



### Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Just some quick reminders worth noting:

There will be **NO SCHOOL** November 1st and 2nd for staff professional development. November 16th is a **HALF DAY** for a teacher meeting.

Winter Uniforms begin Monday, November 5th, please click [HERE](#) for details.

November calendar is now posted online [HERE](#).

Thank you,  
Mr. Grill  
Principal



Please be sure to visit our school website at:  
<https://smartinof toursphila.independencemission schools.org/>

Here, you will find copies of our school handbook, weekly newsletters, staff lists with emails, monthly, and yearly calendars as well as many other important documents and information.



### Dressing for School

Please be sure your children are dressed appropriately for outside play each day.



### November Breakfast & Lunch Menus

November breakfast and lunch menus posted [HERE](#).

### Attendance Matters

We miss your children when they are late or absent from school. Please be sure children are on time each day and present for school from bell to bell. Frequent lateness, absences, and early pickups have a great effect on student learning. Just a reminder that no student is permitted to be picked up from school after 2pm.

### Parent Concerns

If you have concerns or specific questions regarding school matters, please refer to [THIS CHECKLIST](#) to help in ensuring your question is addressed in a timely manner. If you still have questions after this, please visit the Main Office to fill out a Parent Concern form and the proper school personnel will follow up with you.

#### Attention 8th Grade Parents:

#### Upcoming Entrance Exams:

[Hallahan Entrance Exam](#) Saturday, November 3  
[Neumann Goretti Entrance Exam](#) Sunday, November 4

#### Please note:

[Philadelphia Special Admission High School Enrollment](#) closes November 2

### A Look at the Days Ahead November



- 11/1 & 11/2 - No School for Students - Staff Professional Development Days
- 11/5 - Winter Uniforms Begin
- 11/9 - Saints in Motion (8th Grade)
- 11/15 - 4th Grade Field Trip - Bartram Gardens
- 11/16 - 12pm Dismissal - SMT Staff Meeting; NO CARES
- 11/19 - Franklin Institute Assembly for Students
- 11/20 - Picture Retake Day
- 11/21 - 8:30AM Mass; 12pm Dismissal
- 11/22 - Happy Thanksgiving! - NO SCHOOL
- 11/23- Thanksgiving Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- 11/30- 1st Trimester Ends
- 11/30 - 5th-8th Grade Dance at SMT

**School Tuition is due the 15th of each month!  
Please ensure your payments are on time!**

### Quote of the Week:

*"Such is the compassion, such is the love which Mary bears us, that she is never tired of praying for us."*

- Saint Alphonsus Liguori

**Peace is the Virtue of the Month for  
November!**

