

Wednesday e-Folder

To Jesus through Mary



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

MAY 2, 2018

To pray and ponder

To Jesus through Mary May Focus – Glorious Mysteries

May Virtue of the Month – Devotion

The month of May will conclude our focus on the diocesan theme – To Jesus through Mary – with a focus on the virtue of devotion.

Devotion has a number of synonyms, but the one that may best describe it is the term “loyalty.” To devote oneself to a person or to a cause is a commitment of remaining loyal. It is returning to the person or cause regularly to deepen relationships or understanding. The month of May serves as a good teacher of devotion as we center our attention throughout the month on the Blessed Mother, celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker at the beginning of the month, and remember our own mothers on Mother’s Day. Could one find better definitions of devotion than Mary, Joseph, and our own mothers? This week, let us think about our devotion to the people around us. How do we demonstrate our loyalty with them?

Calendar Events

Wednesday, May 2

4:00 Girls and Boys Lax away vs. Salisbury School

Wednesday, May 9

4:00 Girls only Lax home vs. Most Blessed Sacrament

Friday, May 11

HSA Family Night in the Parish Center

Saturday, May 12

8:30 am Penguin 5K Run

Boy Scout Chicken BBQ

Wednesday, May 30 and Thursday, May 31

8th grade play, “Music Ma’am” at SU

Saturday, June 2

7:00-9:30 7th and 8th grade Dance at Holy Redeemer

Tuesday, June 5th

5:30pm Sports Banquet in Parish Center (grades 5-8)

Wednesday, June 6th

Third grade International Day

6:30 pm Band and Choir Concert

Thursday, June 7th

Last day for school lunch and a la carte items!

Friday, June 8

Field Day-noon dismissal

Saturday, June 9

11:00 am 8th grade confirmation Mass

Sunday, June 10

2:00 pm 8th grade graduation Mass and awards ceremony

From the Principal

Altar Server Training-There will be training for new altar servers on Thursday, May 17th in the church at 3:30 pm. Please R.S.V.P. mharris@visitstfrancis.org to let her know your student will be attending.

Benchmark Standardized Testing-This week students will continue to take our online standardized test that will replace the Terra Nova Assessments. These assessments will help to support our longstanding commitment to academic excellence. The research-proven Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and Star Math assessments quickly provide comprehensive insight into student performance, and provide teachers with the tools they need to bridge assessment and instruction. Unlike Terra Novas this test takes less than one hour for each sub test to complete so there is less disruption of regular instructional time. Look for more details next week. [Click Here](#) for letter from Dr. Lou DeAngelo, Superintendent of Schools.

Boy Scout Chicken BBQ- Saturday, May 12th, Cost is \$9.00 per meal - 1/2 roasted chicken, coleslaw, chips, bread roll, bottle of water Pre-ordering is highly recommended. Pick up time for the meals - 9:00am to 1:00pm

Vacation Bible School!-June 18-22, 9:00am-12:00. Don't miss it! Contact Angie McLaughlin angie@dennissales.com for more information.

First Day of School for 2018-2019-Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Home and School Association

Election of Officers

The HSA is now taking nominations for the 2018-2019 school year for the following positions:

Vice President:

Here are the needed qualifications for the position:

- willing to help organize and attend HSA events,
- help represent our HSA with school and parish administration,
- and provide input on future HSA planning.

This position will be for a term of 2 years, with the 2nd year assuming the position of HSA president.

Treasurer:

Here are the needed qualifications for the position:


- Experience with Quickbooks and preparing financial reports
- Understands and can articulate P&L statements, budgets and over financial positions
- Available for HSA meetings, executive board meetings, Parish finance council meetings and most HSA events
- Willingness to work with the school principal, Pastor & Parish Finance Manager on a regular basis

This position will be for a term of 2 years.

To submit nominations or learn more about this position, please contact Marta Trice at MartaLHayes@hotmail.com.

Nominations are due by Friday, April 27th. If more than one candidate comes forward, the HSA will hold an election.

Penny Wars

Our first ever Penny War was a huge success - thank you for sending in your change  We raised \$1700! The 1st Grade won with almost 14,000 points and will enjoy a NUT day and popsicle party soon. The 1st Grade will also enjoy a small treat since they raised the most money (more than \$400!). The HSA is incredibly grateful for your participation last week! And thank you to our volunteers who helped count coins!

Teacher Appreciation

We will celebrate our wonderful teachers and staff April 30-May 4 with gifts, treats, and a luncheon. All families should check their email for more information, but we are in need of volunteers to help, especially on Friday, May 4. More

specifically, we need help covering the lunch & recess periods so the teachers can enjoy their luncheon that day. 

Sign-up here to help: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094aa8a929a2ff2-teacher>.

Family Night

Our year end family night is scheduled for Friday, May 11th from 5:30 pm - 8:40 pm in the Parish Center. This will be a fun way to kick off the Penguin Run festivities by picking your registration packets and then enjoy a family movie/pizza night.

We will be providing pizza, popcorn, treats and drinks - all free! Please use the link to rsvp so we can plan accordingly. <http://evite.me/AaK9ARfxdh>

Penguin Run

Our annual Penguin Run 5K and Kids Dash, next Saturday May 12th. This is a great family event for all ages. The race starts with a blessing of the runners at 8:20 am. Use the link below to pre-register for the race...anyone doing so before May 9th will receive a race shirt. [Click here](#)

Wall of Giving

This easy fundraiser is now in the school office - stop by to pick up an envelope for your contribution! There are more than a dozen prizes still tucked away on the board. All funds raised go directly to cover the buses for this year's field trips. Weather pending...look for us at pickup line on Fridays as well.

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.

BOOST

BOOST -- or Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today -- provides state-funded scholarships for some students who are eligible for the Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Program to attend eligible nonpublic schools. Awards are granted based on household income, with the lowest income served first. In late March 2018, the BOOST Program was renewed for the 2018-2019 school year.

Applications for 2018-2019:

The electronic application for parents to complete is available from this web page:

<http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>

The application deadline is May 21, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

Those who received a BOOST Scholarship in 2017-2018 must submit an application to be considered for a 2018-2019 renewal award.

MSDE expects to send award notifications in July 2018. Payments are expected to be sent in December 2018.

If you have questions, please submit them to: boost.msde@maryland.gov

ATHLETICS

Athletics Committee of the H.S.A.: New for next year!

We would like to bring back the golf tournament, hold a dodgeball tournament in the winter, and plan the penguin run in the spring to raise money for our sports teams. Our athletics department needs funds to pay referees, rent fields, and to pay for uniforms and extra equipment that may be needed. These activities support a huge part of SFdS spirit and school pride through sports!! If you would like to be the chairperson of this committee please contact Katie Ayd at kayd@sfdscs.org. Thank you for your consideration!

Sports Banquet:

Our first annual sports banquet will be held on Tuesday, June 5th at 5:30 pm. We will have an awards ceremony for all of our sports teams followed by a fried chicken potluck dinner. Each family is asked to bring a side or dessert to share! We look forward to this event!

Fall Coaches Needed:

A head field hockey and soccer coach are needed for our next fall sports season. Please consider this rewarding and important commitment to our school and students! If you would like to coach, help out, or know of someone who would like to coach, please contact Katie Ayd at Kayd@sfdscs.org. Thank you for your consideration!