

Wednesday e-Folder



To Jesus through Mary

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

JANUARY 24, 2018

To pray and ponder

**To Jesus through Mary January Focus –
Luminous Mysteries January
Virtue of the Month – Wisdom**

The Fifth Luminous Mystery – Institution of the Eucharist – completes our study of the five decades of the newest mysteries of the rosary given to us by St. John Paul II. This mystery recognizes the greatest gift that could be given us in love is the very Lord Himself! One of my favorite hymns – O God Beyond All Praising – summarizes succinctly my response to the Eucharist. (See verse 1 to the right.) The highlighted lines serve to remind me of the two gifts that flow from the Lord through reception of the Eucharist – blessings and mercies. As I reflect upon my life, it has been filled with “blessings without number and mercies without end.” I know that I deserve and earned neither, yet the God of love has given both to me. What a gift! What a God!

Calendar Events

Thursday, 1/25

Basketball home, girls 4:00, boys 5:00 vs. Most Blessed Sacrament

*Last home game, we will honor our 8th graders.

Friday, 2/2

Dismissal at noon, NO AFTERCARE

From the Principal

Rigorous Academics are part of our school’s mission. We have had some recent opportunities to celebrate our wonderful students and their achievements.

Mrs. Amy Guitierrez, our social studies teacher, spearheaded our local Geography Bee sponsored by National Geographic Society. The students listed below qualified to compete on the local school level and represented two from each class in 4th -8th grade. The entire student body cheered contestants on. Current 8th grader, Wil Wilhite, emerged victorious. He will now move to the regional level of competition.

4th graders- Morgan Neall and Ellie Noojin

5th graders- Mason Green and Saoirse Hansen

6th graders- Bobby Simpson and Lilly Stevenson

7th graders- Albi Freda and Mason Rosten

8th graders- Audrey Gianelle and Will Wilhite

We also honored our middle school students whose academic efforts earned them honor roll recognition at an assembly.

6th grade

Academic Excellence

Brigid Reilly

7th grade

Academic Excellence

Albi Freda

Sarah Noojin

8th grade

Academic Excellence

Taylor Gray

Wil Wilhite

Academic Achievement

Daniela Carrasco-Gonzalez

Rick Gutierrez

Connor Jansen

Sarah Miller

Julia Ortiz

Lilly Stevenson

Amy Stiegler

Jackson Wilhite

Academic Achievement

Harrison Duncan

Heather Sanchez-Leyva

Diyon Shaju

Minh Tran

Academic Achievement

Sara Alessandrini

Adriana Costante

Audrey Gianelle

Hannah Siegmund

Michael Wehberg

Nora Wilson

We congratulate our students for their hard work and exceptional academic talent!

Grandparent and Special friend lunch-If your family will be ordering the school lunch on Friday, 2/2, please complete the attached form. [CLICK HERE](#) Please be aware that lunch will not be available that day without preordering. *We need volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up in the kitchen for this event! Email Linda at ldepietro@sfdscs.org to volunteer.

Pre-K 3 year old program-We are excited to announce that we will begin a new Pre-K for program for three year olds in 2018/2019. Students must be 3 before September 1, 2018.

Re-enrollment- We are so excited to report that more than **75% of current families** have re-enrolled for the coming year! Please send in your re-enrollment today to secure your child's placement for the 2018-2019 school year. If the re-enrollment percentage reaches 85% by 2/1/2018, we will have an extra NUT day on Thursday, 2/2.

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. You can access the parent letter from the Diocese and the application information from this e-folder. [CLICK HERE](#)

Fruitland Falcons LAX- [click here](#) for flyer

Home and School Association

Pizza & Family Game Night

Join school and parish families for dinner and games - a great way to cap off Catholic Schools Week! We will have pizza, soft drinks, beer/wine, and desserts available for sale. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, School Auction ticket raffle, and games for the whole family to play. And, we're introducing our Wall of Giving, our newest fundraiser that includes prizes for many of our participants!

Please let us know if you can join the fun on February 2!

https://www.evite.com/event/01B6QMNGWDXBHIS5KEPH772XTLUJHA/rsvp?utm_campaign=send_sharable_link&utm_medium=sharable_invite&utm_source=NA

We can't have a successful event without help from our school families. Please use the sign-up genius link to pick an area where you can help.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e0945a4a72ba6fc1-pizza>

Vice President Nominations

Nominations have closed for the Vice President position. We have had 3 great candidates step up with interest. Since we have multiple interested candidates, we will hold an election. The election will be done via electronic ballot. Each school family will have **ONE** vote. Voting will go live this afternoon once the email is sent and will continue until next Tuesday, January 30th at 11:59 PM. Results will be shared in the eFolder.

Book Fair

Our annual book fair is quickly approaching. This fundraiser is a great way to help out our school library, as all funds raised go directly towards purchasing new materials. You can use the sign-up link below to sign-up to help work the event. The book fair runs from Monday, January 29th – Friday, February 2nd.

Here is the link:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2179712/false#/invitation>

AFTERCARE

- 1. You should be paying for aftercare at the end of each week that your child attends.** Families who find themselves more than two weeks behind in payments will no longer be able to use this service and may lose their place to someone on the waiting list.
- 2. Aftercare is currently full.** We will take names for a waiting list should space become available later in the year.

National Catholic Schools Week- Believe, Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed

January 28-February 3

Kick off from Speakers on Sunday at all Masses

Scholastic Book Fair will be open all week!

Monday 1/29- Student Appreciation Day

NUT day class colors

8th and 3rd wear blue

7th and 2nd wear red

6th and 1st wear green

5th and K wear purple

4 and PreK wear yellow

Special visit and treat from Shorebirds!

Movie and treat in the afternoon

No homework!

Tuesday 1/30 Parent Appreciation Day

Pastries for Parents at 7:30 am
Morning Meeting 8:15 am
Classroom visits 8:30-9:15 am
NUT day team jersey or spirit wear

Wednesday 1/31 Parish Appreciation Day

Mass at 8:30 am
New family tours as scheduled with advancement director
Talent Show at 6:30pm

Thursday 2/1 Teacher Appreciation Day

Teachers enjoy lunch and no duties
Student vs. Teacher Sporting Event 2:20 pm in Parish Center

Friday 2/2 Grandparent and Special Friend Appreciation Day (Please invite grandparents or special friends to come for the prayer service and lunch. Tables will be set up for lunch in the Parish Center. You may either pack or purchase a hot lunch. Hot lunch **MUST** be preordered. You are welcome to bring your own table cloth and place setting if desired.)

Prayer Service at 10:00 am
Luncheon at 11:00 am
Dismissal at 12:00 noon
Pizza and Family Game Night!

Parish Community Partnership

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS-(grades7-12)

Youth Gathering for grades 7-12, Saturday, January 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Pizza, games, and lively discussion on Faith vs. Doubt. Bring a friend, \$3 for pizza, and an open mind!