We have become aware that a number of students are not utilizing the combination locks which have been issued to them to secure their belongings. Please encourage your children to use these locks for their own protection, especially since their cell phones should be in the lockers during the school day. If they have lost their locks, we can provide replacements. If they are unsure of their combinations, we are able to provide these as well. Finally, if they need a bit of practice mastering the combinations, we are more than willing to provide assistance in the Student Services Office. Please encourage them to stop by our Office.

Uniform code reminders

Little Flower jumpers are required to be knee length. Socks should also be to the knee. The appropriate class emblem should be sewn onto the upper left side of the jumper. Emblems may be purchased at school. Only natural hair colors are acceptable.

Thank you for working with us to ensure the proud tradition that is Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls.

Gratefully,

Mrs. Julie Tangradi

Assistant Principal for Student Services

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL NURSE



To All Parents/Guardians:

During the summer, Freshmen 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.

Please review some guidelines issued by the Philadelphia Health Department:

As we move toward the cold and flu season and as we hear more about the illness affecting children in some other states, we need to be mindful of some precautions that can be taken to minimize the spread of respiratory illnesses. Below are some important steps that can be taken to help insure that our children remain safe and healthy while at school and home.

There are no cures for colds and flu, but it is possible to limit your family's chances of getting sick by teaching them a few important rules:

- Wash your hands often. Most cold and flu viruses are spread by direct contact (such as when an infected person sneezes onto his/her hand and then touches a surface where the germ is then left to be picked up by the next person who comes along).
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when sneezing or coughing, to prevent passing germs to others. Then throw the tissue away and wash your hands.
- Keep your hands away from your face. Germs on your hands enter the body through the mouth, nose or eyes and cause the majority of illnesses that children bring home.
- Consult your family health care provider to see if members of your family, including children and teenagers, are in any of the high risk groups for whom a flu shot is recommended.
- If your child is sick, please consider the health of others who may be vulnerable and keep him/her home. A sick child in school is unable to get the rest and attention he or she needs to get better and is generally not well enough to concentrate on schoolwork. You should keep your child home if he or she
 - has had a fever in the past 24 hours
 - shows signs of infection and seems unwell
- If you have questions about your child's health in school, or if you need help obtaining

health insurance or a health care provider for your child, please contact your school nurse.
Let's work together so your child will have a successful school year.

Sincerely,
Chris McCarthy, R.N. School Nurse

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The Guidance Office is available to you and your daughter for career, college and personal services. 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 25% have applied to over 90 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 1-1-16. 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 is required to complete 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 2015- 2016

Deadlines expire at midnight, EDT (U.S.).

[Print All U.S. Test Dates](#) | [View International Test Dates](#) >

SAT Date	SAT Subject Tests Available (Find Dates)	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline ?		Deadline for Changes ?	Status
			Mail	Phone/Online		
Oct 3	▶ Subject Tests	Sep 3 Send Reminder	Sep 18	Sep 22	Sep 22	Register Now 66 days left
Nov 7	▶ Subject Tests	Oct 9 Send Reminder	Oct 23	Oct 27	Oct 27	Register Now 102 days left
Dec 5	▶ Subject Tests	Nov 5 Send Reminder	Nov 20	Nov 23	Nov 23	Register Now 129 days left
Jan 23	▶ Subject Tests	Dec 28 Send Reminder	Jan 8	Jan 12	Jan 12	Register Now 182 days left
Mar 5		Feb 5 Send Reminder	Feb 19	Feb 23	Feb 23	Register Now 221 days left
May 7	▶ Subject Tests	Apr 8 Send Reminder	Apr 22	Apr 26	Apr 26	Register Now 284 days left
Jun 4	▶ Subject Tests	May 5 Send Reminder	May 20	May 25	May 25	Register Now 311 days left

Additional fees apply if you register late or make changes to your test type, center or date after registering.

Sunday administrations usually occur the day after each Saturday test date for students who cannot test on Saturday due to religious observance.

The first administration of the Redesigned SAT will be available starting in March 2016. At that time, students will be able to take the SAT without the essay. [Get information about the redesigned SAT.](#)

Nov. 7th and March 5th the test is administered at Little Flower Catholic High School.

SAT with essay (Oct., 2015-Jan., 2016) Fee is \$54.50

SAT no essay option (March, 2016-June, 2016) \$43.00

SAT with essay option (March, 2016-June, 2016) \$54.50

Late registration is an additional \$28.00

Apply online at www.collegeboard.com

ACT TEST DATES

The ACT National Test Dates in the U.S., U.S. Territories, and Canada

Test dates in other countries

2015–2016	2016–2017	
Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 12, 2015	August 7, 2015	August 8–21, 2015
October 24, 2015	September 18, 2015	September 19–October 2, 2015
December 12, 2015	November 6, 2015	November 7–20, 2015
February 6, 2016*	January 8, 2016	January 9–15, 2016
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016	March 5–18, 2016
June 11, 2016**	May 6, 2016	May 7–20, 2016

The ACT is NOT administered at Little Flower.

Basic registration fee is \$39.50. The ACT Plus Writing is \$56.50

There is an additional fee of \$25.00 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.

Thank you,

Mary Berner

LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Proudly Presents



Friday, December 11 – 7:30 PM

Saturday, December 12 – 7:30 PM (Annual Musical Alumnae Night)

Sunday, December 13 – 2:00 PM

**TICKETS GO ON SALE AT LF ON MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 30**

TICKETS

\$10 GENERAL ADMISSION

\$7 SENIOR CITIZENS & STUDENTS WITH ID

\$5 CHILDREN UNDER 10

(credit cards & checks are not accepted as payment)

*MARY POPPINS is presented through special arrangement with Music
Theater International*

For More Information

Call Student Affairs Office

215-455-6900 EXT. 141

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

CONGRATULATIONS: to our fall sports teams who had great seasons. Our Golf Team captured the PCL and PIAA District XII Championships. Our Tennis Team sent players to the Single and Doubles PCL Playoffs and District XII Playoffs. Our Field Hockey Team went to the Quarter Finals, and our Soccer Team went to the Semi Finals. Although our Volleyball Team did not make the Playoffs, they also had a good season. Our Cross Country Team finished 4th overall and Serena Pisacano is headed to States.

Student Athletes are to return their Sports Uniforms no later than Monday, Nov. 23rd. Return uniforms to the Athletic Office with your name on the bag it is placed in. Thank you for your cooperation.

Tryouts for all winter sports begin on Monday, November 16th. The Tryout schedule is available in the Athletic Office during all lunch periods. Students interested in trying out for a winter sport must have a PIAA Physical on file before November 16th.

THANK YOU

We thank all of our families and friends who support Little Flower by their participation in various business programs that benefit schools:

Target Take Charge of Education (TCOE) Program:

Little Flower has benefitted significantly from your Target purchases throughout the past years. In September Target announced they made the decision to end the TOCE program as of May, 2016. Target will provide the annual payout check in February, 2016 and a final payout and an unrestricted grant in May, 2016. Thank you for your continued participation in this final year of the Target TCOE program.

Shoparoo:

The Home & School Association introduced the Shoparoo program last year. The Shoparoo program is an easy way to support LF. All you need to do is: “SHOP, SNAP, EARN!” Download the Shoparoo app. Snap pictures of your receipts from any store and earn instant donations for Little Flower.

Giant Food Stores: GIANT A+ School Rewards Program:

If you shop at GIANT, please register for the GIANT A+ School Rewards Program and designate Little Flower as the school you want to receive the points you earn each time you shop.

Those who registered as supporters of LF last year do not need to re-register their BONUSCARD for the 2015-2016 school year. Online registration for new supporters began on September 10, 2015. Please register at www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus and use **LF School Code 26837**.

CONGRATULATIONS

Havika Borgella, Alexis Gutierrez, Keanna Pearsall and Jessica Wynn participated in the four-week summer residential component of the Upward Bound Program at Gwynedd Mercy University.

Anya Seehusahai, '18 and Jeanne Rodriguez, '18, participated in a volunteer program this summer in Guatemala, July 1-10. Anya and Jeanne and other teen members of Teenager Inc. worked along with adult chaperones to build houses in Antigua, Guatemala.

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