

# Wednesday e-Folder



## To Jesus through Mary

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

JANUARY 3, 2018

### To Pray and Ponder

*To Jesus through Mary January Focus-  
Luminous Mysteries January  
Virtue of the Month - Wisdom*

We begin the new year with a focus on the virtue of wisdom. Wisdom is one of the four cardinal virtues. The four cardinal virtues are justice, wisdom (prudence), courage (fortitude), and moderation (self-control, temperance). These four are called "cardinal" virtues from the Latin word for "hinge." All other virtues hinge on these four. Wisdom is "right reason in action," writes St. Thomas Aquinas. It is the virtue that allows us to judge correctly what is right and what is wrong in any given situation. In today's world there are many shades of grey that confuse right and wrong. Yet, through prayer and practice one can deepen the virtue of wisdom, a gift of the Holy Spirit received at Baptism and strengthened at Confirmation. This month let us place ourselves under the protection of Mary, Mother of God, and implore her assistance as the Seat of Wisdom. This week let us pray each day for the virtue of wisdom: Mary, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us.

### Calendar Events

#### Thursday, 1/4

Basketball Girls 4:00 pm, Boys 5:00 pm away vs. Easton

#### Wednesday 1/10

Basketball Girls 4:15 pm, Boys 5:30 pm vs. The Country School

#### Monday, 1/15

School Closed MLK

### From the Principal

#### Inclement Weather Reminders-

1. When the temperature or wind chill is below freezing, we enter the school building through the side door and wait in the cafeteria rather than standing outside. We will also not go outside for recess in these conditions.
2. Should school need to close due to weather conditions, you will see this posted on WBOC and will also receive a phone call, text message and email from School Messenger. (If you didn't get a message about the Santa Social

via this tool, call the school office to update your information.)

**3.SNOW WORK-**A few years ago, the Diocese of Wilmington adopted a policy of **Cyber Snow Days** in lieu of making up missed days. This involves having assignments to complete in place of the school day. Students will be given assignments by their teachers either online or in a hard copy, when they know ahead of time. Check your teacher's website. This work for major subject areas may be turned in up to 3 days upon the return to school and will be graded. Keep in mind this allows us to finish the school year on June 15<sup>th</sup> and not have to make up days in order to complete the required 180 days.

**PE uniform for winter**-Please make sure your child wears their sweatpants and sweatshirt to school on PE days. This is the required uniform and they lose points in PE for being out of uniform. If it is warm enough inside they may be allowed to remove them. But, most days they go outside for PE and recess and need this layer.

**Re-enrollment**- We have begun to enroll new families. The second grade class for next year currently has a waiting list. Please send in your re-enrollment today to secure your spot for the 2018-19 school year. Knowing how many students will be in each class enables us to take advantage of promotional textbook ordering and planning for staffing and budgetary needs.

**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. We will be sending this information in hard copy form this week with youngest student in each family. You can also access the parent letter from the Diocese and the application information from this e-folder. [CLICK HERE](#)

## Home and School Association

**Santa's Workshop** We would like to send out a BIG THANK YOU to all those parents who helped us at Santa's Workshop. The kids had a great time, got to do a little shopping for their families and even enjoyed a visit with the man himself....Santa. We couldn't have pulled this off without all the tremendous support from our families.....from sending in wrapping essentials to your secret treasures from home for the shopping area to lending a hand during the event. Thank you all!!

**Casino Night** Our next event is coming up in just a few short weeks...Casino Night. It is scheduled for Friday, February the 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are interested in being on the committee for this event or even just helping out with set up, at the event or clean-up; please contact Will Braxton at [will\\_braxton@comcast.net](mailto:will_braxton@comcast.net)

**CURRENT HSA HOURS** As you work on your volunteer hours for the current year, please feel free to turn them in monthly. Will Braxton is coordinating the volunteer hours this year and is updating the spreadsheets each month. As you work to complete your 30 hours, you can email him at [Will\\_braxton@comcast.net](mailto:Will_braxton@comcast.net) Please note, if you have a family member, other than mom or dad, helping you to earn your hours, please make sure they are including your family name on their sign-in/registrations. This will insure we attribute those hours to the correct family.

**Past HSA HOURS/DUES** The HSA board is in the process of generating bills for last year's volunteer hours. If you completed your hours for the 2016-2017 year but failed to submit them, please let us know so we can update our records. Per your tuition contract, each family is required to complete 30 volunteer hours or pay a fee of \$10/hour of volunteer time not completed.

### **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. Make sure you are up to date with payments by the end of each month. (No invoices are sent.)
2. **Aftercare is currently full.** We will take names for a waiting list should space become available later in the year.

## **National Catholic Schools Week- Believe, Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed**

**January 28-February 3** (more details to come)

### **Kick off on Sunday at all Masses**

Scholastic Book Fair will be open all week!

**Monday 1/29-** Student Appreciation Day

NUT day TBA

Movie and treat in the afternoon

No homework!

**Tuesday 1/30** Parent Appreciation Day

Pastries for Parents at 7:30 am

Morning Meeting 8:15 am

Classroom visits 8:30-9:15 am

NUT day TBA

**Wednesday 1/31** Parish Appreciation Day

Mass at 8:30 am

New family tours as scheduled

Talent Show at 6:30pm

**Thursday 2/1** Teacher Appreciation Day

Teachers enjoy lunch and no duties

Student vs. Teacher Sporting Event 2:20 pm in Parish Center

**Friday 2/2** Grandparent and Special Friend Appreciation Day

Prayer Service at 10:00 am

Luncheon at 11:00 am

Dismissal at 12:00 noon

Casino Night Fundraiser in the Parish Center at 6:00, dress is casual

## **Parish Community Partnership**

**Parish-** Did you know that the Parish has a new mobile app? [Click here](#) for instructions to download to your mobile device. There will be volunteers to help you download this app to your device after Masses on Saturday and Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**-(grades 7-12)

**Confirmation Preparation**-January, 13<sup>th</sup> after the 5:30 Mass in the school cafeteria.