



## **SFIC Girls Basketball Festival Tips Off This Sunday**

PARAMUS, NJ – The seventh annual *Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) Girls Basketball Festival* presented by *The Star Ledger* will take place on Sunday, January 17, 2010 at Paramus Catholic High School. The event will include St. Anthony High School vs. Benedictine Academy at 3:15 p.m. followed by Paramus Catholic High School vs. Mother Seton High School at 4:45 p.m. and Marist High School vs. Mount St. Dominic Academy at 6:15 p.m.

“The SFIC is thrilled to have these talented teams participate and be part of our Basketball Festival,” explained Bill Fitzpatrick, the Event Director of the Basketball Festival and a Trustee of the SFIC. “We fully expect the Girls Festival to be as enjoyable and successful as the boy’s festival last weekend where we had a record crowd and exciting basketball.”

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children is a no profit organization that provides partial tuition scholarships to students in grades K-12 to attend private and parochial schools in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union Counties. Since 1983, The Scholarship Fund has provided over \$30 million to over 30,000 students with donations from individuals, corporations, foundations and special events. A study has reported that 97% of SFIC high school students pursue a college education.

“This is a good way for people to come out to see great girls basketball and help our organization,” said Gerry O’Connor, the Executive Director of the SFIC. “We are extremely thankful for the support of the administrators, coaches and players of our participating teams. This is giving back to the community and helping young people have the opportunity to receive a great education.”

All tickets for the tripleheader are priced at \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. To order tickets visit [www.sfichoops.com](http://www.sfichoops.com) or call (973) 497-4279.