**St. Francis de Sales Catholic School**

**Wednesday Newsletter**

**April 17, 2019**

Dear St. Francis Families and Friends,

Since I grew up in Pennsylvania, I have fond memories of hunting Easter eggs in the snow on the family farm. My grandma would usually find one that got left behind when the weather warmed up. We had chicks and bunnies and too much candy of course.

After the egg hunt we would all go to church together. This would be followed by a huge Easter dinner with lots of ham, rolls and macaroni and cheese. This was apparently before we understood cholesterol. Our family memories are precious.

I pray that everyone has a wonderful Easter with family, friends and faith!

With Joy!

Mrs. Debbie Traum

P.S. Kate Bounds and our Home and School Association want to announce that we earned $55,000 after expenses from the school auction! These funds go directly to support the education, arts and athletics enrichment opportunities for our students. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you!

**Lunch for the next few days:**

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.) **We always welcome parents to help supervise recess as well.**

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| **Monday, 4/29** | **Tuesday, 4/30** | **Wednesday, 5/1** | **Thursday,5/2** | **Friday, 5/3** |
| **Mozzarella Sticks** | **Burgers** | **Ravioli** | **Corn dog nuggets** | **Pizza** |

**Reminders**

* It’s time to order your **school yearbook**!! Go to this link to order, the cost is $14.95. For your information this is the only way to order, no extras will be available. Don’t miss out-the deadline is upon us.

<https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/view_account.asp?l=4466083B-DCD1-4864-891F-D0BD7039790E>

* **I**f you are not currently receiving a **BOOST Scholarship,** but would like to apply, the instructions are available on the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) website. This is the link to the information: <http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>. *Please note, families have until midnight on* ***April 17, 2019*** *to submit a completed application.*

**Important Dates**

* Wednesday, April 17-**NOON DISMISSAL-no aftercare**
* April 17-28, Easter break! Monday, April 29th back to school
* May 5th Confirmation 2:30 pm (arrive at 1:45 pm)
* May 6th Bishop Malooly school visit at noon
* May 8th-8th grade trip to NYC
* May 9th-kindergarten to Discovery Center
* May 10th Mother’s Day Tea for Prek 3 and 4
* May 10th Family Night fun!
* May 11th **Penguin 5K Run**!
* May 14th 3rd grade trip to Baltimore
* May 15th 1st grade trip to Assateague
* May 16th 2nd and 5th grade trip to Philadelphia
* May 17th 6th grade trip to Medieval Times
* May 17th 7th grade trip to Smithsonian
* May 22nd Sports Awards Banquet 5:30 pm
* May 23rd 8:30 am guidance counselors from Wicomico County meeting with 8th graders
* May 29th Performing Arts Showcase (band, choir, talent show, visual arts display) 5:30 pm
* June 1st End of year dance for 7th and 8th graders at Holy Redeemer
* June 6th 8th graders Fun Day/Last Day
* June 7th field day!-noon dismissal-aftercare available
* June 9th 8th grade graduation
* June 14th last day of school

**Home and School Association**

**Easter Egg Hunt – April 17, 2019**

Our annual Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17th at 9:30 am. The hunt will be for grades Pre K3 through 5th grade. Middle schoolers will be in the parish center having a small snack. Volunteers are needed to help hide the eggs between 8:30 – 9:30 while the students are attending mass. Please contact our event chair, Jill Stevenson at jillbeans16@gmail.com

 to let her know how you can help! Students should plan to bring a small basket or a handled bag to use to collect the eggs.

 **Family Skate Night – April 26, 2019**

Please join us for a Family Skate Night at Mitchell’s Martial Arts from 6-8pm.

This is a free event – Donations support the HSA athletic and playground fund.

Skate rental is included with your donation. Pizza and snacks will be available for purchase.

This event is for families to enjoy together, chaperones are not provided.

 **HSA Family Night – May 10, 2019**

Save the date! More info to follow

 **Penguin Run: May 11, 2019**

Our race site is live so people can start registering!

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Salisbury/StFrancisDeSalesSchoolPenguinRun>

If you are interested in sponsoring our 6th Annual Penguin Run 5K and Kids Dash please complete the sponsorship application and return to the school office.

 **Scrip 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 onehoyarn@yahoo.com

 **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**

Remember youth ministry is for anyone in grades 7-12! Hope to see you! Liza

**Email lalvarado@visitstfrancis.org to sign up for Youth Ministry Updates for grades 7-12! Visit the church website for activity listings. <http://visitstfrancis.org/formationeducation/youthministry.html>**

**CONFIRMATION UPDATE**

**Confirmation Rehearsal on May 4th from 6:30-7:30. Please NOTE our slight time change due to the Saturday Night Mass! Confirmation DAY, May 5th – Arrive at 1:45 p.m. in the Church Hall, Service at 2:30 p.m.**

**Monday, April 29th 7:00 p.m. Adult Youth Leader training 101.** Meet in the Youth Room in the Church Hall. Are you wanting to use your gifts in youth ministry? We would love to have you join us! Come ready to invest in the future of our church and make a difference in a young person’s life! Volunteer forms will be available and a complete background check will be done. Contact lalvarado@visitstfrancis.org to register**.**

**National Catholic Youth Conference, November 20-24, 2019**

***Sponsor a youth*** for $100. ***Register a youth!*** Space is limited. Student responsibility is $250. Student must be in 9th grade by November 2019. This is a bi-annual event. Don’t miss this life-changing event with 25,000 other young Catholics from around the country! Fantastic music and speakers!

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