

# **“We Teach More” – “Come and See”**

## **Catholic Schools Week Newsletter 2013**

Read more about the core values that unite us through the words of St. Philip students

### **Learn More.**

*Beyond teaching Science, Technology, and many other advanced and core courses, our gifted teachers also lead meaningful and open classroom discussions about faith, values and spirituality, providing your child with an early opportunity to explore things about the world and themselves not found in standardized textbooks and mandated lesson plans.*

I have learned a lot of things since I've been at St. Philip. I have learned how important it is to have faith in God because God gave everyone a loving family and friends. He also gave them talents. You should never doubt God because he has a plan for everything that happens. I have learned to always have a strong faith in God from St. Philips.  
Shannon Murphy, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

I have learned that God has always been there for me. Because of this school, I feel closer to God and like I have a better relationship with Him.  
Mena Severino, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Jesus cares for us.  
Adrian, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

St. Philip School is like a family to me because we go to church and pray together, we help each other if someone gets hurt, or gets their feelings hurt.  
Alexa Coglianese, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

My favorite thing about St. Philip's is learning about God.  
Amari, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

I will pass down the religion to my kids and tell them about Jesus Christ.  
Camryn Cunz, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

God is with us in our hearts.  
Madison Muhr, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

I love St. Philip's because it is a Catholic school and we learn about Jesus.  
Riannah V, Kindergarten

Learning about faith & values is important because it makes up how I was raised and what kind of person I am today.

Karlie Hagopian, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

When I grow up I want to follow in Jesus' footsteps.

Mark Branklin, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Learning about Jesus is important so we can be like him.

Kelsey, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

My favorite subject at school is religion. Alyssa Ramir, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

I learned that Jesus takes care of us and he is the Good Shepherd.

Matthew G, Kindergarten

I think St. Philip is like a family because we are all kind and care for others. For an example, we raised about 200 toys for Toys for Tots. That shows that we care for others and are kind and giving.

Jacob Hagopian, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Learning about faith, values and spirituality is important because it brings me closer to God.

Dan Simon, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

By learning about Jesus we can learn to do good.

Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

### **Be Treated as an Individual.**

*Since our schools begins with Pre-kindergarten and progress through 8th grade, our teachers and staff are uniquely positioned to proactively assess, refine and enhance your child's individual development day-after-day and year-after-year for as many as eleven consecutive years, leading to an unparalleled understanding of your child and their unique needs.*

The school sticks together no matter what.  
Enzo, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

St. Philip is like a family because they know everything going on and when something happens, they are there for you.

Francesca Capparelli, 7<sup>th</sup>

The teachers understand me very well and help me on things.

Tiffany Rodela, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

I know my teacher cares about me because she helps me if I don't understand something in one of my subjects. If I don't feel good she doesn't make me wait until I'm worse. My teacher tries to understand my JRA and me. She doesn't push me to go to gym when she knows it's hard for me. I like my teacher because she cares about me.

Molly Drogosz, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

St. Philip is like a family to me because families stay together and St.

Philip stays with us from preschool till eighth grade. St. Philip is a caring school, and I love this school.

Daustin Perez, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

St. Philip is like a family to me because my best friends are here.

Ava, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

St. Philip School is like a family to me because we work together.

Alexandra, Kindergarten

St. Philip School is like a family to me because I have been here so long.

Sophia, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

It feels like family . I have been here my whole life.

Jeremy M, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

The teachers understand me because they know I know all the answers.

Nicholas Conenna, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

St. Philip is like a family to me. We see each other five times a week and we treat each other like brother and sister. The teachers care for us and teach us important values. Angelina Greico, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

St. Philips is a very safe school. I feel protected everyday there. Abby Ignacio, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

St. Philip is like a family because I know everyone. Caleb Gerth, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

St. Philip School is like a family because parents help you at home and at school teachers help you. It is the best school ever! Danielle Panzeca, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Being in the same school from preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade makes it feel like we are one big family. Jimmy McGee, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

St. Philip School is like a family to me because we are all God's children. Filippo Cacucciola, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

It is awesome staying at the same school because I don't have to make new friends, instead I can keep my old friends. Eddie Haskell, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

St. Philip is like a family to me because every teacher here helps me. All of my friends are here. Every teacher tries their best to take care of me. Nell Pawlowski, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

## **Make the Right Choices.**

*While our teachers and staff work very hard to prepare your child to excel academically, they are equally focused on instilling Catholic values into their young hearts and minds so that when faced with a difficult decision outside of the classroom, your child has the character to make the right choice, no matter what their friends or anyone else might say.*

St. Philip prepares you to make the right choices in life because they teach you good life skills. The teacher and staff always help you if you don't make the right decision. Everyone at St. Philip is very helpful and they really do teach you life lessons to use in real life decisions. There are so many helpful people in St. Philip. Daniel Arce, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

I will remember everyone at St. Philip telling us to be respectful to others. I will use that when I'm an adult. Leah Casto, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

They teach you how to know the difference between right and wrong. Gianna Sarli, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

St. Philip helps you make the right choices in life by guiding you. St. Philip prepares you for high school and gives you a great education. I have learned to make the right decisions because St. Philip was always there for me. Francesca Rugo, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Mrs. Chiapetta comes every Wednesday to teach us not to bully and not to do bad. We also have D.A.R.E. to tell us not to do drugs or alcohol and to say no. Kevin Dowz, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

I learned to walk away from situations that are bad, and I learned about Math and Science, etc. Matthew Crandall, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Don't judge on how people look. You shouldn't judge on how they look because they could look mean but be nice. They also might look weird but be completely normal. The person may not be the prettiest but that doesn't mean they can't be your friend. Alexis Theodore, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Every year I get smarter and closer to Jesus. Anthony, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

## **Change the World.**

*Our school empowers your child with the knowledge, self-confidence, and moral compass to become leaders in high school and beyond, changing and bettering their communities and their world one idea, one person, and one conversation at a time.*

When I grow up, I want to be an orthopedic surgeon and work at Northwestern Hospital. I also want to teach medicine and be the ortho for the Chicago Bears. Nick D'Ambrose, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

I can make a difference by cleaning up the trash. Jack, 1<sup>st</sup> grade

2<sup>nd</sup> graders - When I grow up, I want to be a...

Teacher – Annie, Firefighter – Mikey, Vet – Joslynn,  
Doctor – Maddie, Engineer – Paul, Artist - Abigail

When I grow up I want to be a lawyer because St. Philip taught me there is a solution for every problem. Sammy Conforti, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

When I grow up I want to help others. Breanna, Kindergarten

I consider myself a leader because I will always share God's news to other people. I also go to church every week to keep God with me. I share God's news with my family and friends. I know where I go, God is with me. Alex Paoletta, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

1<sup>st</sup> graders - When I grow up I want to...

Be in the Air Force – Christian, Be a doctor – Drea,  
Own a shop – Alex, Own a zoo – Nicole S., Work at Disney - Giovanni

When I grow up I want to be a teacher because I think it would be fun to be with kids all day. Jessica Villasenor, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

When I grow up I want to become a civil rights lawyer or doctor. Aryana Carreras, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

When I grow up I want to make prosthetics for legs, backs and necks. To help others to feel better. Will Keller, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

I learned to glue things back together to fix stuff. Oscar, 1<sup>st</sup> grade

When I grow up, I want to be in the Military and be helping our country. Conrad Czerniawski, 5<sup>th</sup>

When I grow up, I want to become a doctor because it would make me feel good to help other people. St. Philips has taught me a lot over the years and all of the knowledge I've gained will guide me through high school and college. I think St. Philips not only gave me a great education, they showed me how to be more like Jesus and be a role model for others. I believe St. Philips gave me a great start on my education, and I just might become a doctor. Zach Favia, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

When I grow up, I want to be a doctor to help people that have allergies and injuries. Nico Parente, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

When I grow up, I want to give to the poor. Joseph B, Kindergarten

The school has been the reason that I am not afraid, and can do anything with dreams and goals. Paige Haubner, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

I can make a difference by not using the car very much so the pollution won't go in the air. Vince, 1<sup>st</sup> grade

I can make a difference by helping people whenever I see something bad happen. Lisamarie Caruso, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

When I grow up, I want to be a veterinarian because I love animals and if they're sick I will help them. Payton Haskell, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

When I grow up I want to help kids in need and be an art teacher. Alyssa Kasprak, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

We learned how to write and make a story. Frankie, 1<sup>st</sup> grade

## **Study with Great Teachers.**

*Expert, passionate and selfless, our teachers personally invest themselves in the success of your child, seeing them as not just another student, but rather as someone's beloved son or daughter who is deserving of all the individual attention, undivided love, and thoughtful encouragement necessary to reach their full, God-given potential.*

My favorite subject is math because you can use it in everything you do when you get older. My teacher lets me ask questions and if I don't get the lesson, she will re-teach it.

Nico Nasti, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

My favorite thing about my teacher is that she teaches me.

Aydan, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

The most important lesson one of my teachers taught me was that it's okay to make mistakes and ask questions as long as you're trying your best.

Payton Haskell, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

My teacher is super smart. Sofia, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

The most important lesson my teacher taught me was to be quiet and listen.

Joey R, Kindergarten

My teacher is like Jesus because she never gets mad.

Kelsey, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

The teachers are really nice. All of them understand me and help me when I need it. They care about us because they keep us safe, help us be kind to others, and they make learning fun. They are all like a family because they care for me and my friends. This is a great school.

Julia Macaya, 4<sup>th</sup>

I would love to give my teacher a trophy for the best teacher.

Matias, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

My teacher is like Jesus because she acts like Jesus.

Ava, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

My favorite thing about my teacher is that she's funny, smart and supportive. Whenever someone needs help with either Science, English, or a bully she's always there. Ms. Kelly is nice and trustworthy too! I can always tell that she cares about every single one of us.

Nina Muell, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

When I grow up I want to be a doctor who delivers babies because I like to help people.

Charlotte Cahill, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

I would love to give my teacher one million dollars.

Enzo, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

I will use the knowledge from my math teacher to help me be an accountant. Jimmy McGee, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

I want to be an inventor or a builder because I am very creative and love to build. I might take woodshop. Matthew Favia, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

When I grow up I want to be a rich person so I can buy a house to live in. Jason Schneider, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

I consider myself a leader because I can encourage people and inspire people. Jonathan Verdi, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

I can make a difference in my community and world by just doing simple random acts of kindness. Robessa Llanto, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

I can recycle, be kind, clean up the park, and help the poor. Nicolette Scorza, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

When I grow up I want to be in the Army. I want to fight for peace. Angel Garcia, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

The teachers at St. Philip know and understand my needs because they try very hard to make every year a very fun year. We do a lot of games and crafts. Nancy Obrzut, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

I can tell my teacher cares about me because she tells me.

Giulia C, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

When I grow up I want to be a teacher so I could keep the schools going so that we can help kids learn more things.

Sarah Soucie, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

My favorite thing about my teacher is that she is a great, loving, careful teacher. Mark Grow, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

My teacher is like Jesus because she keeps us safe.

Sarah D, Kindergarten

My favorite thing about my teacher is...she is nice and easy to understand. When I need help she makes it as easy as possible for me to get. She lets us watch movies and allows us to pick groups. She helps me a lot, without her I would be lost. Alex Dwinell, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

I would love to give my teacher a big hug. Caitlin, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

I can tell my teacher cares about me because she takes good care of me.

Bianca A, Kindergarten

My favorite thing about my teacher is that she wants me to succeed.

Dominic Zumpano, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

I can tell my teacher cares about me because if I am down she will ask me if everything is ok or if I do not understand the homework she will explain it to me until I understand it. Alexa Coglianesi, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

My favorite thing about St. Philip's is having great people teach us.

Joslynn, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

My favorite subject at school is Math because I like to solve problems and I like doing division. Nicole Branklin, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

I would love to give my teacher cupcakes because of Valentines Day.

Gerald Legaspi, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

My favorite thing about the teachers at St. Philips is that they are very smart and fun. Alex Conrad, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

My teacher is like Jesus because she acts like an angel in heaven. Anastasia, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

My favorite thing about my teachers is they never stop until I fully understand a lesson. They are patient and go at everyone's speed. St.

Philip's teachers give you confidence and encouragement to keep trying no matter how tough the work gets. I appreciate their devotion to give me a good future. St. Philips wouldn't be where it is now without great teachers. Zach Favia, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

My favorite subject at school is math because my teacher is funny when she teaches math. Juliana Nasti, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

## **Discover Your Talents.**

*Whether you believe your child to be the next Lincoln or Sandburg, Fermi or DuSable, Butkus or Banks, Bernardin or Cabrini, our schools offer a growing and diverse collection of clubs, sports and activities to suit nearly any budding interest or blossoming young passion, making it possible for your child to safely discover their talents, and maybe even surprise themselves – and you – in the process.*

My favorite subject at school is Social Studies. It is fun because I learn about our history. I get good grades on my homework. I also have fun doing projects. Michael Stark, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

I am really good at learning. Ella F, Kindergarten

My favorite activity at school is SmartBoard. Nicole P, 1<sup>st</sup> grade

I am really good at volleyball, basketball and math. I am good at basketball because I am fast and small. I am good at volleyball because I have strength. I am also good at math because I like to use numbers. Sammy Retondo, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

I am really good at doing my homework. Michael, 1<sup>st</sup> grade

My favorite subject is reading. I like doing this subject because I enjoy having the surprise of what happens next. Gabrielle Dion, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

My favorite activity at school is Math because when I am older and I buy something at the store and they give me the wrong amount of money back, I can say "Hey, you owe me another dime!" Heather Soucie, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

My favorite subject in school is Spelling, because it is fun. Christopher Baran, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

I learned how to print so I don't forget how to print my name. David, 1<sup>st</sup> grade

I like that St. Philip lets anyone play sports and that you don't have to try out and might not make it on the team. To enjoy a sport in St. Philip all you have to do is try, you don't have to be the best. Angelina Carreras, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

I love St. Philip sports because my friends and I work together to try to win our games. We practice hard and do fun drills. We work together because there is no "I" in team. Joey Mosny, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

My favorite subject in school is Social Studies because you get to learn about the history of our country. Pauline Wirbicki, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Band has been a great opportunity to become musical and meet people with my interests. Mitchell Benbrook, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

I am really good at ice skating, because I have been doing it for 2 years. Ashley Mayr, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

My favorite subject at school is computers. Vince, 1<sup>st</sup> grade

My favorite subject is Science. Science is fun and interesting. You learn about very cool things. Science is very hard but fun and worth it. Marissa Bellino, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

My favorite activities at school are basketball and Girl Scouts. Lauren Mikolajczak, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

I am really good at sounding out words. Valentina, Kindergarten

My favorite thing about my teacher is that she is very funny and smart. Ms Kelly helps me. She also supports me in everything I do. She is nice to everyone. She gives us a lot of homework but it helps us in the end. Samantha Pociecha, 6<sup>th</sup>

I am really good at doing religion. Nehemiah, 1<sup>st</sup> grade

My favorite subject is Math because it is easy and hard. Mia Bella Paoella, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

My favorite subject is gym because we exercise, it helps us stay in shape, and teaches us about our bodies. Michael Kaszniak, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Band has been a great opportunity. My teacher, Mr. Szymanski, always helps me out when I need help. I started in Beginners, but I built myself up from Intermediate to Advanced. I might even make it to Honors Band. Josiah Varghese, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

I like Social Studies because I get to learn about the President. Paris Spratt

My favorite subject at school is Art, because I love to be creative with paint. I also love to make crafts. My mom gets so excited when I bring home a new project. My dad works late, so he loves coming home to a drawing on his pillow. Isabella Gallichio, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

My favorite subject at school is Phonics. Marisa, 1<sup>st</sup> grade

I love St. Philip sports because we grow as a team and as friends. Ariana C, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

*Unfortunately, we could not include all of the precious comments from the students due to space limitations. All the students had so many wonderful things to say about St. Philip, it would've turned into a book instead of a short newsletter.*