

# Newsletter

St. Isidore School

603 West Broad Street Quakertown, PA 18951

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## Happy Birthday!

August 25th- Logan Quinn

August 26th- Mae Plominski and Mrs. Murphy

August 28th- Ms. Heller

August 29th- Giovanni Riccione and Mr. Farrell

September 2nd- Emily Landis, Grady Kilpatrick and Eva Caliente

September 3rd Evangeline Gish and Connor Moffett

September 4th- Bailey May and Mrs. Pieninck



## Orientation

 Orientation Day Schedule – August 29th

## 9:00 AM – Preschool and Pre-K Parents & Students

Meet in the gym for a brief welcome.

 Families are encouraged to bring any requested classroom items to help ease the load on the first day of school.



## 9:30 AM – Kindergarten & All New Students and Parents

Meet in the gym for orientation.

 Kindergarten students will enjoy their first bus ride, accompanied by staff for support.

 Classroom visits will be available following the gathering

# First Day of School

## Hello Families,

The classrooms are nearly ready, our teachers are working and training hard, and the staff are going above and beyond to prepare for a great school year!

## Important Note:

There will **not** be a Sunday all-call this weekend to avoid interrupting your holiday. Messaging will resume on

**Sunday, September 7th.**

## First Day of School – Arrival Instructions:

- As you enter from **4th Street**, please stay to the **left side**.
- **Buses** will drive straight through the lot to drop off at the **back of the building**.
- **Cars** will loop around to the **front** for drop-off.
- Staff and teachers will be outside to assist with unloading. We ask that you follow the “**fireman method**”: **Stop, Drop, and Roll**.
- When exiting, please **turn right onto Broad Street**. Signs will be posted as reminders.
- **Do not block the bus exit** back to 4th Street.

## Pick-Up Reminders:

- **Early Childhood (EC)** dismisses at **3:00 PM** and uses the **inside lane** along the fence.
- Parents picking up both EC and school-age children should use the **outside lane**, as do all **K–8 families**.
- We have a system in place and appreciate your cooperation.
- The first week may take a little extra time, so thank you for your patience as we ensure each child gets into the correct car.
- If you haven't received your **name tag** by the first day, please make sure it is posted on the **passenger side window** going forward. We'll be reading names at least twice



during our well-planned dismissal process.

We're excited to welcome everyone back and appreciate your support in making the start of the school year smooth and successful!



## Get your Grizzly Gear!

The first [spirit wear sale](#) of the year is underway and ends on Monday September 8th. Orders will be delivered the week of October 6th (prior to our first spirit day on October 16th)

BACK to SCHOOL

# Grizzly Gear Sale



**NOW – SEPTEMBER 8TH**

THE CLASSROOM WITH THE HIGHEST SALES  
WILL WIN A CLASS DRESS DOWN DAY!

**BE READY FOR THE  
FIRST SPIRIT WEAR  
DAY ON  
OCTOBER 16**

**ORDER  
ONLINE**



[HTTPS://KAMPUSKLOTHES.CHIPPLY.COM/  
STISIDORESCHOOL25/?ACTION=VIEWALL](https://kampusklothes.chipply.com/stisidoreschool25/?action=viewall)

## Choir singing at Iron Pigs game

Everyone's Invited: September-Our Choir singing at Iron Pigs game--get tickets early!!

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Stisidore2>

First pitch is at 6:35 PM with the gates opening at 5:15 PM



Here is the link for the Iron Pigs tickets for Sept. when the choir sings the National Anthem. All tickets will have \$2 Ballpark Credit and \$4 will come back to the school. Ticket prices with taxes and fees are \$20.17. Questions contact: Mrs. O'Mara.

[lomara@stisidoreschool.com](mailto:lomara@stisidoreschool.com)

## Children's Choir

🎵 St. Isidore Children's Choir Announcement

Rehearsals:

📅 17 Thursday evenings, 7:00–7:30 PM

📍 Main Church at St. Isidore

📅 Starting August 28th

Performance Opportunity:

🎤 The choir will sing the National Anthem at the Iron Pigs baseball game on Saturday, September 6th.

Eligibility:

👧👦 Open to students in 1st through 8th grade

✅ Must be a St. Isidore school student or parishioner

ℹ️ Additional details will be provided at the first rehearsal



## RoboCoding

🤖 RoboCoding Club at St. Isidore School

Who Can Join:

Students in grades 4–8

Program:

RoboCoding – an exciting hands-on club where students explore robotics and coding in a fun, engaging environment.

Registration:

Sign up through [Nexplore's registration page](#) for either club option.

Questions?

Contact Mrs. O'Connor at [✉️ coconnor@stisidoreschool.com](mailto:coconnor@stisidoreschool.com)



## Makers Club

🔧 Makers Club at St. Isidore School

Who Can Join:

Students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade

Program:

Makers Club – a creative, hands-on experience where young learners explore building, designing, and inventing through guided activities.

Registration:

Register through [Nexlore's registration page](#) for either club option.

### Questions?

Contact Mrs. O'Connor at [✉](mailto:coconnor@stisidoreschool.com)  
coconnor@stisidoreschool.com



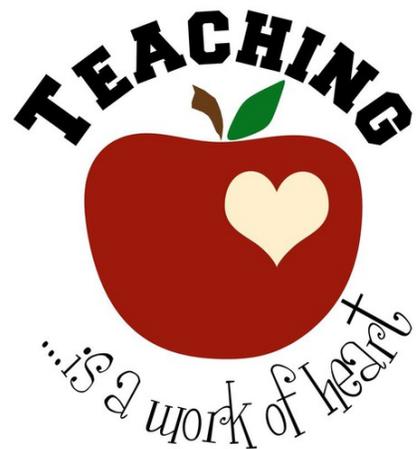
## Welcome to new staff

🌟 Staff Updates at St. Isidore School

We're excited to welcome back Mrs. Shuster, who will be returning to lead our morning CARES program.

Joining us this year is Miss Mackenzie Harris, who will serve as the PreK-A aide on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and will also assist with the afternoon CARES program on those days.

We're also pleased to welcome Mrs. Schaffer, who will be joining Preschool A on Tuesdays through Thursdays.



## Volunteers

👏 Volunteer Information – St. Isidore School

We are so grateful for our volunteers—it truly takes a village, and many hands make light work!

There are two types of volunteers:

### 1. Trip Volunteers

These individuals assist with school trips. All required paperwork must be submitted by April 1st. Details on the necessary forms, including the Mandated Reporter Form, are attached to this email.

### 2. Full Volunteers

These volunteers help with lunchroom and recess duties (earning PAPA credits and giving our teachers a well-deserved break), as well as other school activities. Additional Safe Environment clearances are required for this level of involvement.

[✉](#) Need help?

Contact Dr. Conboy at [rconboy@stisidoreschool.com](mailto:rconboy@stisidoreschool.com)



## Monthly Volunteer List

Starting in September, and continuing each month, a list of cleared volunteers will be included in the school newsletter.

If your name is on the list—fantastic!

If not, and you'd like to be included, please follow the instructions attached.

### DISCLOSURE STATEMENT APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTEERS Required by the Child Protective Service Law

23 Pa. C.S. Section 5342.2 (relating to volunteers having contact with children)

I warrant/affirm that I am seeking a volunteer position and AM NOT required to obtain a clearance through the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as:

- the position I am applying for is unpaid; and
- I have been a resident of Pennsylvania during the entirety of the previous ten-year period.

I warrant/affirm that I have not been named as a perpetrator of a founded report of child abuse within the past five (5) years as defined by the Child Protective Services Law.

I warrant/affirm that I have not been convicted of any of the following crimes under Title 18 of the Pennsylvania consolidated statutes or of offenses similar in nature to those crimes under the laws or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or under a former law of this Commonwealth.

Chapter 25 (relating to criminal homicide)  
Section 2902 (relating to aggravated assault)  
Section 2709 (relating to stalking)  
Section 2901 (relating to kidnapping)  
Section 2902 (relating to unlawful restraint)  
Section 3121 (relating to rape)  
Section 3122 (relating to statutory sexual assault)  
Section 3123 (relating to involuntary deviate sexual intercourse)  
Section 3124 (relating to sexual assault)  
Section 3125 (relating to aggravated indecent assault)  
Section 3126 (relating to indecent assault)  
Section 3127 (relating to indecent exposure)  
Section 4302 (relating to incest)  
Section 4303 (relating to concealing death of child)  
Section 4304 (relating to endangering welfare of children)  
Section 4305 (relating to dealing in infant children)  
Section 5902(b) (relating to prostitution and related offenses)  
Section 5903(c) (relating to obscene and other sexual material and performances)  
Section 6301 (relating to corruption of minors)  
Section 6312 (relating to sexual abuse of children), or an equivalent crime under Federal law or the law of another state.

I have not been convicted of a felony offense under Act 64-1972 (relating to the controlled substance, drug device and cosmetic act) committed within the past five years.

I understand that I shall not be approved for service if I am named as a perpetrator of a founded report of child abuse within the past five (5) years or have been convicted of any of the crimes listed above or of offenses similar in nature to those crimes under the laws or former laws of the United States or one

of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or under a former law of this Commonwealth.

I understand that if I am arrested for or convicted of an offense that would constitute grounds for denying participation in a program, activity or service under the Child Protective Services Law as listed above, or am named as perpetrator in a founded or indicated report, I must provide the administrator or designee with written notice not later than 72 hours after the arrest, conviction or notification that I have been listed as a perpetrator in the Statewide database.

I understand that if the person responsible for employment decisions or the administrator of a program, activity or service has a reasonable belief that I was arrested or convicted for an offense that would constitute grounds for denying participation in a program, activity or service under the Child Protective Services Law, or was named as perpetrator in a founded or indicated report, or I have provided notice as required under this section, the person responsible for employment decisions or administrator of a program, activity or service shall immediately require me to submit current clearances obtained through the Department of Human Services, the Pennsylvania State Police, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as appropriate. The cost of clearances shall be borne by the employing entity or program, activity or service.

I understand that if I willfully fail to disclose information required above, I commit a misdemeanor of the third degree and shall be subject to discipline up to and including denial of a volunteer position.

I understand that the person responsible for employment decisions or the administrator of a program, activity or service is required to maintain a copy of my clearances.

I hereby swear/affirm that the information as set forth above is true and correct. I understand that false swearing is a misdemeanor pursuant to Section 4903 of the Criminal Code.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Mandated Reporter Acknowledgment Form

For Priests, Deacons, Religious Pastoral Ministers, Administrators, Staff and Volunteers who have direct contact with children.

By my signature below, I hereby acknowledge that I am now, or may in the future be, considered a mandated reporter under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania based upon my ministry, work or status as a volunteer with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia or an entity, school or organization affiliated with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

I further hereby acknowledge that I have received and reviewed the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's policies regarding mandated reporting effective November 2014 as outlined in the Mandated Reporting brochure that was sent electronically.

I understand that my failure to report suspected child abuse in accordance with all applicable Pennsylvania laws and Archdiocesan policy may result in penalties being imposed upon me under Pennsylvania law and/or Archdiocesan policy.

Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Service: St. Isidore School, Quakertown

## PA Budget

### Important Update Regarding State-Funded Materials

We want to make you aware that due to the **unpassed Pennsylvania state budget**, we have been unable to secure some of our textbooks and instructional materials that are typically funded through state programs.

Fortunately, for several content areas, we've been planning ahead and already have the necessary books in place. However, many of the quotes we secured over the summer for additional materials are now being returned to principals for updates and resubmission.

This process cannot move forward until the budget is passed and funding allocations are made.

The last time we experienced a similar delay, we didn't receive our textbooks until **late May or early June**. While this is frustrating and time-consuming, please rest assured that:

- We are **well-prepared** with digital resources that are renewed annually.
- Our **faculty has been informed and is ready** to adapt as needed.

We appreciate your understanding and patience as we navigate this challenging situation.

# The Knights of Columbus

Join Us for the 7th Annual Jack-O-Lantern Races!

Hosted by the St. Isidore Council



**Saturday, September 27**



**8:00 AM**



Starting in front of the **Richland Township Fire & Rescue** building on **Shelly Road**

Choose your challenge:



**5K or 10K** distances available



**Family-friendly pricing:**

- Children **9 and under** run **free** in either event
- Ages **10–19** receive **half-price** registration
- Add the **Pumpkin Challenge** for a fun twist—includes a pumpkin and a finisher's medal!



**Prices increase after Labor Day**, so sign up soon!



Register and find full details here: [Jack-O-Lantern 5K/10K Event Page](#)

## About the Knights of Columbus

The **Knights of Columbus** is a Catholic male fraternal organization dedicated to supporting the Church and family life. The Knights have recently contributed to updates at St. Isidore School.



Want to learn more? Stop by the **Fr. Riegler Center** during **Donut Sundays** to meet members and get information.

# Asbestos Inspection and Management Plan

## Asbestos Management Plan Notification

St. Isidore School has developed and maintains an **Asbestos Inspection and Management Plan** in compliance with the **Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986**.

A copy of the plan is available for review in the school office during regular business hours.

**U.S. Environmental Management, Inc.** serves as the school's asbestos program manager. For any questions regarding the plan, please contact them directly or reach out to **Mr. Fraser**.



# Uniforms

Uniforms must be purchased from [Flynn & O'Hara](#) only

Regulation Uniforms – Nonconformity will result in dress code warnings, etc.

Boys – First to Grade 8

- Steel gray pants with dark belt
- Maroon polo shirt—long or short sleeve with logo
- Maroon V-neck sweater, vest or button down sweater
- Gray or black dress socks
- Black Dress shoes—anything that qualifies as a sneaker or a boot is not acceptable—no skater shoes
- Steel gray walking shorts with dark belt (until Nov. 1st/after April 1st)

Girls – First to Grade 8

- Steel gray skorts, kilt, pants with black belt and maroon polo shirt with logo
- Gray or maroon socks or tights
- Maroon V-neck sweater, vest or button down sweater
- Black Dress shoes—no more than one inch heel, no clogs or sandals
- Steel gray walking shorts with dark belt (until Nov. 1st/after April 1st)

Gym Uniform

- Maroon sweatpants with logo
- Maroon sweatshirt with logo
- Gray T-shirt with logo
- Maroon mesh shorts with logo
- White socks (visible above sneakers)
- Supportive sneakers
- No jewelry

\*\*\*\* Zip up sweatshirts (Hoodies) and fleece pullovers are considered outerwear, not to be worn as part of the regular uniform in classes.

All Kindergarten students wear the gym uniforms as their daily attire.

**There is no uniform requirement for preschool or pre-kindergarten students**

Boys Grade 1 - 8



Girls Grade 1 - 8



Gym



**Boys Grades 1-8**

**Gym and Kindergarten**

## Girls Grades 1-8

### Uniform Closet

Come shop the uniform closet! We are stocked up and all items are only \$1 piece! We even have some Grizzly Gear in there for dress down days!

Monday through Thursday 8:30am-1:45pm

### CARES 2025-2026

If you are registering for CARES for the next school year, please send in the application fee to the attention of Karen Orzel. If you would like to register please do so in the FACTS portal. We are reviewing staff needs for this program that runs before school 6:30 am-8:00 am and after school 3:00 pm-6:00 pm. Half day coverage for early dismissal day is also available but you must be registered.



### TD Bank Checking and Savings

Visit TD Bank, see a banker (the ones at desks) and ask about joining the Affinity Program. The school receives funding for every savings/checking account at no cost to you. Any additional questions please reach out to Mr. Craig Fraser, Business Manager: [business@stisidores.org](mailto:business@stisidores.org)

St. Isidore Information:

St. Isidore School/Church

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### Parent Resources

### Calendar of Events

August 26th- Staff Report Back

August 29th- Orientation

**-Preschool/PreK 9:00am**

**-Kindergarten and New Families 9:30am**

**September 2nd- First Day of School (EC kids scheduled for Tuesdays)**

**September 4th- Back to School Night (First-Eighth Grade)**

**September 5th- First Friday Mass/Band Demo**

**September 8th- Grizzly sale ends/PAPA meeting 6:30 in rm 5**

**September 11th- Picture Day**

**September 19th- Safe to Say Training (Fifth-Eighth Grade)**

**September 23rd- Eighth Grade HS Testing**

[Click here to see the School Calendar](#)



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