



Dear St. Max Families,

Happy Easter! We rejoice in the Risen Lord! As spring flowers bloom, and the days get warmer, I want to update you on a year of celebration at St. Maximilian Kolbe School. This year our school's unique character has been clearly defined. Our Catholic identity is strong. Our faith is lived out each day as the entire community gives witness to Christ's presence through worship, service and in our relationships.

As a young school, only in our 18th year, we've gained recognition and respect on a national level. St. Max was recognized as a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence because we are the vanguard of educational best practices, in step with the latest research on student learning. Our school is child centered. Our professional, dedicated teachers design lessons that actively engage our students in critical thinking, creative problem solving and collaborative learning. Our "small pond", tight knit community allows each child to strive and achieve in a supportive environment. Every child gets to hone talents and abilities; each child gets to shine.

St. Max Points of Pride

- Our Terra Nova scores are higher than the aggregated scores of all Chester County Catholic Schools and the Archdiocesan schools.
- Our 8th grade class has been awarded over \$190,000 in high school scholarships so far this year.
- We have student finalists in the prestigious IHM National Math Contest.
- We have students selected through audition for the Archdiocesan Band and Choir. They will perform at the Kimmel Center in April.
- We have many students who have received awards in the county science fair, Chester County and Pennsylvania technology competitions and in the visual arts.
- We are the *only* school to have three teachers who have received the Chester County Foundation for Catholic Education Excellence Award: Ms. Vondran, Mrs. Dempsey and Mrs. Frantz.
- WSMK News gives students the opportunity to gather information, write, edit, film and speak on camera.
- We offer clubs for all interests: chess, bucket drumming, Irish dancing, scouts, Reading Olympics, Engineering for Kids, Math Counts, choir, band, piano, the spring show, Kids in Action.

This is a list of just some of our school wide accomplishments. I'm sure you've also been impressed by the many activities in your children's classrooms. You know that your child is surrounded by a caring community dedicated to allowing his/her best self to thrive. Have confidence in your commitment to our school. Our school is strong and thriving. So spread the word of St. Max's triumphs. Share in St. Max pride!

Respectfully,



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