

# Extracurricular Guide

## St. Philip the Apostle School

2010-2011

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Each student is invited and encouraged to participate in at least one extracurricular activity. Parents and students should work together to ensure a student does not attempt too many activities at once. We hope you find these brief descriptions helpful in planning your school year. Everyone is reminded that average, or above, grades must be maintained to participate in any club, or activity or sport.

Parents, take note:

- The moderator, coordinator and/or coach should have a valid number where you can be reached. The office files are not always readily available.
- If someone else will be checking your child out of the after school program, you need to send a note to the attention of the after school day supervisor by way of the school office.
- If your child is sent to the after school program after a meeting/ practice OR due to a canceled meeting/ practice, you **will be responsible for after school charges**
- Our programs depend on adult volunteers. Please offer your assistance where possible.

#### Club Activities

Altar Servers

Children's Choir

Speech and Drama

Stock Market

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts

Chess Club

Math Competition

Student Council

St. Philip Band

#### Sports

Baseball

Softball

Volleyball

Basketball

Soccer

Track & Field

Cheerleaders

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All fees and dues are approximations. They are based on the cost of registering a team or group for St. Philip.

We encourage suggestions or proposals to provide a varied program for our students.

### Altar Servers ( Acolytes )

Moderator/ Coordinators: Fr. Tony Densmore

Open to: Grade 4 and above

Enrollment Procedure: Contact Fr. Tony Densmore

Description / Other Information:

The church has a rich tradition on this ministry of Altar Servers ( Acolytes ). It is their proper role to give attendance to the service of the altar and to assist the priest in the liturgical celebration of Mass.

- 1) General: Servers should arrive no later than 10 minutes before Mass begins in order to be dressed and light the candles. If you have any further questions, please call the church office at (214 )388- 5464.
- 2) Conduct: The sanctuary is the sacred house of God. Therefore, one's conduct should always reflect God's presence. Talking, laughing, or daydreaming is not proper conduct at Mass.
- 3) Attire & Hygiene: We are reminded that "cleanliness is next to Godliness." Proper clothing includes: slacks, loafers, shirts, and dresses. Inappropriate clothing includes: baggy jeans, shorts, tennis shoes, T- shirts, and sweats.

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### St. Philip Band

Open to : 4-8

Length/ Season: School Year

Enrollment Procedure: band director will provide Details.

Meetings (practice):

Beginning Band: Monday & Wednesday, 3:00 – 3:45

Returning Band: Class Elective

Fees/ Dues: Details will be provided by director.

Description / Other Information:

Our band program is administrated and run by Music Learning Band programs. An invitation to register will be sent home with students. Student and parents are asked to attend an informational meeting where details regarding fees, instruments, practice and the band program will be discussed prior to actual registration.

## Children's Choir

Open to: Grades K-8

Length/ Season: School year

Enrollment Procedure: Permission slip will need to be signed and returned.

Meeting: TBA

Fees/ Dues: None

Description/ Other Information:

The Children's Choir will sing at 10:00 Mass on Sunday. The choir may perform at special events such as Christmas, Communion, and school programs.

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## Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts

Open to: Boys in Grades 1 to 8

Length/ Season: Year Long

Enrollment Procedure: Contact moderator, complete enrollment form. Parental signature required.

Meetings: Usually each Tuesday – 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Fees/ Dues: \$7:00 enrollment

Description/ Other Information:

The Boys meet bi-weekly in grade level groups to work on projects and crafts to earn ranks and awards. Once a month, all the groups meet together to display that month's work and receive awards earned.

This is a part of the Boy Scouts of America and their program is followed. The program emphasizes the importance of God, Country; family and self while preparing the boys for the more challenging Boy Scout program.

Grade level group must have two adult leaders.

In late April or early May, kindergarten boys, and their parents, will be invited to join and form our next first grade group.

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## Chess Club

Open to: K- 8

Length/ Season Throughout the School Year

Enrollment Procedure: Notify moderator once announcement has been made concerning the next tournament.

Meeting: Mondays and Wednesdays

Fees/ Dues: none

Description/ Other Information:

A game will be selected and a single elimination tournament will be set. This is a healthy competition in an exciting atmosphere where students may even have the opportunity of battling it out with one of their teachers.

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Speech and Drama

Open to : Grades 5-8

Length/ Season: School Year

Enrollment Procedure: Contact coordinator once announcement about tournament is made.

Meetings: No formal meetings.

Fees/Dues: None

Description/ Other Information:

There are usually 4 tournaments during the school year – 2 in the Fall, 2 in the Spring. Students select the material they will be using and have it approved by the coordinator. There are no formal meetings or practice is mostly done at home. Usually, there is at least one practice with the coordinator during the school day before each competition. This group would like to have some volunteers that could have some practice sessions for the students before or after school. It would most likely be 45 minutes to an hour, once or twice a week. The students would benefit greatly from having the opportunity to work in front of an audience.

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Stock Market

Open to: Grades 6-8

Length/Season: 8-10 weeks in fall and spring

Enrollment Procedure: Announcement will be made in each class. A signed enrollment form will be required by a specified deadline.

Meetings: Tuesday and Thursday 7:15 AM to 7:45 AM

Fees/ Due based on fee to register a team

Description/ Other Information:

This group requires parent volunteers to assist at all the meetings.

The Stock Market is a group of children who are willing to be at school two times a week by 7:15AM. Purpose is to gather information about the stocks, purchase stocks, read and track your stocks through newspapers and the Internet. We compete with approximately 100 other groups and the Dallas Morning News keeps a ranking. The Stock Market can be a lot of fun to play, especially since it is not your money. You must be dedicated and show up for all meetings.

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Student Council

Open to: Grades 3 and 8

Length/ Season: School Year

Enrollment Procedure: Notify moderator in August once announcement has been made concerning the election.

Meetings: Usually on a weekly basis during the school day. Time is determined by the moderator and officers.

Fee/ Dues: none

Description/ Other Information:

The student council is composed of officers from grades 7 and 8 and class representatives from grades 3 through 8. The students must have and maintain average or above average grades. Conduct is very important since they will be representing the school. These students work with the office and other teachers on various projects throughout the year. They are responsible for various bulletin boards. There are times throughout the year they will be asked to come early or stay late on a school day. The group also publishes a newspaper 4 or 5 times a year. They help out during Catholic Schools Week. They treat teacher throughout the year to show appreciation. The Student Council is also responsible for putting together a weeklong set of activities for Drug Awareness Week. At times, these activities take them out of their regular classes. If this happens, it is their responsibility to make up any class work missed and find out about homework. If at any time their grades or conduct slip, they will be removed from their office. Each officer will have certain duties and obligations assigned to their position.

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## Basketball

Open to: Boys and Girls in grades 5 thru 8

Length/ Season: October- February. Regular season play begins in Dallas Parochial League in January.

Enrollment Procedure: Students sign up to play.

Fees/ Dues: registration fee

Uniforms: School provides practice jersey, game jersey and shorts.

Practice: Twice a week in gym. Days and time will be announced.

Games: Saturday or Sunday at various gyms.

Other information:

- Students are required to have physicals.
- Waivers are required for each student.
- Trophies are given to each student at end of season.
- Students in grades 3 and 4 are encouraged to form a team at YMCA.
- St. Philip holds a Christmas basketball tournament for varsity boys and girls teams.
- Teams are formed according to number of students who sign up. Examples, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade may be on one team if there are not enough enrolled for each grade level.
- Parents/volunteers are needed to operate clock/ scorebook during home games.

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## Soccer

Open to: Grades K thru 8

Length/ Season: September- November ( fall ) March- May ( Spring )

Enrollment Procedure: Students sign up to play. Separated notices will be sent for each season. Enrollment form must be signed and returned.

Fees/ Dues: Fee varies by team level, see the sign up forms for current fees

Uniforms: Students purchase uniforms through team coach.

Practice: Usually once a week. Days and time are set by each coach.

Games: Usually held on Saturday at Gateway Park on Jim Miller.

Other Information:

- Socks, shin guards, shoes are required but not provided.
- Students are required to have physicals.
- Waivers are required for each student.
- Trophies are given to each student at end of season.
- Parents/ Volunteers are needed to coach.

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## Softball

Open to: Girls in grades 5 thru 8

Length/ Season: March- May

Enrollment Procedure: Students sign up to play.

Fees/ Dues: registration fee

Uniforms: School provides cap, jersey, shorts, and belt.

Practice: Usually twice a week on baseball field. Days and time will be announced.

Games: season is divided into three tournaments schedule. Teams will be formed based on number of students.

Other Information:

- Students are required to have physicals.
- Waivers are required for each student.
- Players provide their own glove, socks, shoes, and bat.
- Trophies are given to each student at end of season.

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## Volleyball

Open to: Girls in grades 5 thru 8

Length/ Season: August – October

Enrollment Procedures: Students sign up to play.

Fees/ Dues: registration fee

Uniforms: School provides shorts and shirts.

Practice: Twice a week in Gym. Days and times will be announced.

Games: Usually held on Saturday at various gyms.

Other Information:

- Students are required to have physicals.
- Waivers are required for each student.
- Trophies are given to each student at end of season.
- Parents/ volunteers are needed to help set up and take down volleyball poles and nets are needed to run concessions stand during home games.
- Parents/ volunteers are needed as linesmen during games.