

Wednesday e-Folder



To Jesus through Mary

St. Francis de sales school

May 16, 2018

To pray and ponder

To Jesus through Mary May Focus – Glorious Mysteries

May Virtue of the Month – Devotion

The month of May will conclude our focus on the diocesan theme – To Jesus through Mary – with a focus on the virtue of devotion.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – the Fourth Glorious Mystery – reminds us that Mary experienced immediately what we all will experience eventually, a bodily resurrection like Jesus. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that “The Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son’s Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body.” (CCC, no. 974) This doctrine of the Assumption calls to mind the importance of care for not only one’s soul but also for one’s body. Body and soul are created for the glory of God. Therefore, healthy eating, exercise, and rest are important considerations for the body that will one day reunite with the soul. This week, take some time to consider how well you care for your body. It is a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do you treat it appropriately?

Calendar Events

Thursday, May 17

3:30 pm New Altar Server training in the church

4:00 pm Girls LAX away vs. MBS

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Wednesday, May 30 and Thursday, May 31

8th grade play, “Music Ma’am” at SU at 7:00 pm

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)

Wednesday, June 6th

Third grade International Day in parish center
6:30 pm Band and Choir Concert in parish center

Thursday, June 7th

Last day for school lunch and a la carte items!

Friday, June 8

Field Day- contact Katie Ayd to volunteer, kayd@sfdscs.org
noon dismissal
7:00 pm Confirmation rehearsal church hall

Saturday, June 9

11:00 am 8th grade confirmation Mass

Sunday, June 10

2:00 pm students and families arrive at church for 8th grade graduation Mass and awards ceremony

From the Principal

Bishop Malooly-We enjoyed a wonderful visit with Bishop Malooly yesterday. He and Dr. Lou DeAngelo from the Catholic Schools Office both commented how welcoming our students and staff were. We sang our "Go Out" song and the Bishop loved it.

Great News!-We are ecstatic to announce that Miss Casey Flanagan has accepted the teaching position for our brand new Pre K-3 class for the 2018-2019 school year. Casey attended St. Francis, is a parishioner and currently works as the Assistant Director of our aftercare program. She holds a Bachelor Degree from Salisbury University and an Associate Degree from Wor-Wic in Early Childhood Education. Congratulations, Casey!

More Great News!-We welcome Mrs. Jordan Suber as our long term substitute art teacher until the end of the school year. Jordan earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Salisbury University where she teaches part time. Welcome Jordan!

Eastern Shore Pregnancy Center- It's time for the annual baby bottle fundraiser. Each homeroom has a baby bottle to fill with change to benefit the center. [click here for flyer](#)

End of Year Obligations-Please be reminded that families need to complete financial and volunteer hour obligations by the end of the school year. To receive report cards and in order to be completely registered for the 2018-2019 school year, families must fulfill these requirements for this year. If you have questions regarding balances for tuition, aftercare fees or lunch, please contact the business office at 410-742-8781.

Altar Server Training-There will be training for new altar servers on Thursday, May 17th in the church at 3:30 pm. Please R.S.V.P. mharris@visitstfrancis.org to let her know your student will be attending. She needs to know that you are coming.

Vacation Bible School!-June 18-22, 9:00am-12:00. The theme is "God is Super!" Don't miss it! Contact Angie McLaughlin angie@dennissales.com for more information. [Click here for flyer](#)

First Day of School for 2018-2019-Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Home and School Association

Penguin Run

The HSA would like to thank our awesome Penguin Run committee for the wonderful 5K event on Saturday - Maria Garde, Melissa Wilson, Cheryl Synowiec, Cindy MacDonald, and Meghan Passo!! Well done ladies!

We would also like to thank all the runners, volunteers, families and friends who came out to support our school community! Go Penguins!!

Year End Survey

All school families should have received an email from the HSA with a survey link and form for volunteer hours. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey which will tell us how you would like to help next school year, and there's an opportunity to tell us how we can improve the HSA. In addition, the email has a template to send in your completed hours. As a reminder, each family is responsible for a minimum of 30 hours that must be completed by June 30, 2018. Completed hours, questions or requests for ways to complete your hours may be sent to hsa@sfdscs.org

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 Tuition Assistance from MSDE

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

ATHLETICS

Athletics Committee of the H.S.A.: New for next year!

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. These activities support a huge part of SFdS spirit and school pride through sports!! If you would like to be the chairperson of this committee please contact Katie Ayd at kayd@sfdscs.org. Thank you for your consideration!

Sports Banquet:

Our first 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!

Field Day, June 8th- We need volunteers to help with field day. We need donations of fruit and people to help cut it up. We also need people to run events. Please contact Katie Ayd if you can help. kayd@sfdscs.org

Fall Coaches Needed:

A head field hockey and soccer coach are needed for our next fall sports season. Earn much needed volunteer hours. Please consider this rewarding and important commitment to our school and students! If you would like to coach, help out, or know of someone who would like to coach, please contact Katie Ayd at Kayd@sfdscs.org. Thank you for your consideration!

Fall Sports Sign-ups

Fall sports sign-ups for grades 4 through 7 will be this Thursday. Students can sign up for coed golf, girls field hockey, and boys soccer. We will also have a mini girls soccer season this year, consisting of 4 practices and 3 games. Girls may sign up for BOTH girls soccer and field hockey this year.

Coaches and helpers are still needed for these sports! If you would like to coach, or if you know of anyone who would like to coach, please contact Katie Ayd at kayd@sfdscs.org.

Thank you!!