

# Wednesday e-Folder



## To Jesus through Mary

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

DECEMBER 20, 2017

### To pray and ponder

*To Jesus through Mary*  
*December Focus – Luminous Mysteries*  
*December Virtue of the Month – Joy*

With the prophet, Isaiah (9:1,5), and the whole Church, we wait patiently for the coming of the Savior in our lives, our families, and our world as we acclaim once again at Christmas... The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. For a child is born to us, a son is given us.

**We wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

### Calendar Events

#### Thursday, 12/20

1:45pm *Nutcracker* performance by the whole school in the Parish Center come and join us in person or on Facebook Live!

#### Friday, 12/22

8:15 am Advent Prayer Service followed by the Academic Awards ceremony  
9:00 am PreK flower delivery help  
9:30-11:00 am Santa's workshop-crafts and kids shopping  
11:00 am classroom parties begin  
11:30 am set up for Masses in Parish Center-middle school students  
Dismissal at **NOON- no aftercare** Christmas break begins!

#### Tuesday, 1/2

Back to School

### From the Principal

**PE uniform for winter**-Please make sure your child wears their sweatpants and sweatshirt to school on PE days. This is the required uniform and they lose points in PE for being out of uniform. If it is warm enough inside they

may be allowed to remove them. But, most days they go outside for PE and recess and need this layer.

**Christmas Pageant** –Congratulations to our wonderful performers and to Mary-Tyler Upshaw for a job well done!

**Re-enrollment:** We are so excited that more than 64% of students have re-enrolled for next year! We appreciate your commitment and faith in Catholic Schools. Please be reminded that **after January 1<sup>st</sup> the re-enrollment fee will increase** from \$50 per student to \$75 and we will be enrolling new to St. Francis families.

**Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program-** The Diocese of Wilmington has begun to accept applications for tuition assistance for the 2018-19 school year. In order to be considered for assistance, families must be registered for the coming school year. We will be sending this information in hard copy form this week with youngest student in each family. You can also access the parent letter from the Diocese and the application information from this e-folder. [CLICK HERE](#)

**Santa's Workshop**-Please join us for crafts and shopping/wrapping for parents. The more volunteers the better! Santa's Workshop will be open on Friday, Dec. 22 for our students to do a little shopping and have some fun before our break begins.

If your child would like to shop, please send in a few dollars in a ziploc sandwich bag or envelope (with their name on it) - we will have shopping assistants to help them. Also, if your student would like a peppermint lemon stick, please include a \$1 donation to our Relay for Life team.

Don't forget, we're still seeking small gift/trinket donations as well as wrapping supplies (in particular tape, bows, tissue, bags, boxes, gift tags). All of these can be dropped off in the school office thru Thursday afternoon.

And of course none of this is possible without volunteers! Please use **the Sign-Up Genius icon below** to let us know you can help - such a fun way to get your hours in :) [Click here](#)



## ***Home and School Association***

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<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0945a4a72ba6fc1-santa>

### **CURRENT HSA HOURS**

As you work on your volunteer hours for the current year, please feel free to turn them in monthly. Will Braxton is coordinating the volunteer hours this year and is updating the spreadsheets each month. As you work to complete your 30 hours, you can email him at [Will\\_braxton@comcast.net](mailto:Will_braxton@comcast.net)

Please note, if you have a family member, other than mom or dad, helping you to earn your hours, please make sure they are including your family name on their sign-in/registrations. This will insure we attribute those hours to the correct family.

### **PAST HSA HOURS/DUES**

The HSA board is in the process of generating bills for last year's volunteer hours. If you completed your hours for the 2016-2017 year but failed to submit them, please let us know so we can update our records. Per your tuition contract, each family is required to complete 30 volunteer hours or pay a fee of \$10/hour of volunteer time not completed.

### **HSA DUES**

If you haven't paid your dues yet for the year, please send in your check to the school. The dues are set at \$15/child this year and the money goes directly to our homeroom moms to use for class activities and the auction project. Please make all checks payable to SFDS HSA. We will also be collecting at afternoon pickups on Fridays and during all our school events.

The HSA board would like to wish all of our wonderful school families a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

## **AFTERCARE**

1. Make sure you are up to date with payments by the end of each month. (No invoices are sent.)
2. **Aftercare is currently full.** We will take names for a waiting list should space become available later in the year.

## **The Performing Arts**

**Our Very Own Nutcracker**-In music class we have been working with different musical aspects found in *The Nutcracker*; from rhythm to melody, to different interpretations, as well as the original story. The performance is the culmination of this cross collaboration integration as the experiential aspect of our school's STREAMS approach. The entire school is participating from Pre-K through 8th grades on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 pm in the Parish Center. Come join the fun or watch us live on Facebook!

**Music Man**-Eighth graders have begun auditioning and rehearsing for their annual play! They took a field trip to SU on Monday to visit the performance space in the Black Box Theater.

## **Parish Community Partnership**

**Parish**- Did you know that the Parish has a new mobile app? [Click here](#) for instructions to download to your mobile device. There will be volunteers to help you download this app to your device after Masses on Saturday and Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**-(grades7-12)

**Confirmation Preparation**-January, 13<sup>th</sup> after the 5:30 Mass in the school cafeteria.