

Wednesday e-Folder



To Jesus through Mary

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 14, 2018

To pray and ponder

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February Focus - Sorrowful Mysteries

February Virtue of the Month - Faithfulness

The first Sorrowful Mystery – The Agony in the Garden – places before us the disappointment of disregard. As Jesus suffered in his prayer and worry about the unfolding events before him, he found himself quite alone. He was abandoned by his closest friends in prayer because they simply could not keep awake. Then, he was completely alone as his friends deserted him in fear. It seems one agony that emerged in this garden was disregard. The beginning of Lent is a good time to pause and ponder our regard for God. We can reflect on whether we are present in prayer on a regular basis each day. Do we make time to converse with the Lord? Then we can think about our physical presence to God who lives in each person. Do we serve their needs knowing that what we do for them is the same as doing for the Lord himself? Our attention to prayer and service is the very focus of Lent.

Calendar Events

Thursday, February 15th

Basketball Award Ceremony 8:20 am in Parish Center
Second Grade Wax Museum after Awards in Parish Center
Spelling Bee 1:30 pm in the Parish Center

Friday, February 16th

Stations of the Cross

Monday, February 19th

NO SCHOOL Presidents Day

Friday, February 23rd

NO SCHOOL Faculty and Staff Retreat

From the Principal

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](#)

Home and School Association

HSA Open Meeting

Please consider attending our 2nd HSA Open Meeting on Tuesday, February 20th at 6 PM in the Parish Center. This is an opportunity for our school families to share with the HSA Executive Board opportunities for improvement, new ideas, and ask questions about how the HSA serves our students and school. Please RSVP by using the following link or visit our SFDS HSA Penguin Pride facebook page to sign up.

https://www.facebook.com/events/671877663202095/?acontext=%7B%22ref%22%3A%224%22%2C%22feed_story_type%22%3A%22370%22%2C%22action_history%22%3A%22null%22%7D

Wall of Giving

The newest fundraiser for the HSA is our Wall of Giving. The Wall of Giving is an easy way for every family to help support the school. All you have to do is come in to the school office, pick an envelope and donate the amount designated on that envelope...from \$1 - \$100. All the proceeds raised during this fundraiser will go directly to the funding of the transportation for our class field trips this coming spring....which typically costs about \$10,000 each year for buses. As an incentive, we have hidden 20 prizes amongst the envelopes....prizes like movie tickets, scrip gift cards, auction tickets, volunteer hours or even penguin cash (which can be used on lunch accounts, after care, spirit wear or scrip purchases.) So please let us know which envelope you'd like to claim! 😊

Auction Tickets BOGO

We are starting the sale of the tickets for the HOTTEST event of the year! From now until the end of February (or until we sell out), we are offering Buy One ticket and Get One FREE to the Hollywood Nights Auction. The auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 14th. Please use the link below to buy your tickets now....and hurry before they're gone!

<https://sfdsss.ejoinme.org/hollywood>

Auction Help Needed

Our school auction is only 8 ½ weeks away. The committee is working very hard to prepare for a fabulous night but we need your help! If you're interested in being on one of the auction committees or just being a busy bee worker, please let us know. You can sign up by using the link below:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094aa8a929a2ff2-auction>

You can also visit our facebook page to stay up to date on great auction items, sponsors and specials. Please use this link to check it out!

<https://www.facebook.com/SFdSHollywoodNights/>

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.

AFTERCARE

1. **Payment is expected 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.

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 2:40 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

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events:

February 18th from 6:30-8:15 p.m. Heaven's Kitchen. Meet in the Parish Center Kitchen. Help cook a meal for Joseph House to serve the homeless. Email Liza to bring a food item.

February 24th Youth Gathering from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Bring a friend, \$3 for pizza and enjoy games brought to you by our Lock-In Crew. Theme: Series on Faith vs. Doubt.

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

Fish Fry-February 23

Fish Fry- March 9

Crabcake-March 23.

Loving Life Committee Lenten Crib Project: [CLICK HERE](#) for flyer

Carriage House Ministry: The Carriage house Store is in need of volunteers! Please consider volunteering one morning a week! Please call 410-546-6221 in the mornings for more information.

9:00am-12noon Mondays and Fridays-merchandizers

9:00am-12noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays-sellers