

Wednesday e-Folder

To Jesus through Mary



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 28, 2018

To pray and ponder

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March Focus – Sorrowful Mysteries

March Virtue of the Month – Mercy

As we look to a new month tomorrow, we continue to pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the rosary. However, we undertake a new virtue for March, namely, mercy. In the prayer Hail, Holy Queen, we turn to Mary as our Mother of Mercy. The term, “mercy,” encompasses so much in our understanding of it. It is both forgiveness and reconciliation. It calls us to live justly so that true peace (wholeness or balance) is restored to all. Mercy reminds us that we need to care for both the spiritual and temporal needs of others. Mercy is spoken of twice in the Magnificat, the great prayer of Mary, telling of God’s remembrance of God’s people. Mercy is woven intricately throughout the lives of Mary and Jesus. So how does mercy connect with us? In this second week of Lent, let us pause and ponder how mercy continues to be extended to us and let us look for ways to show mercy to others. If it is challenging to either accept mercy or offer mercy, let us turn in prayer to our Mother of Mercy for assistance.

Calendar Events

Thursday, March 1st

PIZZA for Lunch

Boys LAX practice 3:30

Friday, March 2

Macaroni and Cheese for Lunch

Stations of the Cross prayer in church 2:30pm

Monday, March 5

Spanish exam grade 8

Tuesday, March 6

Language Arts exam grades 7 and 8

Boys LAX practice 3:30

Wednesday, March 7

Social studies exam grades 7 and 8

Noon Dismissal-due to faculty PD-Aftercare is available

Thursday, March 8

Math exam grades 7 and 8

Boys Lax practice 3:30

Friday, March 9

Science exam grades 7 and 8

Stations of the Cross Prayer in church 2:30pm

From the Principal

Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program- The deadline for the Diocese of Wilmington to accept applications for tuition assistance for the 2018-19 school year is this Monday, March 5th! 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](#)

School Safety

Parents should know that administration, faculty and staff continue to receive training in order to ensure the safety of children while at school in all emergency situations. To this end I attended the Active Shooter Training offered by the Wicomico County Sheriff and the Maryland State Police Departments. I will be sharing this information at our Professional Development on Wednesday.

Home and School Association

Skate Night Spirit Night

Our next spirit night is scheduled for 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

Save the date for Tuesday, March 27th for the Annual Kids Bingo in the Parish Center. More details will follow next week!

Wall of Giving

This newest super 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.

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!

[Click Here](#)

Auction Help Needed

Our school auction is only 7 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:

[Click Here](#)

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!

[Click here](#)

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. You can pay for aftercare on the parish website, visitstfrancis.org
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:

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

Fish Fry- March 9

Crab cake-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.

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