



Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls

Parent Newsletter

Spring Edition 2017

THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Blessings during this holiest of weeks in the Church year! Since there are more opportunities to attend the Church services during the Triduum, I refer to myself as a “Church Mouse.” Be assured of my prayers for you and your families as I spend extra time in prayer these days. We do appreciate all of the sacrifices you make in order to present your daughter her with the privilege of a Catholic education from Little Flower, so, I pray for you on a daily basis as well...

Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls remains committed to assisting our parents with financial aid and so I encourage you to apply for tuition assistance for the next school year through the SmartAid application process. Even if you are receiving assistance this year, you must **re-apply** to be considered for financial aid during the next school year. Depending on your financial situation, this application makes you eligible to receive the ARCH Grant, OSTC/EITC, and a Little Flower Need-Based grant. Several hundred parents have already applied. After Easter, I will be working on the Fourth Round of award letters. Once a month, I review the SmartAid applications, so you will be notified by the end of April for those in the Fourth Round. Please let me know if you have already applied between November and mid-March but have not yet received your award letter. (lfpres930@hotmail.com) The Diocese asked us to begin inputting your grants into SmartTuition the end of April. However, those whose applications are still on hold, your grant will not appear and your monthly payments will be higher than you anticipate. After Easter, I will be mailing a letter to those whose applications are on HOLD so you will know what information is still missing and the full amount will then appear on your tuition account.

The third quarter was busy as we hosted the second Open House on Sunday, February 26. All ages were in attendance and on March 29, we welcomed the Class of 2021 for an all-day visit. Mrs. Kerr, the faculty and students planned a terrific day for our guests. During the month of March, Mrs. Kerr and the “LF Prize Patrol” visited the schools of the Four-Year Scholarship recipients and presented them with balloons and our current mascot, the panda.

Saturday, March 4, Little Flower sponsored the second Designer Bag Bingo at St. Dominic’s. The night was successful on all levels—parental involvement, socially, and financially, (Gross profit of \$18,000). Between the two Designer Bag Bingo Nights during this school year, we realized a profit of \$37,000 for our Scholarship Fund. Something like that just doesn’t happen and so I am grateful to our parent committee members: Patty Ellis (Renee, ’19), Donna Kaznica (Madeline, ’17), Carin Vena, ’92, (Lindsay, ’19), Stacy Strimel Vivino,, ’88, (Brenna, ’19 and Julianna, ’17) and parent helpers, Jennifer Gorman Bauer, ’89, (Amy, ’18 and Kelly, ’20) Laurel, ’88 and Jason Budd, (Maura, ’20), Lou Burke, (Madison, ’19), Joan Nellinger Coleman, ’79 (Maura, ’18), Pam Elliott, (Madelyn and Meredith, ’18), Toni Guterrez, (Alexis, ’17), Kathleen King Lotty, ’77, (Niamh, ’18), Susan Porretta, (Laura, ’17), MaryEllen & Joseph Raday, (Alexandria, ’18), Tony Turino, (Gianna, ’19) and Karen Vuillermet, (Julia, ’19). Truly, I could not have done it without all of them! Also, we are very grateful to the many parents who attended the Bingo Event along with those who donated gift cards and items for the baskets. LF parents are the BEST!!!

Perhaps your daughter told you about the one-woman play they witnessed about the life of St. Therese on Monday, March 20. Thanks to the donation of one of our benefactors, we were able to provide this special opportunity for the girls to get to know our revered patroness, St. Therese, a little better. All of the props and lights were shipped in 14 large metal cases and I am most grateful to the following for giving us four hours of their precious Saturday afternoon to unpack and set up the stage: Adam, Lorenzo, Lou Burke (Madison, '19,) Len Laurito, (Helene, '18), Cary Boyd, (brother of Sarah, '18), and Tony Turino, (Gianna, '19).

Thank you to all who have re-registered your daughter for the 2017-2018 school year. Over 330 students are re-registered as of this writing but if school were to start next week, we would have to start with SIX FEWER TEACHERS. Please take the time to re-register so that the Diocese will have an accurate number of teachers we will need in September and your daughter will be assured of receiving her first choice of electives. The Re-Registration Lottery winner of \$1,000 is the mother of Zaria Pritchett, '18.

We value your family's presence within our Little Flower community. Thank you again for sharing your precious teenager with us during the day as we partner with you during these most formative years. If ever you need to speak with me, I can be reached at 215-455-6900, Ex. 112 or email me at lfpres930@hotmail.com. God bless you! Let us continue to pray for each other! *Happy Easter!*

Sincerely,

Sister Donna Shallo, OSB

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Prayers and Best Wishes for a Blessed Holy Week and Happy Easter!

The school year is passing quickly; however, we still have much to accomplish during the remaining months of the year. We will be very busy during April, May and June. In addition to daily academic schedule of classes, AP tests and final assessments, there will be many wonderful end-of-year activities and celebrations, including Spring Concert, Marian Prayer Service, Mother-Daughter Night, Honors Night, SGA Elections, Senior Athletic Awards Assembly, Baccalaureate and Graduation and underclass grade-level assemblies.

Please review with your daughter her academic goals and performance to date. Your daughter knows whether or not she is putting forth her best efforts. If necessary, encourage her to refocus her efforts on her school work. If your daughter is having difficulty in any subject area, she needs to address this situation immediately. There is still plenty of time for your daughter to address and resolve academic issues. If your daughter is in need of extra help, encourage her to speak with her teacher about options for tutoring. National Honor Society tutors are available in Room 205 before school every day and after school every Wednesday and in the Library every Tuesday and Thursday during the lunch periods.

I wish to thank you for your participation in so many surveys this year, including the Middle States, School Continuous Improvement, and Parthenon-EY surveys. We appreciate your interest, time and feedback. Although at times the surveys may seem repetitious, our community benefitted from your input each time. We considered all comments and suggestions as we analyzed results and planned our school improvement efforts.

Our Middle States Evaluation, April 4-7, was a success. The entire process, which began last year with our self-study and continued throughout the current year, was a rewarding experience for our entire school community. The Visiting Team members were professional and helpful in many ways in their interactions and meetings with administrators, faculty and staff, students, parents, and members of the LF Board. As many visitors to LF claim, the Visiting Team expressed they felt something special when they entered Little Flower. The team validated our ratings on all school standards, affirmed our action plans and noted that members of the LF community truly live the mission of the school each day. We expect to receive a written report of recommendations and commendations within the next few weeks.

Thank you to all parents, relatives and friends for your support of our student and staff dancers during our Fifth Annual "Pay it Forward" Dance-a-Thon. All students and staff were invited to participate in this exciting opportunity for our students to express gratitude for all they have received through the generosity of others (parents, alums and friends) by "paying it forward" and dancing for others. Our students are known for their spontaneous generous responses whenever they are asked to help others. The Dance-a-Thon was a chance for them to help future LF students who will come after them. This year we raised \$6,593, which will be reserved for tuition assistance for future students who wish to attend Little Flower. We were so pleased that student participation in the dance, donations from families and friends and on-line donations increased this year. We are looking forward to an even better year in 2018.

On March 21 PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) Accountants, working with LaSalle University Accounting students, presented financial literacy lessons to the juniors and seniors. The program for juniors centered on careers, college choices and costs; the program for seniors was on credit and debt. The students were grateful for the presentations and the information they received. We are grateful to Kassie Baumann, LF Board member, who facilitated this educational outreach program for Little Flower students. We look forward to future PWC educational programs for our students.

Many thanks to LF Board members, faculty, staff, Lacrosse, Softball and Track coaches and team members who participated in the annual Philadelphia Spring Clean Up in Hunting Park and the surrounding area on Saturday, April 8. The clean up was a great community effort. LF was delighted for the opportunity to join together with our neighbors in this great effort.

We encourage you to stay in close communication with your daughter and with teachers and administrators at school. If you become aware that your daughter is experiencing any difficulty in school or conflict with another student(s), please contact a member of the administration or Guidance staff. Often students believe they are able to resolve difficulties/conflicts on their own; however, this is not always possible. Members of the administration and Guidance Staff are available to assist in any number of ways.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. May God bless you and your family during Holy Week and throughout the Easter Season.

Happy Easter and Happy Spring!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sister Kathleen".

Sister Kathleen

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Course Selection

As soon as first semester report cards were mailed, the teachers, academic departments, and Academic Office began working on rosters for next year. Students were initially placed in next year's courses by a

process called mapping. Students currently in Track 2 sophomore English, for example, are mapped into Track 2 junior English for next year. By this process students are automatically mapped into the successor classes in the same track for each of the classes a student normally takes.

Early in February teachers and departments began working on students who, in their judgment, should move up or move down in track for next year. Through this process courses or tracks different than the original mapping become available for the student to select.

Meanwhile, the booklet listing course descriptions and requirements was under annual review. For the first time the course book is available in digital form only. It is available at the front of Grade Connect when students and parents log in. It is also available at the school website. On page 15 you will find the description of a new coding course, Computer Programming in Java. Check out opportunities for college courses at Holy Family University and examine the innovative curriculum at JVLA (Jesuit Virtual Learning Academy) on page 26. To be supportive of these programs Sr. Donna has allocated money in the budget to pay 50% of the fee for students enrolled in either of these programs. Holy Family University has withdrawn the offer of college courses on-site at Little Flower.

In March Mr. Rosbach met with all grade 9, 10, and 11 students in their classes to explain course selection. When that was completed course selection for 2017-2018 was enabled on Grade Connect. The courses that will appear for selection are a result of the mapping and recommendation processes described above. Students, after consulting with their parents, will choose their courses on Grade Connect. Students are asked to print their selection, and register by bringing that course selection, signed by the parent and student, with the \$150 registration fee that came into effect April 1, to the Finance Office.

Students who wish to apply for a non-AP class or track that does not appear on their course selection sheet will fill out a Course Exception Form, and take it to the affected Department Chair for review and possible approval. Applications for AP courses will be submitted to the AP teachers. Students also must apply for Honors Theology in 2017-18.

Mr. Rosbach attended the March Home and School meeting to answer questions about course selection.

Senior Requirement

A new requirement started last year remains in effect. Next year's seniors must choose at least one fourth year course in mathematics, science, social studies, or one third or fourth year world language course. Courses that fulfill this requirement are designated in the course handbook.

Scantron Performance Series Testing

Students in grades 9, 10, and 11 at Little Flower have been taking Scantron Performance series tests in reading and in algebra or geometry. The first testing period was from September 12, 2016, to October 14, 2016. Those results were mailed with the first quarter report cards. The second testing period ran from January 17, 2017, to February 18, 2017. The third testing period runs from April 4 to May 12. Results comparing all three testing periods will be mailed with the final report card. We have been encouraging each student to show positive growth from testing period to testing period throughout the year. Students who showed improvement in reading or attained the 90th percentile were recognized on Above and Beyond Day, Friday, March 3. Students who showed improvement in algebra or geometry would have been recognized on Pi Day, Tuesday, March 14, but snow got in the way. Mr. Rosbach will look for an opportunity to recognize those students in April.

Diocesan Scholars

Juniors ranked one through thirty for the first semester of junior year have been invited to apply for the diocesan scholar program. Students in the diocesan scholar program attend local Catholic colleges in senior year free of tuition, paying only for books and transportation. Students take up to two classes each semester at college while taking four or more classes at Little Flower. Little Flower currently has seven diocesan scholars. Six of them attend LaSalle University and one attends Manor College.

Advanced Placement

This year students will take exams in Calculus AB, English Literature, English Language, Biology, US Government and Politics, European History, and Studio Art between May 3 and May 12. With qualifying AP exam scores, students can earn credit, advanced placement or both at the majority of colleges and universities. Students enrolled in AP classes at Little Flower are required to take the corresponding AP exams. The fee for each AP examination taken this year is \$93.

Important Academic Dates

May 9 - Parent- Teacher conferences 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

May 16 - Honors night 7 PM

June 2 - End of the fourth quarter for grade 12

June 8 - Baccalaureate Mass 7 PM at Maternity B.V.M

June 9 – Graduation 2 PM

June 14, 15, 16 - Last day of class for grades 11, 10, and 9, respectively.

Larry Rosbach

Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR STUDENT SERVICES

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe how quickly the year is passing! I have been most grateful for your support of your daughter, as well as, the community of Little Flower Catholic High School. We strive to provide an atmosphere that fosters self-discipline, moral courage and integrity. As we enter the 4th quarter, please help us reinforce a few of our policies and procedures that seem to prove most challenging:

Seniors please note that the rules still apply until after graduation. A student who violates policies at any time may face loss of graduation ceremonies or face discipline summer school/dismissal. Please remember that a Little Flower student is **always** accountable!

Absence notes

Students are accruing demerits as a result of missing absence notes.

Absence notes are available in the Student Services Office and at www.littleflowerhighschool.org/editor/userUploads/file/Attendanceform.pdf. Notes should be submitted the day a student returns to school. An absence note should accompany a doctor's note. Students who are absent more than 22 unexcused times must attend discipline summer school.

Your daughter's report card should indicate if notes are owed under her attendance history.

Lateness

As spring approaches, many students seem to find waking up on time more of a challenge. Students, who are late 10 or more times, will have same day detention. Students who miss detention will be issued demerits. Please remember that lateness affects perfect attendance as well.

Cell phones/ipads

Students are not permitted to carry cell phones with them during the school day. Cell phones must be turned off and kept in lockers during the school day until after the 8th period bell has rung. Before school until 7:55 am, students may only use cell phones to listen to music. Ipads may NOT be out unless a teacher gives permission. Ipads must be carried in the book bag. Also, please speak to your daughters about the Acceptable Use policies found in the handbook, beginning on page 69. Violations of these policies carry demerit and detention consequences.

Contacting students

If you need to get in touch with your daughter, please contact the Main Office at 215-455-6900 and they will transfer you to Student Services or dial us directly at 215-455-6900 x125, x126 or x128. We will call her immediately to the office so that you may speak with her. Please do not communicate with your daughter during the day using her cell phone as it should be turned off and in her locker.

Hair color

Current trends including red and violet tint are not acceptable within our uniform code. Many students have had to go to great expense to remove this coloring and/or Kool-Aid from their hair.

Ear Gauges/Plugs

Jewelry used to stretch or expand ear lobes is not permitted. Also, no facial piercings are permitted and may not be covered with a band aid and no visible tattoos, permanent or temporary.

Uniform Policy

Please remember that the regulation uniform is **knee-length** and that uniform socks should also be **to the knee**. As your daughter grows, please lower the hemline of the jumper and purchase the appropriately-sized socks.

Dance Dress

Please know that there is a dress code for all dances. Students who are not following the dress code may be sent home, issued demerits or action taken to remedy the situation. Also, students will not be able to buy formal pictures if they violate the policy.

Deliveries to school

We cannot accept deliveries of flowers, balloons, etc. for students at school. These deliveries will be refused at the door.

Public Behavior/Off-Campus Conflicts

Please remind your daughter that **any** behavior that affects the good order or reputation of our school will have discipline consequences. For example, if a Little Flower student gets involved in a fight off-campus, a decision regarding consequences will be made at the administrative level.

As you know, conflicts that begin off-campus often make their way into school, and when they do discipline consequences are applied, depending on the circumstances surrounding the conflict.

Please review responsible technology use with your daughter especially with regard to social media and texting. You may wish to review the Archdiocesan *Acceptable Use Policy for Technology* on page 69 of the agenda planner.

Conflict Resolution

Our expectations for members of our school community include demonstrating respect for self, other people and property by:

- Being courteous and polite.
- Behaving appropriately, in word and action, at all times.
- Settling differences peacefully.
- Responding respectfully to instructions/requests from faculty, staff, etc.
- Respecting and maintaining school property.

If your daughter expresses concern about any difficulty in school, please encourage her to contact a member of the Guidance or Administrative Teams. In addition, please encourage your daughter to be her best self not just in the classroom, but in the hallway, the cafeteria, at the bus stop, etc.

Emergency Contact Information

As we all know, cell phone numbers and emails change frequently. Please remember to notify Mrs. Finn in the Main Office at extension 113 if your contact information changes. This will help us contact you more effectively, especially in case of an emergency.

I cannot thank you enough for your constant support of our endeavors. Please feel free to contact me at mmcdonald@littleflowerhighschool.org or at extension 126 should you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Mary McDonald

Assistant Principal for Student Services

ACTIVITIES UPDATE FROM THE STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE

SPECIAL EVENTS

Our Second Semester started off with Catholic Schools Week, the week of January 30, 2017. On Tuesday morning, a beautiful liturgy was celebrated by Father McCaffrey in the auditorium. That same morning we honored our local First Responders with a coffee and donut reception in the lobby. It was a wonderful way for the administration, faculty, staff and students to express our gratitude to them for all they do for our community.

The week continued with “We Match Wednesday” and a movie with pretzels and juice at intermission on Thursday to celebrate Student Appreciation Day.

On Friday of Catholic Schools week the 5th Annual Dance-a-thon was held from 1- 5pm in the gym. Our DJ, Mr. Sifoni, played great music and there were contests and games. We are very grateful to the students and sponsors who participated. It was lots of fun and a big success! Keep the Tradition In Motion!

The February Chance Drive kicked off on Tuesday, February 7, and the winners were announced on Friday, February 24. Thank you to everyone who supported this drive!

Little Flower’s Annual Talent Show was held on Friday, February 17. The talent was amazing – some said it was the best Talent Show yet! Congratulations to all the students who participated. A special thank you to Mrs. Zolk for all her hard work and preparation for the event.

The International Café was held in the gym on Thursday, March 9, 2017. Little Flower welcomed back the Classes of ’76, ’81 and ’86. The atmosphere was warm and inviting and, most importantly, the food was delicious. A great time was had by all!

The Freshman/Sophomore Dance took place on Friday, March 24, 2017. The theme was “Under The Sea”. Special thanks to Ms. Murray and Ms. Stankiewicz for their hard work and un“shellfish”dedication! The students had a very memorable time!

There was “An Enchanted Garden” Theme for the Junior Dance, that was held in LF’s gym on Friday, April 7, 2017. For the first time ever the entire event took place in the gym. The strings of lights, garden colors and real flowers truly transformed the room into an enchanted garden! Congratulations to Mrs. Higgins and Ms. Gillespie on a beautiful event. They truly “rose” to the occasion!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 21	Senior Prom Penns Landing Caterers 7 – 11:30
April 30	Spring Concert 2:30 pm
May 1	Senior Graduation Assembly Junior Ring Assembly
May 5	Kate Ruby Quizzo Night 7:30 – 10:30 pm
May 9	Parent/Teacher Conferences 5 – 7 pm Home & School Meeting 7pm
May 12	Mother/Daughter Night 7 – 10pm
May 16	Honors Night 7 pm

SENIOR PARENTS

The following are important reminders:

- Late April/early May – letter sent to parents regarding graduation issues
- Graduation Assembly – Monday, May 1 – important guidelines (including dress code and practice schedule) for graduation will be discussed with Seniors
- May 22 – Eligible Seniors receive graduation materials at lunch periods in Room 330. All tuition and fees must be paid. Academic and Discipline records must be acceptable.
- Attendance at all Baccalaureate and Graduation practices is mandatory. Seniors are not to make any other appointments for the scheduled practice times

CLOSING COMMENTS

It's hard to believe that we are into the fourth quarter of school year 2016-2017! Time has gone by so quickly! Our hope is that your daughters have enjoyed all the special events that have taken place and that they will continue to learn much and to enjoy the time that remains in the year.

Thank you for all that you do to support our activities!

Maryanne Rayer

Assistant Principal for Student Affairs

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The Guidance Office offers our support for concerns you may have about your daughter's progress. Please feel free to contact us with questions or for help.

Parents

Parents, as you may know, The Guidance Office will communicate with you and our students via email. This is the quickest and most efficient way to transmit information; especially something that has a deadline attached to it. If you change your email from what we currently have on file, would you kindly email the new address to Mrs. Murphy at mmurphy@littleflowerhighschool.org in the Guidance Office.

Seniors

Over 94% of seniors have sent applications to post-secondary schools. We are beyond \$7,000,000 in total scholarship money offered. Please have your daughter bring in her acceptance letters and any scholarship money offered to her from all of the schools that she applied. If your daughter has not made formal plans for after high school please encourage her to stop in the Guidance Office to see if we can be of help.

Juniors

The Guidance Staff is beginning discussion of post high school planning. We have visited Junior classes, to introduce Naviance, and discuss course selection and distribute “Step up to College” booklets. Juniors have also been introduced to College Board resources.

We will begin small group meetings with Juniors to look at which schools offer programs that your daughter may be interested in and offer suggestions for spring and summer planning.

Sophomores

Sophomores worked on a career project using Naviance in Social Studies Class with their teacher Mr. Ryan. Each girl explored multiple careers and reported on them based on a career interest survey in Naviance.

Freshmen

Freshmen continue to visit The Guidance Office for small groups and individual meetings.

Mrs. Mary Berner
Guidance Director

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

All Catholic Band: Sophie Walsh '18 (oboe), Caroline Curtiss '18 (trumpet), Emily Matthews '18 (French horn), Serena Pisacano '18 (baritone). Their performance was February 19 at Archbishop Wood HS

All Catholic Orchestra: Jenna Curtiss '18 (cello), Lauren Butler '17 (viola), Emily Matthews '18 (French horn), Caroline Curtiss '18 (trumpet) Their performance was March 19 @ Lansdale Catholic.

All Catholic Chorus: Alexis Gutierrez, '17

On March 4, Sophie Walsh, Caroline Curtiss, Emily Matthews, and Serena Pisacano performed with the University of Pennsylvania High School Honor Band during a Penn vs Harvard Basketball game.

On January 21, Sophie Walsh '18 and Kellie Ward '17 performed with the Catholic University of America High School Honor Band in Washington DC.

The following students participated in the Annual Archdiocesan Art Exhibit held at LaSalle University, March 25 – April 5, 2017:

Seniors:

Emma Birney, '17
Meghan Dougherty, '17
Dana Grabski, '17
Kylea Isley-Brown, '17
Sierra Lewis, '17
Esmeralda Nieves, '17
Kate Pelszynski, '17
Janice Tran, '17
Julianna Vivino, '17
Gabrielle Volpe, '17
Amber Waqar, '17

Juniors:

Amy Bauer, '18
Leida Holguin, '18
Selena Morales, '18

Freshman:

Lily Chieu, '20

- Selena Morales, '18 received 1st Place overall in the category of Printmaking.
- Sierra Lewis, '17 received 2nd Place overall in the category of Printmaking.
- Meghan Dougherty, '17 received 3rd Place overall in the category of Mixed Media/Collage.

Junior Flower Show

Congratulations to Makayla Heyward, '17 who received Best of Show in the Artistic Category at Little Flower's First Annual Junior Flower Show. The artwork was judged by the Horticultural Society. Makayla's artwork was on display at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Corinne Roonan, '18 and Madelyn Elliott, '18 were "Best in Show" in the Horticultural class for Succulent Terrarium.

SeaPerch Press Release 2017

Congratulations to the Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls SeaPerch Team who competed successfully in this year's competition held at Temple University on Saturday, March 18. The competition is sponsored by the Navy and hosted by Temple University and consists of four components: the Notebook, which is technical writing about engineering problems applied in the challenge, a PowerPoint presentation, where students "sell" their ROV design to a panel of judges, acting as possible corporate buyers, a spirit component, and finally the two part pool challenge.

Nineteen girls participated in this afterschool activity. They joined a Google Classroom called SeaPerch as a way of collaborating and created a website, to share the design specifications, as well as an Instagram account and video presentation. The girls built the ROV, remotely operated vehicle, wired, waterproofed, and soldered the motors, connected and soldered the electrical components in the controller which propels the ROV, think video games, and this year, a new feature, an added light probe that required adding a potentiometer to the controller to reduce the current flow to this LED. So the biggest obstacles once the craft is designed and built, are adequate waterproofing of electrical components since the ROV works underwater, as well as design elements that affect buoyancy and sufficient thrust, provided by the three motors.

Each year, the pool challenge is new, and is competed in two parts, the obstacle course which is why the light was added to the ROV, so that a sensor could be activated during the obstacle course. This challenge was harrowing as driver Kate Pelszynski, '18 got right to the light sensor and for some reason the sensor did not respond, even though the light probe was glowing like Rudolph's nose, but Kate persisted and completed the obstacle course. The second part of the pool challenge was the Pipeline Repair Mission, considered by all participants and the Naval engineer designers, the most demanding challenge presented to date. The Pipeline Repair Challenge simulated an underwater oil pipeline that had many pieces damaged or dislodged due to seismic activity. The ROV had to realign pipe that had slipped out of place, retrieve and drop in replacement pipe, slide over replacement pipe, and flip up dislodged pipe. After all the repairs are made, the pipeline is considered operational again. The last part, to retrieve the cube, a lever is activated to release the ball that can now move freely through the repaired pipeline and immediately drive the ROV to retrieve the cube in about 20- 25 seconds before the net, or "mouse trap" falls and traps the ROV. Even though the trap fell over the cube, driver, Anna O'Neill, managed to drive the ROV out of the nets lair just in time, thus completing the challenge, and earning the LF SeaPerch team its first award in the pool competition. It was a dramatic mission that had the spectators on their feet cheering in the hot pool stands.

We are grateful to our Navy Mentor, Mr. Matt Douglass, for his confidence and support of the LF team. Team members include Erin Brown, Kate Davis, Miranda Santiago, Maggie Grant, Maggie Kuhar, Emily Matthews, Grace Matthews, Anna Muller, Anna O'Neill, Mackenzie Owens, Kate Pelszynski, Olivia Pisacano, Lexi Raday, Naya Rivera, Corinne Roonan, Janice Tran, Kristina Tran, Teresa Vu, who were assisted by teachers, Ms. Carol Dauerbach, Mrs. Carol Pisacano, and Mrs. Sharon Cornwall.

Congratulations:

ACT Scholarship

Each year the Association of Catholic Teachers awards scholarship to high ranking ninth grade students in the Archdiocesan high schools. Gabrielle Friedman '20 was awarded the \$500 scholarship, which will be applied to 10th grade tuition.

President's Volunteer Service Award:

Thao Nguyen '17 has been honored for her exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award. This award recognizes middle level and high school students across America for outstanding volunteer service to their communities and their country. The award was granted by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

MESSAGE FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

The following Students made All Catholic during the Winter Sports Season:

Bowling

Victoria Merin	1 st Team
Casey Fishkron	2 nd Team
Shu Lin	2 nd Team

Swimming

Gina Cantoral	1 st Team
Maura Coleman	1 st Team
Kelly McHugh	1 st Team
Haley Waring	1 st Team
Olivia Pisacano	2 nd Team

Indoor Track

Caitlin Czyzewski	Honorable Mention
Dana Gillard	Honorable Mention
Olivia Pisacano	Honorable Mention
Serena Pisacano	Honorable Mention

Basketball

Gerri Passalacqua	Honorable Mention
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Cheerleading

Siani Santiago	1 st Team
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Congratulations to our bowling team who finished 3rd in the PCL regular season. Our swimming team finished 3rd overall in Districts and 4th place overall in the PCL Championship. The team also brought home several medals. Our Indoor Track team finished 3rd place and brought home several medals.

Our Basketball team gave great efforts against strong opponents during the season and took on Hallahan in the last game of the season for a playoff spot, but fell short at Hallahan. The girls played a great game.

The Cheerleading team competed well in the PCL All Catholic Competition and the Archbishop Ryan Catholic Competition. Great job, girls!

Good luck to our Spring Sports Team!

Adam Buchter,
Athletic Director

LITTLE FLOWER 2017-2018 MUSICAL DISNEY'S "BEAUTY & THE BEAST"

AUDITION INFORMATION MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 1

ALL INTERESTED LF STUDENTS & HIGH SCHOOL GENTLEMEN

(Class of 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)

ROOM 330 – 2:45 PM

AUDITIONS FOR "ALL" INTERESTED HIGH SCHOOL GENTLEMEN*

(Class of 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)

SATURDAY, MAY 20

9:00 AM

LITTLE FLOWER HS AUDITORIUM

Vocal Audition Roles: Beast, Gaston, Maurice, LeFou

Acting Audition Roles: All of the Above

AUDITIONS FOR "ALL" INTERESTED LITTLE FLOWER STUDENTS

(Class of 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 (9:00 AM)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 (12:00 PM)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 (2:45 PM)

LITTLE FLOWER HS AUDITORIUM

*Vocal Audition Roles: Belle, Babette, Lumiere, Cogsworth, Mrs. Potts, Chip, Madame De La Grande
Bouche, Madame D'Arque, Three Silly Girls*

Acting Audition Roles: All of the Above

PARENT MEETING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:30 AM

LITTLE FLOWER HS AUDITORIUM

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

*Any elementary school boys that were a part of *The Little Mermaid* cast are also eligible to audition on May 20

The **4th Annual Summer Audition Camp** for ALL students in Grades 7 to 12 will run from June 19 to
June 23 (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)

Go to our website for the Registration Form!

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls has developed and maintains an Asbestos Inspection and Management Plan as required by the Asbestos Emergency Response Act of 1986 (AHERA). A copy of the plan is available for your inspection at our administrative office during regular office hours. The Keating Group (610-668-4100) 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

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