

LITTLE FLOWER PREPARATORY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January 2018

Life isn't a destination.....It is a journey!
We all will come upon unexpected curves and valleys.
Everything that happens to us, shapes who we are to become,
And in the adventure of each new day,
We discover the best in ourselves!

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

The management and staff of Little Flower Preparatory School wishes our parents, guardians, extended families and students, a wonderful New Year, and our best wishes for excellent health in 2018, and beyond!



EDUCATION

Despite the unlevelled and competitive challenges each New Year, along with the constant rise of charter schools in the urban communities, it has become twice as difficult to sustain growth in pupil enrollment to rebuild a strong economic base. Despite it all, we survived 2017, and with great optimism, we look forward to an even better year!

Our MISSION is not yet over! The tree has been planted, the trunk is rooted, the branches and leaves are growing, yet more "FRUITS" are left to bear!

I recently received a call from a parent, now living in Texas, whose daughter, Deborah Watson, a former alumna just earned her Ph.D degree. That phenomenal story is a constant reminder that our purpose is not yet accomplished, and a strong motivation to resolve my personal goals to continue the strife to be the best transformational leader I can.



Congratulations Deborah!!

This year, make education your number #1 priority! Make it an important value! It belongs to all who wishes to learn! It is the GPS (Global Positioning System) that will navigate your distance, time and exact location to the final destination anywhere in the world you want to go! It directs scholars of learning to become more analytical thinkers, where they can be

critical without being judged, and are able to challenge their differences or their opinions without aggression.

"Why Everyone Should Have a Stake in Early Childhood Education?"

It must be the concern of every educational leader and parents' understanding of the importance of a high quality early childhood education. That is the 'root' to build a strong foundation of learning! It is the structure that supports the educational and developmental needs of children, each child's different learning styles compacted in a nurturing environment that hardly gets the recognition of the 'Unsung Heros', the teachers! The evidence is clear: the lack of the public's sector's support, the lack of public funding, low parent involvement, and a **tax free** tuition.



TUITION Reminder:

Daycare School Fees are **due and payable** in its entirety for the full 12 months calendar, including the 2 months of summer. Unfortunately, NO CREDIT can be given for students' absences regardless of illnesses, vacations or other!

Upon careful End of Year Review, there are fees/tuitions which remain outstanding to date. GRADE STUDENTS tuition is **due and payable** for the 10-month academic year (September to June). Kindly bring your account current to receive the school's Tax ID# for your tax filing purposes. Payment arrangements may be made if necessary. BE SURE to refer to your weekly/monthly receipts to file for your Child Care Credit.



PARENT CONFERENCES

Upon receipt of this newsletter, contact your child's class teacher to arrange a conference to discuss your child's Progress Report Cards for the 1st Marking Period – September to December 2017.



IMPORTANT GENERAL PARENT'S MEETING

Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, January 31st, 2018 t at 6:00pm** to attend an important **PARENTS ONLY** meeting. It would be helpful if parents can arrange to have their child/ren picked up early, prior to the meeting. This will avoid interruptions and the capacity to maintain the noise level in one room.



ADVERTISING

In an effort to raise awareness to prospective parents seeking a safe learning environment, and a mission to increase our enrollment, we have optimized our website for google search, and creating flyers with pictures or images of children in their day to day activities.

We would like to have your permission to share those pictures for promotional use only. Please indicate your objection if any, in writing, to my attention. If the school does not receive a written objection, it will be assumed that we have your absolute permission to use pictures of the children for school related promotional use only.



SchoolStore.com

SchoolStore.com website is an online shopping mall where the school earns money when you shop at your favorite stores such as Target, Walmart, Office Depot just to name a few.

Parents and guardians can help the school by registering online, and commit to sending out a minimum of 3 email invitations to family and friends to join. That is all there is to it, as easy as 1- 2- 3!

Once registering, please return the forms to your child's class teacher with the Prize Confirmation# received upon registration, then select a prize.

Visit the website, www.SchoolStore.net at your earliest convenience, enter our School's ID# 363947, then address 3 or more email invitations to others, select a prize, and that's all there is to it. The more email addresses you enter, the better your prize!

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM (AFTER SCHOOL)

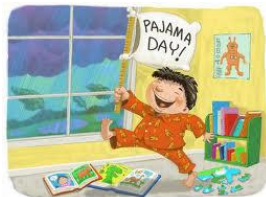
Our After School Program from 3pm to 6pm is growing!

Holding this Permit allows Elementary and Middle School children from both public, charter, and private schools a dedicated safe space to be in the afternoons rather than being a "latch key kid." We also offer them the opportunity to spend the day with us when public schools are closed and we are open. The program includes an afternoon snack or lunch, Homework Assistance (NOT teaching or tutoring), followed by other engaging activities such as Chess, Word Search, Bingo if time permits. We proudly accept Voucher Subsidies as a form of payment through the City of New York for After School care.



PAJAMAS/MOVIE DAY

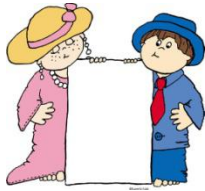
8TH Grader, Ayomide made a written plan for various FUN activities to enjoy in 2018, and one of them is Pajama Day. One of his thoughtful idea is:- "Come to school nice and cozy in your PJ's!" I will throw in a movie, popcorn, cake, and ice cream **on Wednesday, February 14th - Valentine's Day!** Parent's contribution: \$5 per child!



DRESS DOWN \$2 FRIDAYS

If parents remember to "Dress Down on Fridays, parents should also remember to donate \$2 per child. Dressing Down is a privilege for the children to enjoy 'out of uniform,' but far

too many parents have taken advantage of the rule. It is also a good day on Fridays only for Show & Tell.

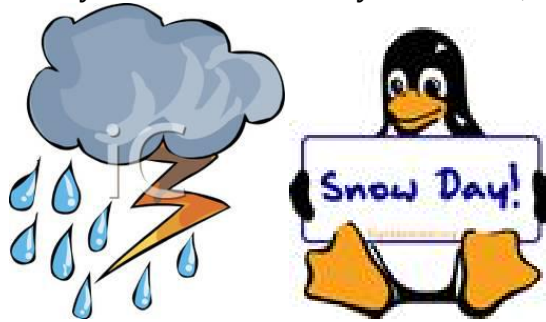


WEATHER CLOSINGS

In the event of inclement weather such as snow storms, blizzards, hurricanes, tornados, the school can be used as a temporary shelter for parents and children. We have cots, blankets, emergency First Aids, and lots of canned foods.

The school will also make the determination if there is closure, a delayed opening will allow staff to get to work, or an early pick up dismissal whether public schools are closed or not. To learn about closings or delays, watch News12 Brooklyn if you have Optimum. If you do not subscribe to Optimum, an email blast or text messages will be sent, or you should call the school's telephone number (718-342-0908) for announcements!

A delayed opening means that the school will be open, but later than 7:00am to allow staff safe travel, and early dismissal is as early as 12noon, latest 2:00pm.



PRESIDENT'S DAY

Little Flower Prep School will be closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of President's Day!



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

