

St. Philomena School News

"Anchored in a community that promotes Gospel values in all areas of balanced curriculum"

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Parish/School Grounds Clean-up. Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM!

April 10, 2024,

Parish/school grounds clean-up, Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 AM- 12:00 noon:

- Please bring your shovels, weeding tools, brooms and other garden tools to help clean up the parish and school grounds. We will supply water bottles, snacks, gloves and trash bags. This is a great way for all of us to come together and help clean up our parish and school grounds.
- You can earn 1 hour for bringing 4 bags of dirt, 2 bags of bark and/or 1 hour for a flat of flowers (flat equals 12 flowers). We really appreciate the help! Hope to see you all there!!

Tonight, Wednesday, April 10th St. Philomena School is sponsoring a special event. NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illnesses) will present information for all parents and middle school students on issues of mental health including suicide. The event will be held in the parish hall and will start at 7:00 PM. This is an extremely important event to learn about a very important issue. Parents can earn one service hour for attending. I hope to see you all there. Please read the desperation below for more information.

NAMI Ending The Silence In Person

- Ending the Silence is a free, evidence-based, 50-minute session designed for middle and students and parents. You will learn about mental health conditions through a brief presentation, short videos, and personal testimony from a young adult who describes their journey to recovery.
- NAMI Ending the Silence presentations include two leaders: one who shares an informative presentation and a young adult with a mental health condition who shares their journey of recovery. Audience members can ask questions and gain understanding of an often-misunderstood topic. Through dialogue, we can help grow the movement to end stigma.

If you went to Mass this weekend, I am sure you heard the news that **Father Woodland is leaving the St. Philomena Parish and School communities** effective June 30, 2024. This is all part of the Partners in the Gospel plan. Father Woodland will be the associate pastor at Sacred Heart in Enumclaw, St. Barbara in Black Diamond and St. Aloysius in Buckley. Our new pastor will be Father Todd Strange who is currently the pastor at St. Joseph Parish in Issaquah. Our associate pastor will be Father Ben Bray, who is the priest administrator at Holy Trinity in

Bremerton. We welcome both Fr. Strange and Fr. Bray to St. Philomena School as of July 1, 2024. We are working on plans to say goodbye to Father Woodland and will keep you informed of these plans.



Fr. Todd Strange



Fr. Ben Bray

SLE Awards- 2nd Trimester- Congratulations to all these amazing students!!

	SLE Awards 2023-2024		
	Catholic Faith	Active Learner	Servant Learner
PreK	Eleanor Natwick	Emery Bate	Meklit Mulugeta
	Yadiel Alvarez-Contreras	Luna Cortez	Maybelle Bessey
K	Heran Argaw	Gracie Roberts	Miles Schultis
	Penelope Hall	Simeon Abiy	Celine Saeyang
	Tinsae Alemayehu	Heamen Belay	Charles Flajole
1	Eliana Atnafu	Mehret Eskinder	Heran Mengesha
	Brook Daniel	Marken Zerihun	Nahu Tewodros
2	Yohani Thomas	Cameron Gregory	Addi Stone
	Makeda Mulugeta	Mariana Mandujano-Cervantes	Ethan Dawit
3	Saron Dawit	Yente Abebe	Parker Hughes
	Violet Keane	Jillian Baker	Ryana Montgomery
	Lina Gueco	Josie Himelic	Michael Tariku
4	Benny Nunez-Ardon	Yafiet Adane	Dayona Tesfaye
	Ivah Schoen	Colton Korzeniecki	Juliana Augustyn
5	Griffin McAlpine	Henos Thomas	Easton Korzeniecki

	---	Cara Yee	---
6	Autumn Nguyen	Ella Van Dan Acker	Lilyanna Wiltse
	Makbel Eskinder	Soliana Kinfe	Suraphel Zealam
7	Mason Mummert	Zachery Prosser	Eileen Pacheco-Reyes
	Chloe Jasso	Tristan Nguyen	---
8	Sarai Salinas	Catherine Diamond	Marcus Quitiquit
	---	---	Hugo Rivas

Please put down **Saturday, May 11th, 2024** on your calendar, this will be our annual St. Philomena School night at the Seattle Mariners Game. Ticket flyers are included with this week's newsletter. Orders must be in by Friday, April 26th. . Tickets will be \$20.00 per person. We will be sitting in section 145 which is on the 3rd base line.

2024-2025 Contracts were due back to school on Thursday, March 28th, 2024. Contracts received after March 28th, must pay a contract fee of \$300.00. Contract fee is non-refundable and must be paid for the contract to be accepted. If you did not attend the meeting, the PowerPoint presentation will be available on the school's website on the front page. This includes next year's tuition rates, fees and fundraising responsibilities as well as information about the next school year.

Summer Camp 2024:

Leah Stone has redesigned her vision of Summer Camp and presented her new ideas and proposal. Father Woodland has given his approval for Summer Camp for the summer of 2024. Please watch your newsletter for details about the new revamped summer camp program for the summer of 2024 which will come out after spring break.

St. Philomena School turns 60 years old in April (1964-2024) and to commemorate the occasion we are offering a special 60th birthday sweatshirt. The hoody sweatshirts are \$40.00 each. You can order through the link, they will be shipped directly to your house. All proceeds will go back to the school and designated to our new alumni association. Here is your chance to order a one-of-a-kind sweatshirt!

sweatshirt link <https://st-phils-60th.printify.me/products>



Student Council

- The Student Council is working on a few ideas for Earth Day and will have details coming soon!

Development News: Myla Diamond, Development Director

- **A huge thank you to everyone who supported the 2024 St. Philomena School Splash auction.** We truly appreciate your support. We will have a complete report for you coming soon!

PEP News:

- We are looking for someone to take over the position of **Hospitality Chair**. Duties include
 - Fulfill a two-year term for a maximum of two terms.
 - Plan and host food at the PEP Club meetings.
 - Help with the organization, planning and serving teacher lunches for conference days and Catholic Schools Week and for Administrative Professional Day.
 - This person also attends the PEP Board meeting and PEP Club meetings.

This will be for the 2024-2025 school year. Please contact Dr. M. if you are interested.

- **There is no PEP Club meeting in April.** Our last general PEP Club meeting will be Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:00 PM.
- Please sign up for the Fred Meyer Rewards Program. It is very simple, just log onto Fred Meyer at <https://www.fredmeyer.com/> If you don't have an account please create one. Once you are signed into your account, go to the tab marked your account click on that and on the left hand side you will see another tab that says Community Rewards, click on that. You will be asked to choose an organization, search for St. Philomena School and click on it and you are done. You will still receive your personal rewards and the school also gets a reward, so we both win!! Fred Meyer Scrip is one of our top sellers so we know families are shopping there, please take a moment and enroll to help the school earn some extra cash!! All Fred Meyer money goes towards the PEP Club.

Parish News:

Catholic education is not only a spiritual commitment but a financial commitment, and one I truly understand. Please make sure that you are doing your best to keep up with all your financial obligations, including tuition and Kids' Club.

Youth Group

Youth group is growing and we need your help! Are you interested in volunteering and making a difference in the life of a teen? Please email Carina at youthgroup@stphil.com for more information.

2024 Youth Group Schedule:

April 14th- 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

April 28th- 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

May 5th- 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

May 19th- 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

June 2nd- 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM- end of the year party

Accreditation

As the faculty was working on the self-study document for our accreditation visit it was noted that there is an opportunity to help our school parents gain additional knowledge about the Catholic faith. We have decided to include links to Father Michael Schmitz, a Catholic priest and eloquent speaker in the weekly newsletter. Fr. Michael touches base on a variety of subjects, related to Catholicism.

Here is this week's video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N60XWRlbnW>

This week's focus is "Saying Yes to a Life You Did Not Plan"

SCRIP News:

- Scrip sales are Monday (8:30 AM- 10:30 AM), Wednesday (8:30 AM- 10:30 AM) and Friday (8:30 AM-10:30 AM) Schedule. Each family must purchase SCRIP to generate a minimum of \$225.00 in revenue for St. Philomena School. Families not meeting the minimum \$225.00 will be billed the difference between revenue generated and \$400.00 by May 31, 2024.
 - Scrip needs volunteers for Monday (8:30 AM- 10:30 AM), Wednesday (8:30 AM- 10:30 AM) and Friday (8:30 AM-10:30 AM). Please contact the Scrip coordinators at scrip@stphil.com for more information.

You can order Scrip by choosing one of the following options:

- Print and fill out order form and bring with you to pick up order
- Email order to scrip@stphil.com
- Call Scrip office at 206.824.4051 extension 107
- Order online through Presto Pay, Pay by check or credit card

CYO News:

- Volleyball season will be wrapping up soon!!
- 6th grade plays 9am at St. Francis in Burien
- 8th grade plays 2pm at St. Anthonys in Renton
- Come out and cheer them on!

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Volunteers are very important to the continued success of our school and parish. Each family is responsible for finding, recording, and tracking their volunteer hours during the school year. The commitment requirements are **40** hours for a two-parent family and **20** hours for a single-parent family **completed between June 1, 2023 and May 31, 2024**

You can turn in your hours by filling out the form at the following link.

<https://docs.google.com/a/stphil.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfG7syuH75d5g30HZCYJQU5lO4YymUhiSKi5MKIYpwp8ULizA/formRespo>

- We need parent volunteers to help out in the lunchroom!! Anyone working in the lunch room needs a food handler's card. The class is online and costs \$10.00. The school will reimburse the cost of the class for you if you provide us with the receipt. This is an excellent way to get your commitment hours done, meet new people and have fun getting to know the students. Please click on the following link for all the info on getting your food handler's card.

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/environmental-health/food-safety/food-worker-card.aspx>

Sign-up:

Please only sign up for 2 days so that everyone has a chance to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FA9A92AA6F9C52-48307308-april>

You may check back later in the month and sign up for other days, or check daily in the morning to see if there is a spot available

We need your help!! We are looking for parent volunteers to help out during the first recess from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM, lunch recess from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM or the afternoon recess from 1:45 PM to 2:15 PM. If you can help out one day a week or all five days, whatever help you can give, we would appreciate it!! Please contact Mrs. Korzeniecki in the office for any questions about volunteering for recess duty.

Important Reminders:

- We are pleased to let you know that registration is now open for **Holy Names Academy Summer Camps 2024**. These camps are open to young women entering Grades 4

through 8, and to any student starting Grade 9 at HNA in the Fall. We offer Athletic Camps (all skill levels welcome) and a wide variety of Special Interest Camps. More details are available on our website:

- [Summer Camps at Holy Names Academy, Seattle Catholic School Holy Names Academy | Seattle All Girls High School \(holynames-sea.org\)](#)

Prayers- please keep the following people in your prayers:

- For those in our community dealing with illness
- For those in our community dealing with homelessness
- Healing for Dave Wiltse & Mr. Gregory's father-in-law
- For Nate Hoyer that he experience the joy of eternal life.

Important Dates:

- Wed., April 10th- NAMI presentation in the hall at 7:00 PM
- Fri., April 12th- Mass at 8:45 AM- 6th grade hosting
- Fri., April 12th- April Prayer Service at 2:05 PM- 1st grade hosting, Apostle focus is John; SLE awards, April birthday, bucketfillers
- Sat., April 13th- School and Parish Grounds Cleanup 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Sun., April 14th- 1st grade hosting coffee and donuts after Masses

Important Future Dates:

- Wed., April 17th- Scrip Red Robin Takeover
- Mon., April 29th- Wed., May 1st- 6th grade camp
- Sat., May 4th- 1st Communion at 10:00 AM
- Wed., May 8th- Kennedy Band Festival 7:00 PM

Sincerely,
Dr. Morissette