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Who can attend Cardinal Foley?

Cardinal Foley Grade School is a Regional School formed to serve families from the former Annunciation and St. Denis Parish Schools. Admission is open to any family with children seeking a Catholic Education residing in an area without a Catholic Grade School, (i.e. Presentation BVM, Wynnewood; Our Mother of Good Counsel, Bryn Mawr; St. Thomas Villanova, Bryn Mawr).

Who was Cardinal Foley?

Cardinal Foley was a priest in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. A Delaware County native, who attended Holy Spirit in Sharon Hill, St. Joseph's Prep, St. Joseph's University and was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1962. He was known throughout the world as the 'Voice of Christmas' for his work interpreting the Vatican's Christmas midnight Mass for 25 years for American viewers. He was respected for his work in spreading the gospel through social media. He was the Editor of the Standard & Times, the Catholic Newspaper of the Archdiocese and a Professor at St. Charles Seminary for many years. He was named an Archbishop by Pope John Paul II and head of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, a post he held for over 20 years. In 2007, he was named to the College of Cardinals by Pope Benedict XVI. Cardinal Foley was a simple man who devoted his life to proclaiming the gospel as a priest and through his many roles in the church. Much more information can be found on the life of Cardinal Foley on line.

Will Cardinal Foley School be a unique entity from either parish?

Yes, Cardinal Foley School will be a unique entity from both parishes. The school will have its own Board, EIN, and budget.

Who will be on the Board of Cardinal Foley School?

Both the pastors of Annunciation and St. Denis parishes are jointly responsible for the new regional school and comprise its Governing Board. An Advisory Board will assist the pastors and be comprised of the pastors, the principal, a business manager (separate from the parishes) and parents from both schools, who will provide an advisory and not legislative role.

Who chose the name Cardinal Foley Grade School?

In accord with the directives of the Blue Ribbon Commission Report found in Appendix H, Section E, the pastors of both Annunciation and St. Denis selected the name, Cardinal Foley.

Why was the name selected?

The name was selected to honor, Cardinal Foley, a native of Delaware County who was an evangelist for the gospels throughout his life. He taught those he came in contact with about Jesus through his life as a priest, in the classroom, as a newspaper editor and head of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications.

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Why was the school name selected in this manner?

The Blue Ribbon guidelines recommend that the Office of Catholic Education will assist pastors in the selection of the school's name. Unlike many other situations across the Archdiocese, the future of Catholic Education in Havertown has been in discussions for a number of years. It was the decision of the pastors, in accord with the Blue Ribbon recommendations, to select the school's name.

Why was the name 'School of Annunciation / St. Denis' not an option?

Given we are starting a new tradition and the school will have families from as many as five different parishes attending Cardinal Foley Grade School it was determined that a new name be selected.

Will the Implementation Committee be following the guidelines provided by the Office of Catholic Education?

It is the intention of the committee to continue to follow the guidelines provided by the Office of Catholic Education and to address additional items that arise as we go through this process.

What is tuition for 2012/13?

Tuition has not been finalized. It is the committee's intent to keep the tuition in line with current rates. The budget for tuition will be established based on the results of the Letters of Intent provided to parents of the current school families. It is expected that tuition will be communicated by March 1, 2012.

What are the targeted class sizes?

The Implementation Committee is targeting class sizes for **Grades K-3 of 24 students or less** and **Grades 4-8 of 28 students or less**. These goals reflect class sizing that is less than both the Office of Catholic Education and Haverford School District's recommended class sizes.

When will Applications for Admission to K-8 be accepted?

The board expects that Applications for Admission (formerly Registration) will begin in February.

When will Applications for Admission to Pre-K 3 and 4 year old programs be accepted?

Applications for Admission to Pre-K 3 and 4 year old programs are currently being accepted. You may apply for admission at the main office of either campus.

Who will be our Principal?

The Principal will be interviewed and selected by the Implementation Committee beginning in February. Any interested principals must submit their resume to the Office of Catholic

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Education who will approve the candidates and provide the committee with their portfolio. The board plans to have the position filled as soon as reasonably possible.

Who will be our teachers?

Teachers initially will be selected from the current teachers at both Annunciation and St. Denis. If an opening is available beyond the skill set of an existing teacher, we will look outside.

Who will be responsible for the Cardinal Foley Brookline Blvd. Campus?

It is currently planned that a Director will be hired to oversee the programs offered at the Brookline Blvd. campus. The Director will report to the Principal.

Where will classes be held?

Classes for Grades 1-8 will be held at the Cardinal Foley Eagle Road Campus (formerly St. Denis School) and Pre-K 3/4 year old programs / Kindergarten classes will be held at the Cardinal Foley Brookline Blvd. Campus (formerly Annunciation School)

What is the school's uniform?

No uniform has been selected, a focus group of parents are meeting with our sales rep from Flynn & O'Hara on Monday Night 1/30/12 to select options that will be presented to the new school community for a vote at a future date.

What are the school colors?

No school colors have been selected.

What is the school's mascot?

No school mascot has been selected, the Student Councils of both Annunciation and St. Denis Schools will lead the effort to jointly select and vote on the mascot.

How will traditions within each school be incorporated into Cardinal Foley School?

Both schools have a very rich history and it is the goal of the Implementation Committee to ensure that Cardinal Foley School incorporates to the best of its ability all of the common traditions and many of the unique traditions. Administrations of both schools are preparing a listing of the activities within each school for review by the committee.

How will artifacts of the history of both schools be preserved?

The Implementation Committee will work to ensure that the history of both schools is represented to the extent possible.

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How will the sacraments be received for Cardinal Foley Students?

Sacraments will continue to be received at the home parish of the students, dates will be coordinated to assist in the preparation of students.

Will there be other Cardinal Foley School's in the Archdiocese?

To be determined, names of schools are due to be submitted to the Office of Catholic Education.

What is going to happen with the CYO programs of both parishes?

The CYO of Annunciation and YAA of St. Denis are planning to host a meeting with ALL interested parents (School/Prep/RES) to discuss the impact of the new regional school structure on the current programs. The goal of these meetings is to gather input for the formation of the sports program within the Cardinal Foley School. Once this data is gathered the two sports boards will create and present a joint recommendation to the Implementation Committee for approval.

Will there be activities to introduce the students to each other this year?

Yes, both principals are currently working on plans to provide opportunities for students from both schools to meet their future classmates between now and the end of the current school year.

How will CARES be provided in the new school?

The CARES program will continue, the logistics and fees will be provided following review by the Implementation Committee.

If I have a question regarding Cardinal Foley School, where do I go?

A parent or prospective family, may call either Annunciation or St. Denis' School office. A parent may also submit their question in writing to either cardinalfoleyschool@stdenishavertown.org or cardinalfoleyschool@annunciationparish.com where it will be responded to in our FAQ's section within one week of submission. We ask that parents please refer to the FAQ site for updates as well as responses to questions submitted.