



# THE EMPEROR

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School

## Event Spotlight

**By: Connor Mull**

As a school we have several emergency preparedness drills that we practice each month throughout the year. This year we have had 8 drills. St. Francis prepares us in case of an emergency. As students we are required to listen to our teachers, remain calm, stay quiet and follow instructions. Also included is a severe weather drill, which is for tornados and hurricanes. During this drill we are instructed to stay under our desks, while covering our heads and remaining calm. St. Francis de Sales also has prepared their students with Lockdown and Evacuation drills. All the students were instructed to hide in their classroom. Due to some of the recent incidents around the world, St. Francis does a great job preparing their students for any dangerous activity.

## From the Principal

During this past month, we have watched a number of exciting events and activities take place. Shortly after the March issue was published, our community recognized the academic accomplishments of those middle school students who earned *Academic Excellence* (8 students) and *Academic Achievement* (15 students).

As the month of March concluded, our community enjoyed an entertaining and candy-filled Easter Egg Hunt that found our athletic field scattered with colorful reminders of Easter joy!

The arrival of April brought the dawn of the “Fastest Game on Two Feet” to our campus. After a handful of league games, the Girls Lacrosse Team has represented St. Francis with true PENGUIN PRIDE! April also saw our three DI teams earn a spot at the State Tournament in Baltimore. I am thrilled to report that our “Keep it Reel” team conquered the mountain and will proudly represent SFdS in the Global Finals in late May.

Before the final week of April wound down, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade class honored Earth Day with a river clean-up of the Wicomico River. Then later that week, the Class of ‘13 performed a creative version of their very own 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Variety Show. During their three performances, the creative talents of this special group of student-leaders brought smiles to all in attendance.

What a great month it has been! I can hardly wait for the countless memories of May to take form! Six weeks of classes remain. Hang on - it is going to be one great ride!!

**PENGUIN PRIDE Lives Here!**



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## Classroom News

**By: Emily Reda**

Ms. Phillips 5<sup>th</sup> grade class is participated in the first Earth Day Project at St. Francis de Sales, on Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The students went down to the river by the school with plastic gloves and garbage bags collecting trash along the shore line. Ms. Phillips tie-died shirts prior to the project for the students and then the students created earth day designs, and or recycling symbols to put on their shirts.

“There’s a lot of trash that needs to be picked up,” Kerry Ervin said. “The trash is polluting the water, and we want to keep nature alive.”



**Miss. Phillips and her student Kerry Ervin with their earth day t-shirts.**

## St. Francis’s DI club goes Global

**By: Abby Roskovich and Liza Ervin**

Destination Imagination is an organization that helps strengthen children’s creativity and ability to think outside the box. Our teams are led by Bob and Linda Heim who brought D.I. back to our school in 2007. They have been a part of D.I. for 20 years, but this year they are retiring.

The children are divided into different teams and are given a certain task to accomplish within eight minutes. The teams meet after school and on weekends. They practice the main challenge and sometimes are given an “instant challenge” which needs to be completed immediately.

The local competition was held at Salisbury Middle School, and all the SFdS teams advanced to the state competition that was held in Baltimore. The team “Keep it Reel” advanced and is going onto the Global Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee scheduled for late May. They will compete with teams like China and England, and other countries from around the world.



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## 7 Wonders of St. Francis

**By: Emily Alessandrini**

**Activities:** Lots of learning and physical activities

**Small School:** More room for one on one with teachers.

**Multiple Technology Sources:** iPad's, Smart boards, and Computer lab.

**All Acts of Kindness:** Everyone is friends with everyone

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Play:** Every year the 8th graders put on a play

**Family:**

Miss. Phillips and Mrs. Phillips (mother and daughter)

Mrs. C. chamberlain and Mrs. G. Chamberlain (mother and daughter-in-law)

Mrs. Traum and Mr. Traum (Mother and son)

Mrs. Flanagan and Miss Flanagan (mother and daughter) ‘

**Science Lab:** Only school on the Eastern Shore with a lab

## Creative Corner

**By: Abby Roskovich & Liza Ervin**

This week in art class the 7<sup>th</sup> grade made oven plates. The art teacher, Mrs. Nascimbini, came up with the idea to reuse broken kitchen and floor tiles that appeal to the eye. First we had to get an 8x8 block of wood. Then we had to pick out a pattern and color of tiles and use adhesive to stick them to the block of wood in a creative design. Next, we coated the tiles and wood with grout to make sure they stayed in place. Finally, we had to wipe of the grout with a damp cloth. Some of us are going to take them home and use them in the kitchen and some will hang them on a wall. We all loved the art project and would enjoy making the oven plates again.



**Abby Roskovich, Kerry and Liza Ervin holding their own oven plates.**



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## Sports

**By: Abby Roskovich and Liza Ervin**

This is St. Francis de Sales first year having a girls Lacrosse team. The girls started practicing in early March, so they would be ready for their first game against Worcester Prep. They have two practices a week each two hours long. In the beginning of each practice, Coach Ervin makes the girls run a lap around the field then stretch in a group circle. During practice the team does a lot of drills such as, a rapid fire drill, where you must shoot the ball at the goal from the eight meter arch as well as a three - way drill, where you have to dodge then pass to the next person in line. The girls end their practice with seven on seven scrimmages, which allows them prepare themselves for their next game.

Monday April 15, SFDS played Worcester Prep at Henry Parker Athletic Complex at 4 p.m. The girls wore their maroon uniforms, which have white strips down the sides, along with SFdS emblem and lacrosse sticks on the back. The girls unfortunately lost 11-7, with the first goal being Liza Ervin. Abby Roskovich scored three goals, and Paige Jansen and Taryn Houlihan scored as well.

**Abby Roskovich, mid-fielder, trying to score on Worcester Prep.**



## Dear Francis

Dear Troubled,

“I feel my classmates aren't being as kind to each other as Jesus would want us to be. What do you think we should do?”

I think that you should try speaking to your classmates about the changes you want to see happen within your classroom. As the golden rule stands, “treat people the way you want to be treated.” Maybe you should try asking your classmates if they would like it if someone was mean to them, which I don't think they would - so maybe they will realize what they are doing isn't what Jesus would like. Remember, God is always watching us.

Love,

Francis



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## **Thank you Student Staff**

Emily Alessandrini  
Kerry Ervin  
Liza Ervin  
Henry Elangwe  
Abby Roskovich  
Connor Mull

## **Thank you Faculty and Parent Staff**

Rob Costante  
Mrs. Wallace  
Mrs. Phillips  
Emily Reda  
Chrys Egan  
Jean Goblinger

## **A Prayer for Pope Francis**

Most Glorious God, we thank you for the gift of our New Holy Father, Pope Francis.

May you strengthen him with courage, zeal and wisdom, so that he may be an eloquent and articulate defender of religious freedom and a voice for the voiceless.

By Pope Francis' leadership may your Church flourish with faithful vocations to religious life and a renewed appreciation for the sanctity of the Christian family.

Amen.