



ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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Hello SPN Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School year at St. Philip Neri School! I'm looking forward to hearing all of your exciting summer stories. For returning families, I look forward to seeing you and continuing to serve you and your child and the entire St. Philip Neri/Josephine Bakhita Community. For families new to St. Philip Neri School, I am excited to meet you and your child and know that our teachers and staff are here to support you and your child as you transition to our amazing school! Our staff is committed to providing the best educational experience possible at SPN. Let us know how we can help.

Every day at SPN we are committed to providing the best education for your child, however, we need to focus on the necessary skills to allow your scholar to be successful in our global society. Research has identified several important skills that our scholars need to be successful in life. These skills include critical thinking, collaboration, communication, creativity, problem-solving, ethics, and accountability for actions. This year we will focus on academics, in reading and math. This year we will introduce PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) to our school community in hopes of helping to work on these skills.

We cannot do this work without you, and this year we will work to strengthen our home, school, and community partnerships. I encourage all of you to set a goal to become more engaged in our SPN community. Become VIRTUS compliant, attend parent meetings, chaperone a school trip, and volunteer to help in a classroom. We are fortunate to have a wonderful parent community. Parent support makes a huge difference. We want our staff, and parents, to make a commitment to making SPN an amazing place to grow and learn each day!

Mr. Ammons, our Business Manager, and Mrs. Johnson, our Marketing Manager, are ready to assist you in preparation for this year. School starts August 21st.

To get this school off to a great start our Parish Social Justice Committee is preparing an informational workshop, with an emphasis on bullying for students and parents on Saturday, August 19th, from 12:00 - 3:00 at the school. We also have a "Back to School Night" planned for September 7th. Please mark these dates on your calendar!

If you haven't done so, please leave your updated information in the office so you can be added to our weekly newsletter. Please contact the school office if we can help you serve your family's educational needs. Let's have an exciting year!

God's Peace!

Diane Asberry