

Wednesday e-Folder

To Jesus through Mary



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

MARCH 14, 2018

To pray and ponder

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March Focus – Sorrowful Mysteries

March Virtue of the Month – Mercy

The fourth Sorrowful Mystery of the rosary – Carrying the Cross – reminds us of a common bond of our humanity. Each of us, like Jesus, carries a cross. One cannot look at another's cross and make a judgment about its complexity, difficulty, or worth. For each person the weight of the cross is unique and presents an overwhelming burden. It is in looking to our Savior that we see the manner in which to carry our cross – with humility, in silence, with trust. While we would desire our cross to be lightened, to be resolved, or to disappear entirely, we submit to the belief that God knows the good that will emerge from this trial and will support us to the end. This week, let us pause and ponder the manner in which we embrace the cross that comes to us.

Calendar Events

Friday, March 14

2:30 Stations of the Cross in the church

Friday March, 23

2:15 LIVE Stations of the Cross lead by 7th grade

4:00-7:00 pm Crabcake Dinner in Parish Center to benefit ASP

Tuesday, March 27

NUT day in honor of the school auction, Hollywood Nights!-come as a celebrity or paparazzi

3:15-6:00pm Uniform SWAP, H.S.A. room

Wednesday, March 28

9:15 am Easter Egg Hunt

NOON DISMISSAL-EASTER BREAK BEGINS

12:00-1:00pm Uniform SWAP, H.S.A. room

Monday, April 9

Return from Easter break

Saturday, April 14

6:30 pm School Auction in the Parish Center

Friday, May 11

HSA Family Night in the Parish Center

Saturday, May 12

8:30 am Penguin Run [Click for Flyer](#)

Wednesday, May 23

6:30 pm Band and Choir Spring Concert in Parish Center

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)

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-awards ceremony

From the Principal

School Start Time-Be reminded that students who enter the school building after 8:10 are tardy as stipulated in the student handbook on page 1. Teachers bring students inside at 8:05. In the younger grades, students get unpacked before moving to morning community meeting. Please understand that the consequence for more than 4 tardies is recess detention. (page 2) Students who enter late are to report to the main office to check in and get a tardy slip for their homeroom teacher.

Standardized Testing-This year our school in alignment with Diocesan expectations will not be participating in the week long Terra Nova testing as we have in the past. Instead, we are moving to a benchmark assessment, the first of which will be given in late April. These tests are given 3 to 4 times per year and focus on reading and math. Please [Click here](#) to read the letter with more details from our Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Lou DeAngelo.

Uniform Swap- There will be a uniform swap on Tuesday, March 27th from 3:15-6:00pm and again on Wednesday, March 28th from 12:00 am -1:00pm in the HSA room on the third floor. Remember that we will switch to the spring uniforms upon our return from Easter break. If you have uniforms to donate, please bring to school with a voucher to get credit on future purchases. [Click here](#) for voucher ***Returns for credits will be accepted through Friday, March 23. Please leave your bag of returns (include your family name on it) in the office, and credit slips will be sent home with your youngest student.***

School Uniforms-We will be switching vendors for our school uniforms. Landsend will be our provider for uniforms and most of our spirit wear. We are finalizing the shopping list and it will be available soon. This

company will give us 6% cash back and if you purchase with a Landsend scrip card, we will get an additional 16% as well. Don't panic! We are not changing colors or plaid, etc. A few items may be slightly different in style and we will add several choices especially in middle school. Students may continue to wear current inventory from the swap.

Soccer for PreK and K-Sweet Feet will be providing a soccer program for our tiny students. Please [click here](#) for more information.

From the Music Department

March is Music in our Schools month. If you have ever walked through the halls of our school you know that SFDs incorporates music into most classes. We are truly blessed with such dynamic and diversified teachers, that music isn't limited to one class or extra-curricular a week.

I wanted to share with others this supplemental educational aspect our students' receive, as well as share with others the quantity, quality, and diversity of our music education curriculum. Please feel free to follow my Twitter feed @theatreducate for daily updates on how music is incorporated into our school. I will post a video or photos each school day during this month. Utilizing hashtags, I am connecting with other music teachers and Catholic educators across the world.

The other big news we have from music; the "Music Ma'am" auditions sign up has been posted outside of the music room. A few weeks ago I shared with the younger grades (1-4) about the opportunity to participate in the 8th grade play. If you have received an email from me regarding this, please make sure that your child signs up for an audition time slot. If they need assistance with this, I will guide them through. If you have not received an email and your child is interested, please reach out to me at mupshaw@sfdscs.org and we can chat further.

Home and School Association

Skate Night Spirit Night

This Friday, March 16th from 6:30-8:30 pm at Skateland/Mitchell's Martial Arts. Tickets will be \$4/kids; \$6/adult and children under school age are free. Please check out the flyer on the link below for more details and plan to come out for a fun night of family fun benefiting our school!

[Click Here](#)

Kids Bingo

Kick off Easter break with our Annual Kids Bingo Night on Tuesday, March 27th from 6:00-8:00pm in the Parish Center. The McLaughlin Family hosts this fun night to benefit the HSA for kids ages 4 years and older. Cost is \$25/child and includes dinner, dessert, treats, favors, and of course lots of BINGO! RSVP to Angie McLaughlin at [410-430-7770](tel:410-430-7770). This is a can't-miss event for your student(s)!

Easter Egg Hunt

We will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for PreK-5th Grade on Wednesday, March 28th at 9:15am following Mass. More details will be sent via your homeroom moms and will be posted on Facebook, but donations and volunteers are needed! Please contact Jill Stevenson at jillbeans16@gmail.com or [443-880-2479](tel:443-880-2479) with questions or offers to help.

Auction, Auction, and more Auction

Mark your calendars for our biggest fundraiser of the year - **Saturday, April 14th**. This year's theme, Hollywood Nights, promises unique silent auction items, delicious food, fun raffles, and more! A few more BOGO tickets are still available. **Purchase your tickets [here](#) and don't forget to invite your friends!**

A fantastic auction requires dedicated volunteers, so please consider donating your time to help out that night

or even beforehand (we need lots of help in the weeks leading up to and even the day before). Click [here](#) to let us know we can count on you to help us!

If your time is limited, there's still plenty of opportunities to support our biggest fundraiser. You can donate an item (or an entire basket) to our very popular [Chinese Auction](#), donate to our silent auction, or sponsor the event (even families can be sponsors!). Please contact our Auction Chair, Brynne Moore, at brynnemoore@gmail.com or [301-980-8681](tel:301-980-8681) with questions about supporting this fun event.

Don't forget to visit our Auction's [Facebook](#) page to stay up-to-date on our great auction items, sponsors, and specials!

Go NUTs for Auction!

There will be a NUT day on Tuesday, March 27th. While NUT days are free, we are asking for donations to help pay for decorations for the auction. Thank you for helping our decorations committee!

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.

SCRIP

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES FUNDRAISER-SCRIP GIFT CARD SALES

The SCRIP card program is one of the easiest ways you can help our parish earn free money. We purchase the gift cards at a discount and re-sell them for face value, earning a percentage on EVERY card sold. The percentage ranges from 1.5% to 20%.

Nothing EXTRA out of pocket, just your normal spending, but using gift cards instead of your debit or credit card. It helps the parish earn money.

Parents & Grandparents can also help earn tuition back for the kids who are attending St. Francis de Sales School. The child can earn 50% back of the percentage paid.

Planning on eating out this week or weekend? We have the following cards in stock:

ADAM'S TAP HOUSE – SOUTHERN BOY'S – IRISH PENNY - RUBY TUESDAY - PANERA BREAD - RUTH'S CHRIS - RED LOBSTER - OLIVE GARDEN - OUTBACK STEAK HOUSE - TEXAS ROADHOUSE

The kids are asking for new spring and summer clothes? We have many retailers to cover that. GAP, OLD NAVY, AMERICAN EAGLE, KOHLS, MACY'S, SEARS, JCPENNY'S, ETC. We can order many more.

Also don't forget we sell Acme, Food Lion, & Sam's Club/Walmart. Use these for your Easter Dinner.

We do have a few cards that we would like to sell in order to reduce our inventory a little. If you use EXXON for gas please considering purchasing a \$100.00 EXXON card over the new few weeks to help us out.

We also have \$25.00 Bath & Body Works. Get your spring fragrances or Easter Basket items by purchasing a gift card from us.

Thank you!!!

[Help us to help our parish do great things.](#)

Send us an e-mail at sflanagan@visitstfrancis.org or call 410-742-8781 to either place an order or volunteer to help or with questions.

LENT

Fasting-As a community we observe the Catholic tradition of fasting on Fridays. This simply means that we will not serve any meat options or treats such as ice cream on Fridays until Easter break. Children under 14 and adults over 60 are technically exempt from this practice but are encouraged to participate as families see fit.

Prayer-We participate in Stations of the Cross along with the parish community each Friday in the church at 2:30 pm. All are welcome.

Almsgiving-Families are encouraged to give to Operation Rice Bowl or to bring in canned goods for the Joseph house Ministries on Wednesdays.

Parish Community Partnership

Parish App-Don't forget to download the Parish App to your mobile device. It's a great way to stay connected!

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events:

Appalachia Service Project: There will be several Lenten dinners held in the Parish Center.

Crab cake-March 23

The National Junior Honor Society will be collecting supplies for the Somerset County Humane Society during the month of March. Please bring in any of the following items to help out!

- *Cat Food
- *Cat litter
- *Paper Towels
- *Clorox Wipes
- *Monetary Donation

Thank you for your support!!!