# Principal's Newsletter-January 4, 2017



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## **Happy New Year!**

Welcome back to school! Our students are eager and ready to begin the remainder of the school year! This is a time of new beginnings, resolutions, and a chance to "hit the restart button" in our lives. As we move to the end of the Christmas season, St. Philip School is ready for old friends, new challenges, and an opportunity to display how great our school for all!

Here's to a great 2017!

Sincerely,

Mr. LesCallett



# **Upcoming Events**

## January 5

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mini-Retreat (Parish Hall)

## January 9

STAR TESTING #2 Begins (2-8)

## January 13

End of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

# Birthday Announcements!

Happy Birthday to....

Mia Arnold-Kraft 3rd Grade

Manuel Carcach Kinder

Daniela Mount 1st Grade

Grace O'Reilly Class of 2017

## **Bruins Sports Corner:**

Welcome back to our Bruins! Our sports teams are braving the weather and continuing to do well through out the year. This week's games can be found by clicking on the following link: http://athletics.cccyo.org/home/?countyID=1

Good Luck to all of our Bruins teams! GO BRUINS!

## **More Important News**

## STAR Testing #2- January 9th-20th

St. Philip School is starting its second round of testing as we are constantly evaluating how to best serve the needs of our students. A reminder: these tests are not graded and are included in your child(s) report cards.

### Safety Reminder- Student Pick-up and Drop Off

A thank you to Mr. Yao and the Safety Patrol for their work to create a safe environment during car line! As a reminder, please do not block the crosswalks or driveways in the neighborhood. If the car line is full, please drive around the block until an opening is created. In addition, there have been parents who ask their children to cross the busy street. For the safety of your children, please do not do this. I thank you for y understanding and as always, please see me with questions.

#### **WCEA/WASC Accreditation Visit**

Saint Philip the Apostle School is finalizing the school's accreditation process. Our school will be evaluated by two organizations, WCEA (Western Catholic Educational Association) and WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges). Members of the visiting teams will be here in January and Late February to determine to what extent the school has provided a high-quality education for all learners under our care. As our families are crucial in the process, you will be invited to meet with this committee to express your observations, thoughts, and dreams regarding our school. As we move forward in this process, I will communicate with you our progress in this matter. I thank you for your dedication and support of our school. GO BRUINS!



# In the Community

January 12th-7:00 p.m.

Alumni Welcoming!

For more information, please contact Daniel Roddick at alumni@saintphilipschool.org

January 9th

## **Caroling Free-Dress**

Free Dress for those who participated in the PTA Caroling Event. THANK YOU!

January 16th-

No School (MLK Holiday)

January 20th

Second Quarter Report Cards distributed

January 23th

12:30 Dismissal- Teacher Inservice

January 28th

Saint Philip Crab Feed!

## PTA News Update:

- 1. Ice Skating Event: Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at Yerba Buena. Join the PTA for Yerba Buena's 'Cheap Skate Night' on Monday January 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9pm. Entry fee includes 90 minutes of skating and skate rental. (Flyer attached)
- 2. Resource Center Night, January 26th
- 3. Paxti's Fundraiser for St. Philip: February 27<sup>th</sup>. Take advantage of the 12:30 dismissal and grab lunch, dinner, or both at the Noe Valley Patxi's location! Patxi's will donate 10% of the entire day's profits to St. Philip. Dine in, delivery, and gift certificate purchases are all included!
- 4. We are currently looking for those who would be interested in a PTA Board position for the 2017-2018 school year. Please contact Mary Sullivan at <a href="marycook.sullivan@ucsf.edu">marycook.sullivan@ucsf.edu</a> if you are interested in attending an upcoming event (date to be determined) that will focus on board positions and responsibilities.

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