

# Wednesday e-Folder

## To Jesus through Mary



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

APRIL 25, 2018

### *To pray and ponder*

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**April Focus – Glorious Mysteries**

**April Virtue of the Month – Justice**

The second Glorious Mystery – the Ascension of the Lord – completes the catechetical development of the followers of Jesus. In the Gospel of St. Matthew, we read about the calling of the disciples. Jesus says to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men (Mt. 4:19).” At the conclusion of the Gospel, Jesus commands them as Apostles, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you (Mt. 28:19).” We see the movement from disciple to apostle, from follower to teacher, from catechizing to evangelizing. The Ascension of the Lord reminds us of our dual roles received in Baptism and Confirmation to be disciples (learners) and apostles (teachers) of the Good News. This week to whom will we speak about Jesus and how will we proclaim him by our actions?

### *Calendar Events*

**Thursday, April 26**

4:15 pm Girls and Boys Lacrosse away vs. The Country School

**Friday, April 27**

NUT day-wear blue to support Life Crisis Center

**Friday, May 11**

HSA Family Night in the Parish Center

**Saturday, May 12**

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

Boy Scout Chicken BBQ

**Wednesday, May 30 and Thursday, May 31**

8<sup>th</sup> grade play, “Music Ma’am” at SU

**Saturday, June 2**

7:00-9:30 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Dance at Holy Redeemer

**Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

Third grade International Day

6:30 pm Band and Choir Concert

**Friday, June 8**

Field Day-noon dismissal

**Saturday, June 9**

11:00 am 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation Mass

**Sunday, June 10**

2:00 pm 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation Mass-awards ceremony

## ***From the Principal***

**Life Crisis-** Each year we partner with this great organization to end abuse of children. Students will enjoy a blue NUT day on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> as we harvest the pinwheels that we planted last week. Don't forget to bring in \$5 for your own pinwheel to place in your yard to bring awareness to family abuse in our community.

**Benchmark Standardized Testing-**This week students have begun to take our online standardized test that will replace the Terra Nova Assessments. We are excited about the opportunities Renaissance's Star assessments will bring. 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. Each student receives a tailor-made test that adapts to the student's current performance level, regardless if that performance level is at, above, or below grade level. Question difficulty increases after a correct answer and decreases after an incorrect answer. This reduces testing frustration and allows the test to accurately pinpoint what each student knows and can do. This week we are taking the reading assessment and the math section will be taken next week. 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.

**Penguin Run-**Please [click here](#) for registration form.

**Boy Scout Chicken BBQ-** Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 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. This fun activity is open to students ages 4-12. Contact Angie McLaughlin [angie@dennissales.com](mailto:angie@dennissales.com) for more information.

**Yearbook!**

The last day to order a Yearbook is THIS Friday. They are \$15. You must order by THIS Friday or you will not get one. Here is the link...

[https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/view\\_account.asp?!=CAAFCE0F-518F-405A-9D8C-B8741EF40D47](https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/view_account.asp?!=CAAFCE0F-518F-405A-9D8C-B8741EF40D47)

## ***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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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**

Gather your loose change, hunt for some under the couch cushions, or have your kids donate part of their allowance....the HSA is hosting a Penny War week (April 23-27)! Each homeroom has a jug to collect money: pennies and dollar bills ADD points, while silver coins SUBTRACT from the classroom total. Send your kids in with a Ziploc bag full of change to help their class and keep other classes from winning. This FUNdraiser makes cents! All funds raised will go towards our school's technology needs!

Read more about our Penny War here

### **Teacher Appreciation**

#### **Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week**

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

### **Family Night**

Our year end family night is scheduled for Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center. This will be a fun way to kick off the Penguin Run festivities and enjoy a family movie/pizza night. More details will follow.

### **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](mailto:boost.msde@maryland.gov)

## **ATHLETICS**

**Athletics Committee:** New for next year!

Dear Parents,

We would like to form an athletics committee as a part of the H.S.A. for next year to manage athletics funds and plan events for our sports seasons. 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. We are looking for the rolls

of president, secretary, and treasurer to fill the committee. These are important rolls to support a huge part of SFdS spirit and school pride through sports!! If you would like to fill one of these positions please contact Katie Ayd at [kayd@sfdscs.org](mailto:kayd@sfdscs.org). Thank you for your consideration!

**Sports Banquet:**

Our 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!