

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School Wednesday Newsletter

January 9, 2019

Dear St. Francis Families and Friends,

Each year the students and staff joyfully plan to celebrate Catholic Schools Week and honor each of part of our community. Here is our tentative schedule.

Believe, Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed

January 27-February 1 (more details to come) Kick off Speeches on Sunday at all Masses Scholastic Book Fair will be open all week!

Monday 1/28-Student Appreciation Day NUT day Theme TBA Students vs. Teachers Sporting event 2:20 in Parish Center No homework!

Tuesday 1/29 Parent Appreciation Day Pastries for Parents at 7:30 am Morning Meeting 8:15 am Classroom visits 8:30-9:15 am NUT day Theme TBA

Wednesday 1/30 Parish Appreciation Day Mass at 8:30 am Lunch for Parish Staff New family tours as scheduled with advancement director

Thursday 1/31 Teacher Appreciation Day Teachers enjoy lunch and no duties Movie and snack in homeroom after lunch

Friday 2/1 Grandparent and Special Friend Appreciation Day Prayer Service at 10:00 am Luncheon at 11:00 am <u>CLICK here for lunch order form</u> Dismissal at 12:00 noon Bull & Oyster Roast Fundraiser in the Parish Center at 6:00 pm

With Joy, Mrs. Debbie Traum

Lunch for the next week:

We are always looking for volunteers to serve lunches from 12:30-1:30! Along with the daily entre, students can choose a drink (milk, juice or water) and from several sides (grapes, pudding, carrot sticks, celery sticks, applesauce, Go-gurt, etc.)

| Thursday, 1/10 | Friday, 1/11 | Monday, 1/14 | Tuesday, 1/15 Souper Tuesday! | Wednesday 1/16 |
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| Cheese Burger | Pizza | Hot Dogs | Broccoli Cheddar | Chicken nuggets |

Reminders

*We are NUTs for the ARTS! On Friday we will have a **NUT** (no uniform today) day. The \$2 fee will all go to support our performing arts programs.

* Students are tardy when they enter the building after the 8:10 am bell. Please set your alarm clocks ten minutes earlier and be on time. Lateness is no only disruptive to the whole class but also creates added stress as a child begins their day.

*In order to apply for tuition assistance from the Diocese of Wilmington, families must have their student

registered for the 2019/20 school year. CLICK HERE for link to the application

*Have you contacted Ms. Upshaw about private or group music lessons? Lessons will begin the week of January 18th.

*We will have a brief meet and greet session with our long term substitute for kindergarten, Karly Pizza, tomorrow after school in the kindergarten class room.

*Parent reports have gone home from the last round of benchmark assessments. We are so proud of the progress students have made thus far. Although the document has a signature line, these do not need to be returned to school.

Service

Food Drive

The Kindergarten and 6th grade prayer partners are sponsoring a whole school food drive from Jan. 10th until Jan. 18th. The food is going to restock the Joseph House's pantry. The following list is taken from the Joseph House's website.

"Non-perishable goods are always in short supply at our Food Pantry. We usually need canned vegetables, rice, pasta, cake mixes, breakfast cereal, canned tuna and chicken, canned or packaged soups, instant mashed potatoes, Jell-O, instant coffee, cocoa, and peanut butter. Gift cards from Acme and Food Lion supermarkets are also helpful."

Pajama Program Update

"Thank you for participating in the **Pajama Program's** 2018 pajama drives! Please share our gratitude with the staff and families at your school. TOGETHER, we collected and donated 1,483 pairs of pajamas to shelters, after school programs and Christmas programs in our area. Scholastic Books donates age appropriate books to match pajama donations. All our pajamas stayed local, helping those in need in our community. Please add the Pajama Program to your calendar for next fall. " Thanks for making a difference!

Mary Anna Pavlos and Margy Meeks

Important Dates

- January 18-half day for faculty meeting, there will be aftercare.
- Monday, January 21st-MLK day, NO SCHOOL!
- Catholic Schools Week 1/27-2/2

Athletics

Happy Wednesday Everyone!

I would like to start sharing some kids athletic and fitness programs with all of you throughout the year that are in our community. These are programs that I trust, and would sign my own kids up for! I'm hoping that these programs will not only benefit our students' fitness levels and athletic abilities, but will also help strengthen our SFDS sports teams in the years to come!! If you ever have any questions about the programs that I share, feel free to email me at <u>kayd@sfdscs.org</u>. First up below... you will find a flyer for CrossFit Salisbury's kids fitness program! I hope that you'll find these helpful if you're looking to get your children into a program! Click here for flyer

Thank you!!

Katie Ayd

Home and School Association

Script Fundraiser

Want to earn tuition credits and volunteer hours just by doing your regular shopping?? Sign up now and do your regular grocery shopping with Scrip!! You can purchase gift cards and set up your mobile account - it's so simple! See Kris Reilly after school on Friday in the pick-up line or email her at <u>onehoyarn@yahoo.com</u>

Bull & Oyster Roast - February 1, 2019

This is a new fundraiser for the HSA and is certain to be a fun night out!! Tickets are now on sale for \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door. The ticket includes all you can eat menu, casino games and trivia, plus a cash bar featuring a signature drink and all you can drink souvenir mug! All proceeds will benefit the Athletics program and playground improvements. Tickets are currently on sale – look for us in the pick up line or by using the order form in your child's homework folder. If you are interested in volunteering please email Will Braxton at <u>William braxton@comcast.net</u> or Andy McBride at <u>Andrew.mcbride@longandfoster.com</u> If you have any questions please feel free to email the HSA <u>HSA@sfdscs.org</u> Or you can use the attached order form to order your tickets today! Bull & Oyster Roast Ticket Form 2-1-2018.pdf

Auction 2019 Theme and Date Announced!

The SFdS Annual spring Auction will be held on April 6th*. This year's theme is Havana Nights!

We are looking for volunteers to chair the decorations and provide support on several committees. If you are interested in volunteering please email Kate Bounds at <u>Boundskate@gmail.com</u>

HSA Dues

Families who haven't paid dues or completed volunteer hours will be billed. If you are unsure whether you have paid your dues, please email us at HSA@sfdscs.org

Youth Ministry St. Francis de Sales Parish CYM - Catholic Youth Ministries Grades 7-12

Connecting with God, friends, and the community.

January 18th, 2019. March for Life, "Unique from Day One."

If there are any <u>YOUTH</u> that would like to join folks from St. Francis de Sales Parish and the Loving Life Committee to march in Washington D.C., please RSVP Liza. We will be leaving by 8:00 a.m. from the church parking lot. \$15 per person. Pack your lunch, snacks, and money for dinner! \$50 per family. MARCH SIGN UP

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094fa9ad2ba5f85-march

January 24th, 6:30 – 8 p.m. Christian Shelter Assistance.

Help encourage children with your smiles and time. For safety reasons, please be punctual with dropping off and picking up. RSVP Liza to sign up. Space is limited. CHRISTIAN SHELTER SIGN UP

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094fa9ad2ba5f85-christian

Friday, February 1st, 6:30 p.m. (First Fridays) Make your Friday nights awesome. Hang out with friends or make a new one! Join us in the basement of the church. Play ping pong, games, and enjoy a short devotional to help connect to God. *For those families going to the SFdS Bull Roast, we will run a late movie with popcorn from 8-10 p.m. in the youth room.*

FIRST FRIDAY SIGN UP

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094fa9ad2ba5f85-first

Next Confirmation Class on Saturday, January 12th. Mass at 5:30 and Class at 6:30 p.m. Pick up at 7:30 p.m. Church Basement.