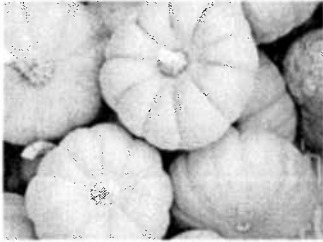


Subject: STPCS Lower School Update October 17, 2011



Dear Lower School Families,

The pumpkins are out, the leaves are beginning to change, and STPCS changes to fall uniforms this week. Please label your child's sweaters, jackets, and sweatshirts with their names so we can help them keep up with their belongings. Details about the fall uniform can be found at <http://www.stpcs.org/documents/WW11-12.pdf>. Many of our younger students will take a fall walk next week to pick a pumpkin and listen to a storyteller. As Henry David Thoreau said, "I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion." What a glorious autumn time!

Look below at the very full bi-weekly update for parent and student information. As always, please contact me with any questions.

With God's grace,
Jan White

Dates to Remember

- **Y'not Pizza Tonight?** Take a night off from cooking and help the Saint Patrick Catholic School Theatre Arts Program on Monday, October 17. When you eat in or take-out pizza from Y'not Pizza and Italian Cuisine on 1517 Colley Avenue, 624-9111, proceeds from your purchase are donated to the program. See *Y'not Pizza attachment*.
- **Virtus Training** - Saint Patrick Catholic School will host Virtus training on Wednesday, October 19, 6-9 p.m. for anyone interested in volunteering in the Diocese of Richmond. Volunteers, including parent chaperones, are required to complete Virtus. To register, visit www.virtusonline.org and look for Saint Patrick Catholic School under the Diocese of Richmond.
- **Tuesday Tutorials** - Tutorials are available on October 25, 7-8 p.m. for parents desiring to be involved in book/resource selection with their students through the school media catalog and library media center resources. A tutorial for strategies to use the catalog and to understand the information will include databases, ebook downloads, and WWW searching as it relates to the school needs of their children. See *Tuesday Tutorials attachment* for details.
- **Fine Arts News** - Look for our students masks at the October 28, 5:30-8:30 at the Harbor Gallery on Colley Avenue at the **Ghent Business Association Masquerade Contest**. The masks will be auctioned off at the event to benefit charities. STPCS student artwork is also on display at the **Norfolk International Airport** for the second time since August. Work will be display until October 30. Stop by and appreciate the display or visit a picture of the display on Facebook. The Saint Patrick Catholic School's Theater Arts Program is happily rehearsing for their November 18-20 performance of *Annie*. To learn more about all the arts "happenings," see the *attached Saint Patrick Catholic School Fine Arts News*.
- **Halloween Parade** - The Saint Patrick Catholic School's Seventh Annual Halloween Parade is scheduled Monday, October 31 at 2:15 in the "green." All lower school students are invited to wear a Halloween costume and participate in our annual "parade around the green." Please note, students are not permitted to wear costume elements that include: weapons/look-alike weapons, masks, frightful elements that might scare our youngest Wolfhounds, immodest clothing, clothing that will impair mobility or pose a safety hazard, and that distracts from the teaching and learning earlier in the day. Bottom line: safe, appropriate, fun. "Lunch -bunch" pre-kindergarten students are welcome to return to school with their

parents to join the parade. Any classroom celebrations will comply with the school's food policy. Please check with your child's teacher about celebrations. Come have a "ghoulish" time with us!

- **Open Gym Basketball Shoot Around** - Sunday, October 23, 3-5 p.m.
- **Sports Games Galore** - Come out and support STPCS Athletes
 - Eighth Grade Field Hockey Team vs. Norfolk Academy - Monday, October 17, 4:30 p.m. at Academy
 - U14 Coed Soccer Team vs. Norfolk Christian - Tuesday, October 18, 4:15 p.m. at Norfolk Christian
 - Girls Volleyball Team vs. Williams School - Thursday, October 27, 4 p.m. at STPCS
 - Girls Volleyball Team vs. Staff - Friday, November 4 at 2:15 p.m., in the STPCS Gym
- **Tennis, anyone?** - Tennis at the ODU Tennis Center has been a huge success and there will be an additional six week session starting in early November on Wednesdays 2-3 p.m. If interested in tennis lessons at ODU, contact Athletic Director, Amy Lynch at alynch@stpcs.org
- **Fall Awards Night** - Wednesday, November 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the gym.
- **Book Fair & Beyond Needs Volunteers** - November 15 to 22 - Contact Elizabeth Woodard, Librarian/Media Specialists at ewoodard@stpcs.org. See *Book Fair attachment* for more details about the fair.
- **Grandparents Day** - The Seventh Annual Saint Patrick Catholic School Grandparents' Day Program will be performed November 22 at 9:30 a.m. by our kindergarten through sixth grade students, with a special musical medley performed by pre-kindergarten students. Students will perform a musical, "Of Thee I sing! A Celebration of America's Music" by Sally K. Albrecht and Jay Althouse, Directed by STPC's own, Chris Kypros. In addition to the musical performed in the gym, there will be a Middle School Student Art Gallery Exhibit in the connecting space between the library and academic buildings. Parents are also invited to a dress rehearsal of the program on Monday, November 21 at 9 a.m. More information will be forthcoming about handwritten invitations for Grandparents.

Other Information

- **Now Accepting Applications** - Admission applications for the 2012-2013 school year can be found [here](#). Applications are due by January 15. For questions, contact Jamye Brown, Director of Admissions, 213-0847 or jbrown@stpcs.org. An Admissions Open House for prospective families and applicants is scheduled for November 6, 2-3:30 p.m.
- **Helping Hands** - This volunteer group is made up of people who provide cards, meals or gifts to our families in times of difficulty. The Coordinator generally sends out an announcement each time someone in our school community is in need of a meal, car, or other notion of our concern. Volunteers respond to the need and drop off any items to the school for pick up by a family representative. Volunteers can choose to be anonymous or not. If you are interested in being "Helping Hands" and on the call list, contact Sissy Ferguson, parent of Nate (gr. 2) and Adrienne (PK) at sistacial@aol.com or 309-4951.
- **Evenings at Saint Patrick: Adults Never Had So Much Fun at School** - Do you have a small business to promote? Do you have a niche talent in the kitchen, garden, or woodshed? We are looking for new course offerings and for course catalog sponsorships. Our goal is to have 20 new classes and 10 new sponsorships by November 1. Contact Erika McCullough, emccullough@cox.net, 373-8707 if you would like to volunteer, suggest a class, or advertise in our course catalogue.
- **Rosary Prayer Circle** - Holding the needs of each other in prayer is a powerful way to be community. Parents and friends are invited to attend our weekly Rosary Prayer group each Friday during the school year from 2:45-3:15 p.m. . We meet in our chapel and pray the rosary for all the needs and intentions of our community. All are welcome to attend whenever their schedule permits. Special thanks to Christine Martinez for coordinating this faithful group. Please note, also, we have a Community Book of Prayer in our chapel listing the names of people who are sick, have died, or who have a desire for prayer.
- **Learning Resource Center** - Did you know that Saint Patrick Catholic School's Learning Resource Center offers during AND after/before school academic services to students? If your student is needing a little extra support with their learning, please read the *Learning Resource Center attachment* for possible services.

- **Magnolia Girls** - Magnolia Girls is a service-based leadership organization created by STPCS teachers to empower girls and guide them into becoming beacons of hope for a brighter tomorrow. Magnolia Groups are for kindergarten through eighth grade and are facilitated by STPCS teachers. Membership applications and annual fees are due by October 21. The girls will meet Fridays, twice a month, 3:45-4:45 p.m. For more information see the *Magnolia Girls attachment* or contact Brigid Barrineau, bbarrineau@stpcs.org or Teresa Tenney at ttenney@stpcs.org.
- **Norfolk Public Library Book Sale** - During the weekend of October 21-24. The Friends of the Library will host their annual book sale where you can find adult and children's fiction and non-fiction, used and new, popular current titles and classics, and even DVDs. All proceeds go back to the libraries to fund the many reading programs and individual branch needs. The sale is open to the public and is scheduled for Saturday 10-5, Sunday 1-5, and Monday 10-9. The sale will kick-off with an adult party, *Books and Brew*, at Pretlow Library. Tickets for the party are available for \$15 from Elizabeth Woodard and \$20 at the door. There is NO COST for the book sale.
- **Science Alliance Live** - On Saturday, November 5 from 10 to noon, staged readings of two short plays about science, followed by hands-on activities for the whole family will take place at the Old Dominion University Campus Theatre. This is a FREE event but reservations are required at 757-683-3391 or oduscience theatre@gmail.com. Please see *Science Alliance Live attachment* for details.
- **Trash for Cash** - In honor of America Recycles Day, Keep Norfolk Beautiful is asking residents to make the pledge to recycle! Pledges are due no later than 5 p.m., October 28. Winning entries are chosen at random and visited by the Keep Norfolk Beautiful on their recycling day for two weeks in November. If the house selected has its recycling cart out (and is half full of recyclables), the individual wins \$100! Sixteen lucky residents throughout Norfolk will be rewarded for their efforts. Visit www.norfolkbeautiful.org to enter. Saint Patrick Catholic School aims to protect God's earth through recycling and more!
- **Yearbooks** - Yearbooks for the 2011-2012 school year are now on sale by following the "Yearbook Orders" link on the lower left hand side of our STPCS homepage or by visiting www.jostensyearbooks.com. Books are priced at \$40 for our special early-bird offer, with the price increasing to \$45 after January 26, 2012. Please note that personalized yearbooks, featuring embossed names and icons, are only available for purchase until January 26. If you have questions, contact Yearbook Faculty Sponsor and middle school writing teacher, Ashley Costanza, acostanza@stpcs.org

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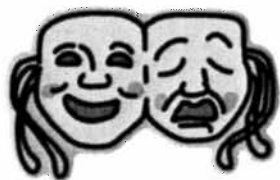
Take a night off from cooking?

Have dinner with the family – out or at home?

Go out for lunch instead of packing?

Have a pizza lunch in your office?

Buy an extra pizza to have cold for breakfast?



**When you do, you are helping
St. Patrick's Theatre Arts Program!!**

Ynot Pizza & Italian Cuisine

1517 Colley Ave. 624-9111 www.ynotpizza.com

ALL DAY on Monday, October 17th!

You can eat in the restaurant or take it out.

(You can even have it delivered – depending on where you live!!)

**So PLEASE tell all your friends (and even your
enemies) to order pizza (or pasta or salad)**

@ Ynot in Ghent on Monday!

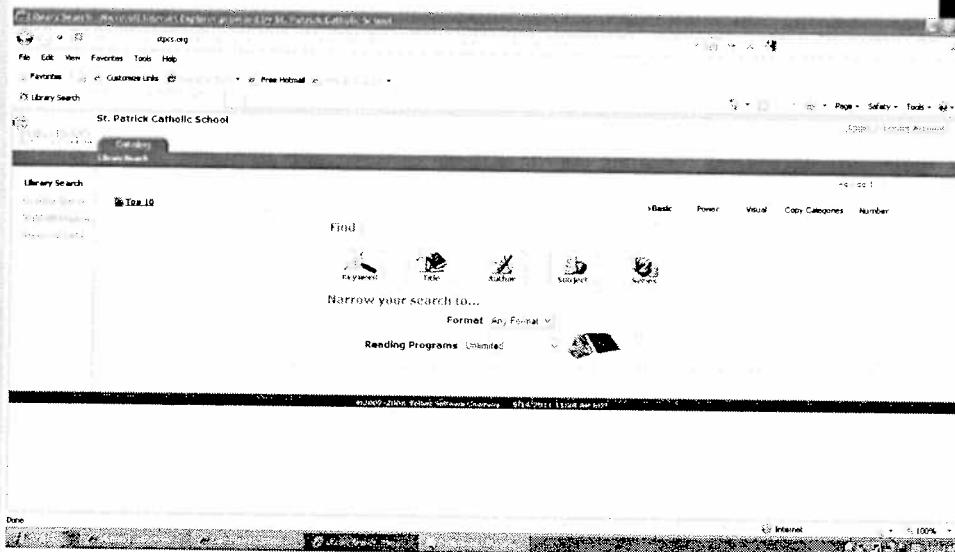
REMEMBER YOU CAN DO TAKE OUT TOO!!

Saint Patrick Catholic School

MEDIA CENTER

MEDIA CATALOG

**INSTRUCTION
FOR PARENTS**



**TUESDAY
TUTORIALS**

**OCTOBER 4
OR 25**

**7:00 P.M. TO
8:00 P.M.**

Would you like to be able to assist your child(ren) when looking for books to read or resources for homework? The Librarian at Saint Patrick Catholic School will offer Classes in October so that you can get off to a good start for the school year. The instruction will provide information about our print resources through the Media Catalog and a tutorial for the steps to accomplish a successful search. The strategies are valuable for any library media catalog and will help you when searching through databases, websites, and electronic books. Join me, Elizabeth Woodard, and explore the opportunities to share reading with your family and make school work less stressful.

Fiction

Reference

Websites

Materials

Nonfiction

Ebooks

Databases

*Sign up for a single
class today*

*By email to
ewoodard@stpcs.org*

*Include your name/
phone number/ and
tutorial date*

Saint Patrick Catholic School

Fine Arts News

Volume 1, Issue 1

October 7, 2011

CURRENT ARTS HAPPENINGS

- **ZERO BELL STRINGS AND BAND**
- **AFTERNOON PIANO LESSONS**
- **SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER MASK MAKING WORKSHOP GRADES 7 AND 8 (FULL)** Mask students are participating in a three session workshop to create an entry for the Ghent Business Association's annual mask contest.
- **THEATRE DEPARTMENT-ANNIE REHEARSALS** : Check website for times and dates http://www.stpcs.org/performing_arts/
- **NORFOLK AIRPORT ARTSHOW-** Come see our student art display during the month of October 8- 31

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **ZERO BELL STRINGS CLASS TO ATTEND SYMPHONY** 10/12/11
- **MASK DISPLAY/VOTING** in Ghent. Come support our mask makers and vote for people's choice awards at Harbor Gallery on Colley Avenue, Friday, October 28, 5:30-8:30 p.m. <http://www.ghentnorfolk.com/>
- **ANNIE** preformed by our Theatre Arts Students November 18, 19, and 20
- **GRANDPARENT'S DAY ART SHOW** GRADES 6-8 November 22
- **GRAND PARENT'S DAY PREFORMANCE** GRADES PRE-K- 6 November 22

We had an incredible start to the year. Students are celebrating the arts throughout their days and tapping into rich learning opportunities and experiences. Visual arts and music classes are in full swing.

Kindergarten classes dove into the year with a focus on shapes and drawing. "If you know your shapes, you can draw anything!!" In Music class, students are learning songs and have begun develop an understanding about proper vocal production while singing. They have also started reading, clapping, and speaking rhythmic notation, including whole notes, half notes, quarter notes, quarter rests, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes.

First Grade students are exploring color, line, and shapes while interpreting feeling through music. Students are taking inspiration from the work of Wassily Kandinsky. In music, students are continuing on with the rhythmic knowledge gained from last year. The first graders have reviewed and strengthened their rhythmic reading skills as well as adding 3 to 4 new songs to their repertoire.

Second Grade art students began the year discussing the works of the French artist, Henri Rousseau. Students are painting, drawing and cutting with this 3-d project inspired by his work. This is a multilayered project that should be complete before Thanksgiving.

Third Grade students are working with point of view, texture, feeling and color while they draw and paint sunflowers inspired by Van Gogh. A song that lists the 50 states in alphabetical order, *Fifty Nifty United States*, was the spotlighted song for the third grade music classes this month. Their enthusiastic singing of this song, by memory, is the hallmark of their feeling of accomplishment and is exciting to behold. This, also, is a song that will probably stay with them for many

years. Continuing with the states theme, they have learned two other state-related tunes. They have touched on an understanding of meter in music and have been pushed to accelerate their rhythmic reading skills.

Fourth grade art- The fourth grade is working on a weaving. This correlates with their social studies theme of Native Americans. The students began the year looking at the rugs and blankets made by the Navajo. They observed real unprocessed wool and had a demonstration of carding the wool and spinning wool using a drop spindle. The students learned the basic process of weaving by first doing a paper weaving. Now they are weaving on cardboard looms. They are learning several techniques used in weaving. In fourth grade music, Mr. Kypros emphasized the beauty of the singing tone, as well as independence of voice parts, using melody with countermelody. He also pointed out the interpretive importance of understanding the lyrics when crafting a performance. Three to four songs were learned in September, and the students enjoyed singing with high-energy CD accompaniments. They have learned a singing game using the song, *Zip-a-dee-doo-dah*. Ask them to explain it to you. It might be a fun game for the family.

Fifth Grade- Many areas of the 5th grade curriculum reflect the social studies curriculum of ancient civilizations. The students are beginning with the earliest of mankind's art. This prehistoric art was found in caves and carved in rocks throughout the world. We discovered the similarities and differences found in these works on various continents. The students have created their own stencils to be used in recreating these earliest of works. This first assignment should be on display in the next couple of weeks. Our next assignment will be a life size painting of an Egyptian sarcophagus. In music class, the fifth grade started the year with a fun-to-

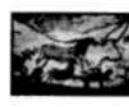
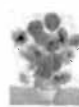
sing round about pizza. They've learned 2 to 3 other songs as well using CD accompaniments. For ear training, they have learned to better recognize and identify basic diatonic intervals through drill, practice, and subsequently with the use of a challenging, but engaging, game situation.

Sixth grade students are building their drawing tool boxes while focusing on simple shapes and forms inspired by Cezanne. Soon, they will continue "the art of seeing" with a focus on capturing realism verses symbols of objects through and apple sequential drawing. In music class, basic harmony was taught through their first few songs of the school year. They learned, or attempted with varying successes, a five-part quodlibet-style song. Two others have been presented, one for pure fun and one for pure heart. They have played the *Zip-a-dee-doo-dah* game that they learned in fourth grade, but it has been stepped up a bit!

Seventh grade After studying the Mola designs made by Kuna Indians of the San Blas islands off the coast of Panama, students are developing paintings and prints inspired by these beautiful textiles. These paintings are rich in color, line, and texture. They will be on display for the Grandparent's Day Art show. Students will switch to music class next nine weeks.

Eighth grade students are diving into modernism with their exploration of the Wild Beasts and Fauvism. Students will deconstruct ideas as they move towards concepts of Da Da and Cubism. In music class, students are busily reviewing scale construction, rhythm, music symbols and notation to ultimately write their own pieces.

Norfolk Airport Art Display



LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

A Benefit to Our Program

Learning Resource

Intervention level instruction provided during the school day by licensed teachers with training in achievement assessments, best practices for students with learning differences, and direct and explicit instruction for the struggling reader. Teacher-to-student ratio is typically 1:1 with groups not exceeding 1:3. Pre- and Post-assessments may include the Woodcock Johnson Diagnostic Reading Battery III (WJ-III), Dynamic Indicators of Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS), Kaufman Test of Educational Achievement 2nd Edition (KTEA-II), and the Test of Written Language 4th Edition (TOWL 4). Guided by achievement data, student work samples, and teacher observation, the LRC teacher will provide direct and explicit instruction to strengthen skills. Through regular collaborations with classroom teachers, division directors, and parents, the LRC teacher will create specific and measureable goals and plans for each session. A Differentiated Educational Plan (DEP) is created and monitored for each student and includes background information, areas of focus, and recommended accommodations in the areas of environment, presentation of material, test administration, scheduling, classroom management, and homework.

Time 2 times per week or 6 day cycle

Cost \$184 per month

Tutoring

Tutoring by master level teachers -teachers with specialized training or endorsement in reading, writing or mathematics and who have consistently demonstrated implementation of best practices in the class room - will be available to help students achieve grade level expectations and competencies. Teacher-to-student ratios will be no more than 1:2. The teacher will provide direct and explicit instruction to strengthen specific and predetermined skills. Through regular collaboration with classroom teachers, the Learning Resource Coordinator, division directors, and parents, the tutor will create specific and measureable goals and plans for each session. Students may enroll for tutoring services in one of the following areas: mathematics grades 1-6, advanced math (pre-algebra, algebra, geometry) grades 7 & 8, or reading and writing grades 1-8. Number of sessions provided to each student based on student need and teacher availability.

Time M, T, W & TH Before & After School

Cost \$35 - \$40 per one hour session (depending on ratio)

Homework Guides

Saint Patrick Catholic School Teachers or Teacher Assistants are available to guide students through their assigned homework in small groups. Guide-to-student ratios will be no larger than 1:5. The adult will provide 1:1 guidance and re-teaching of skills as necessary. The guide will follow-up with classroom teachers and parents to determine if the student is meeting the expectations for homework and adjust support as needed.

Time M, T, W & TH After School

Cost \$20 per one hour session

The Magnolia Girls

Service and Leadership

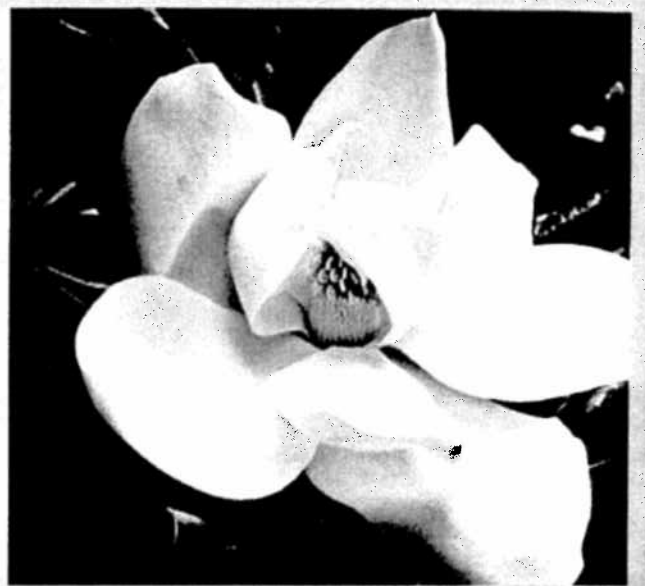
The Magnolia Girls is a service based/leadership organization that was created to empower girls and guide them into becoming beacons of hope for a brighter tomorrow.

Today in our world, it is vital to guide young ladies to self-actualization through morals and integrity. We as the Magnolias believe that a girl can make a difference and be true to herself by standing upon her own principles, talents, and individuality.

Why the Symbol of the Magnolia?

Believed to be present from the dawn of time, magnolias are uniquely distinct and hold an ancient beauty with a knack to survive. They grow in numerous varieties worldwide, beloved by the world at large. While they are arguably the most beautiful blooms, they are also the toughest of flowers, as will be the Magnolia Girls.

Magnolia Girls will have uniforms and earn pins after completing the established requirements.



The Magnolia Groups...

- ❖ *The Blossoms:*
Kindergarten through 1st Grade
(Barrineau, Tenney, Hammond)
- ❖ *The Sugar Magnolias:*
2nd Grade through 3rd Grade
(Garris, Musgrove)
- ❖ *The Water Lily Magnolias:*
4th Grade through 5th Grade
(Suber, Louth)
- ❖ *The Centennial Star Magnolias:*
6th Grade through 8th Grade
(A. Lynch, L.Lynch)

Our focus is on service to the community and world around us!

The Eight Pillars of the Magnolia Sisterhood

- *God is our center.*
- *We are all created in the image of God, and we will respect others with this truth in mind.*
- *We value the dignity of all human life.*
- *We will do our best to serve others whenever and wherever we can.*
- *We will serve our country when we are needed and within our abilities.*
- *We will take pride in our country and in those who defend it.*
- *We will serve as an example for all those around us and in our community.*
- *We will be loyal, true, honest, and kind to our Magnolia sisters at all times.*

From Etiquette classes and service, to changing tires and building fires ...we are the Magnolia Girl

The Magnolia Girls Committee...

Brigid Barrineau (Co-Founder/Blossoms)

Kathy Garris (Sugar Magnolias)

Lisa Lynch (Centennial Star Magnolias)

Maggie Hammond (Blossoms)

Carrie Suber (Water Lily Magnolias)

Teresa Tenney (Co-Founder/Blossoms)

Amy Lynch (Centennial Star Magnolias)

Rebecca Louth (Water Lily Magnolias)

Stephanie Musgrove (Sugar Magnolias)

- ❖ **Please return the attached Membership Application in by October 21st, 2011 with the annual membership fee of \$25.00. Further Magnolia updates can be found on the school website and homepage.**

For Further Inquiries Contact: Brigid Barrineau at bbarrineau@stpcs.org or Teresa Tenney at ttenney@stpcs.org



MAGNOLIA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Date of birth:

Age/ Grade:

Phone:

Magnolia Group (circle):

Blossoms

Sugar Magnolia

Water Lily Magnolia

Centennial Star Magnolia

Street Address:

Apt #:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

ABOUT THE GIRL

Likes/ Interests:

Talents:

Religion:

Parish:

School:

Teacher:

Name/ Age of Siblings:

Name:

Name:

Name

Name:

Name:

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of a Parent (s) or Emergency Contact (s):

Home Phone:

/

Cell Phone:

Relationship to Child:

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

(MUST HAVE VIRTUS)

Name:

Interested in Volunteering : YES/NO

Interested in:

Interested:

PARENT INFORMATION

Parent/ Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Phone:

Cell Number:

Email:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

TRANSPORTATION PERMISSION

(from meetings and service projects)

Name:

Relationship:

Phone:

Name:

Relationship:

Phone:

Name:

Relationship:

Phone:

MAGNOLIA INFORMATION:

How did you hear about the Magnolia Girls Organization:

SIGNATURES

The applicant has permission to join the Magnolia Girls Organization. We acknowledge that the applicant will follow the Magnolia Mission through leadership and service.

When participating in Magnolia activities, the applicant may be photographed for print, videotaped, or electronically imaged. Images may be used in promotional materials, news releases, and other public formats. The images will be used by the Magnolia Girls Organization only. Parent/Guardian will be responsible in picking up or dropping off their child for all Magnolia meetings and service projects.

_____ No, I would not like my child to be photographed for public use.

Name of Girl:

Signature of Girl:

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Date:

TO THE BOOK FAIR AND BEYOND!

Dear Parents and Families:

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most. We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair, November 15th through the 22nd, and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: *encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives.*

Our fall book fair is always a great opportunity to purchase books for holiday gift giving and stocking stuffers. We always have some adult fiction choices, lots of cookbooks, and many selections with a Christian focus. We will, once again, carry various gift items that are educational or that accompany some of the titles and characters found in the children's books. There is sure to be something fun, something challenging, and something JUST RIGHT for you and for your children.

For your shopping convenience we accept checks (made out to the school), charges (credit and debit), and pocket change. Of course we love the paper with Presidents' faces on them, as well.

We would love for you to join us and volunteer to assist. If you can give a couple of hours to help, we would love to hear from you. Just contact me via email (ewoodard@stpcs.org) and let me know a day and time that works for you.

Book Fair Dates: November 15-22

Shopping Hours: during school hours: 8-3 on full days, 8-1 on Wednesday, before and after the program on Grandparent's day until 12:00 p.m.

Family Night: Thursday evening November 17th from after school until 6:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth D. Woodard, Librarian

Reading Is Out of This World!

 SCHOLASTIC

www.scholastic.com/bookfairs



Science
Alliance

Dear Parent,

Science Alliance Live events promote science knowledge and scientific activity among children and families in our community through the arts, hands-on activities, and web-based games.

On November 5th, we will present staged readings of two short plays about science. Both plays feature puppets and they will be followed by hands-on science activities for the whole family. Snow cones and live music will make the day even more fun. Children will see themselves on television in the arctic using green screen technology and they may participate in the making of a documentary film about science education. Children who come to the event will also be among the first to play a computer game based on Dr. Victoria Hill's research.

In *Tuk in the Arctic* children will meet Tuk, a Canadian Inuit dog, who protects Dr. Hill from polar bears, who helps her get over her homesickness, and who learns how to collect samples from the sea ice. Tuk discovers that studying the sea ice in the arctic can help children in Hampton Roads prepare for sea level rise.

In *Enzo Murray: Science Reporter*, children will join Enzo as she navigates a world of overblown media messages. She meets Dr. Fred Dobbs, who helps her understand the processes of data-collection and research that help scientists understand how microbial life changes when waters warm. Enzo learns the importance of hand-washing and she also learns to think critically about media messages.

This opening event for Science Alliance Live will take place on **November 5th, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to noon** in the **University Theatre located between 46th and 47th on Hampton Blvd. on the Old Dominion University campus**. Parking is available in Garage D between 45th and 46th street and in the lots at 46th and Monarch and 46th and Killam. Tickets are free but must be reserved by calling **757-683-3391** or emailing oduscience@oduscience.com. Seating is limited.

We would like to invite you to become a Science Alliance Live partner. Please come to the November 5th event and help us understand how our programs might serve families in our area. We would also like to invite you to distribute this letter to other parents. Please call 757-683-3391 or email oduscience@oduscience.com for further information.

Sincerely,
Jenifer Alonzo
Artistic Director

Science Alliance

Presenting *Tuk in the Arctic* and *Enzo Murray: Science Reporter*

See Two New Plays about Science!

- *Tuk in the Arctic* - Help Canadian Inuit Working Dog, Tuk, protect Dr. Victoria Hill's chocolate supply while collecting data about sea ice.
- *Enzo Murray: Science Reporter* - Help Enzo and Dr. Fred Dobbs navigate confusing media messages while defeating *Vibrio vulnificus*, the really bad bug.

Also:

- Drill into sea ice and test its saltiness with real scientific instruments.
- Use glow-in-the-dark powder to see how well you wash your hands.
- See yourself on television in the arctic
- Eat a snow cone
- Be in a documentary film about kids and science
- Be the first to play a new web game about Tuk

Science Alliance is a non-profit organization
dedicated to making science fun and accessible
for everyone. We are currently accepting
donations for our 2013-2014 season.
For more information, please visit our website at
www.sciencealliance.org