

Wednesday e-Folder



To Jesus through Mary

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OCTOBER 11, 2017

To Pray and Ponder

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October Focus-Joyful Mysteries

October Virtue-Obedience

The first Joyful Mystery - The Annunciation - calls us to look at Mary's reply to God's invitation delivered to her by the Archangel Gabriel. After gaining a fuller explanation about this invitation, Mary responds without hesitation by saying, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:38)."

Hesitation is generally a reaction experienced by all of us. In small ways we hesitate before crossing a street to look for oncoming traffic and we hesitate when comparing prices before making a purchase. We certainly hesitate to make major life decisions.

Mary did not hesitate in this major decision in giving herself to God to be the mother of His Son. She responded freely and immediately because of her trust in God and His plans. In her relationship with God, Mary knew that to obey Him would never lead her astray.

This week, let us pray that our trust in God may flourish which will allow us to obey His designs for us.

Catholic Identity

Four Marks of the Church – The Catholic Church identifies itself as "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic." These words are professed in the Nicene Creed each Sunday at Mass. They indicate the essential features of the Church. The mark of oneness reflects the unity of the Trinity. God's People profess one Lord, one faith, and one Baptism which allows them to become one People of God. Through Baptism and Confirmation, Catholics become a people consecrated by the Holy Spirit. They strive to grow in holiness by working to live in conformity with the Gospel. The word "catholic" means universal. The Church embraces a diversity of cultures and languages in bringing the Good News to all people. The Church is built upon the foundation of the Apostles' proclamation of the Gospel and so is "apostolic" in remaining faithful to this teaching.

Calendar Information

Wednesday, 10/11

4:00 pm Golf vs. Most Blessed Sacrament- away at Ocean Resorts Golf Club

Thursday, 10/12

4:00 pm Field Hockey vs. Holly Grove-home

4:00 pm Soccer vs. Most Blessed Sacrament-home

6:00 pm Basket Bingo in the Parish Center!

Friday, 10/13

4:00 pm Golf vs. Sts. Peter and Paul-away location TBA

Monday, 10/16

4:00 pm Soccer vs. Washington Academy-home

4:00 pm Golf vs. Worcester Prep-away at Bay Club

4:00 pm Field Hockey vs. Washington-home

Wednesday, 10/18

Will be a **PIZZA** day for lunch!

H.S.A. Notes

Uniform Swap

We are still in need of uniform items, particularly smaller sizes. Make sure to hang on to your voucher certificates as you will now earn full value regardless of when the items are returned, instead of the previously issued 50% credit. Here is the list of our upcoming swap dates:

Return date (to bring in old items to earn credit only): 10/23 from 12:00-2:00.

Swap purchase date (to purchase or use your credit only): 10/27 from 12:00-2:00 & 10/29 from 11:00 – 1:00

If someone is in immediate need of uniform items, please email the committee at sfdsuniforms@sfdscs.org so they try to accommodate your needs.

Designer Purse & Cash Bingo

Our Purse & Cash Bingo is scheduled for **TOMORROW**, Thursday, October 12th from 6:00-9:00, doors open at 5:30, in the Parish Center. This is a fun, fast paced event filled with traditional bingo, Chinese auction plus special bingos. Tickets are \$20 if purchased early, \$25 at the door. Use the link below to purchase your tickets online. **Today** is the last day to get the early ticket price of \$20 so don't wait!!

<https://visitsfrancis.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities>

Food, soft drinks, beer & wine will be available for purchase. Below is the link if you would like to volunteer that night to help us out. We will need help in many areas so please consider starting on your 30 hours by signing up to help at this fun event.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0945a4a72ba6fc1-designer>

Trunk or Treat

Save the Date!! Trunk or Treat is right around the corner. Saturday, October 28th from 3:30-5:30 pm. We still need families or classes to sign up to decorate a trunk. If you would like to enter your trunk, please let Will Braxton know by emailing him at William_braxton@comcast.net

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.

Penguin Patron tickets

As you begin to consider your support for our HSA events, please consider saving some time and money by purchasing a Penguin Patron Ticket. The cost is \$200 and includes the following: 2 tickets to Bingo, 2 tickets to Auction, 2 tickets to Casino Night, a \$25 voucher for spirit wear, a \$25 voucher for a scrip card and a yearbook. These tickets will be on sale until **TODAY**.

Spirit Night

A big THANK YOU to all the families that came out and supported our school last night. Whether you dined in or did carry-out, your support was much appreciated. A big shout out to Laura Perry for organizing this event. Details for our next Spirit Night will be coming home soon.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

We are approaching the half way point of the first trimester. Please be reminded that you can access your student's gradebook with Power School at any time. There will be conferences in order to discuss academic progress with teachers on Thursday, October 26th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and Friday, October 27th from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Each Teacher has a sign up on Google Sites.

Parish Community Partnership

***YOUTH MINISTRY** Students in grade 7-12

Director Liza Alvarado lalvarado@visitstfrancis.org

Download our free registration.

http://visitstfrancis.org/images/Annual_Consent_and_Release.pdf

***Carriage House News-You can find a large assortment of Halloween Costumes for purchase in the Carriage House. Stop by on Saturday mornings to check them out.**

***The Parish will be sponsoring the Russian vocal group LYRA on October 10th at 7:30pm. Have dinner at the Texas Roadhouse before the show to raise funds for school. Go to the Parish web site for more information.**

<http://visitstfrancis.org/upcomingevents.html>

NJHS

Dear middle school parents,

Beginning in sixth grade, students are able to apply for membership in the National Junior Honor Society. Applications will be accepted during the last trimester of the year for students who satisfy the following requirements:

- Students must be in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades.
- Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of 93 in their subjects, achieve a P or G in special subjects, and have Effort and Conduct grades of G or O in other classes.
- Candidates will be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, character, and citizenship.
- The student fills out an application if they are eligible and submits it on time to be considered.
- Members are expected to:

- attend meetings.
- volunteer at NJHS sponsored events.
- maintain good grades.
- be a positive role model for others.

Please start thinking about if you would like your son or daughter to apply for membership.

Have a great school year!

Sincerely,

Megan Duick

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Morning Arrival SAFETY

Parents who use the "kiss and go" line to drop off, please be reminded that there is only one line of cars. This helps ensure that ALL students are safely exiting their car and walking to the school building. Parents should be remaining in the car and should NOT pull the car up to the sidewalk. If your child needs help with a car seat, you should be parking in the church lot. The church lot is actually closer to the door to the Parish Center anyway.

Barnes and Noble Fundraiser

Saturday, November 25 starting at 10:00 AM

12 to 20% earnings in-store and online for week following the 25th, which includes Cyber Monday sales on the 27th

Scheduled Presentations Directed by Mrs. Birch :

11:00 Grades 4 and 5. (Socktober Challenge Book Character Projects)

12:00 Grade 7. (Readers of "The Raven")

1:00 Any Grade Volunteers. (Poem Readers)

Sales at Barnes and Noble Cafe for our patrons, also earns money for Library books.

Welcoming Table needs volunteers for 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, and 1:00. See Becky Birch.

\$40 Cheesecake orders from The Cheesecake Factory will be available soon and you will pay the day of the Book Fair. Have 14 slices and can be frozen up to a year. Various yummys like Peppermint, Pumpkin, Godiva Chocolate, Snickerdoodles, and Plain may be on the order form.

SAVE THE DATE and SPREAD THE WORD!

Used Uniforms

An important update from the Used Uniform Committee:

We are still in need of uniform items, particularly smaller sizes.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES: In order to facilitate our needs for more inventory items, we have emailed a credit sheet you can print, fill out, and send in with your uniform items. Doing it this way will cut down on the length of the check-out line during swap and sale events significantly.

RETURNS: If you have items to bring in and would like to use a credit for the upcoming sale, we ask that by Monday, October 23, you send in your items for credit along with your completed credit sheet. Your items will be checked out by the committee volunteers and your credit voucher verified. During our next swap Friday, October 27, from 12:00-2:00 we will have your credits vouchers ready for use and/or pick up.

WINTER UNIFORMS BEGIN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

***We will no longer issue credits during a swap and sale event.**

Questions? E-mail us sfdsuniforms@sfdscs.org

Cotillion

The Salisbury Junior Cotillion began classes this Friday, October 6th. It's not too late to join in the fun. This wonderful activity for our Middle School students takes place in the School Hall from 6:30pm -8:00pm. For more information, call 443-736-6245 or sjcotillion@gmail.com Students learn basic ballroom steps, manners and ettiquette. Bring a friend!

Magi Choir

Some of our students will be participating in this year's Magi Concert to benefit the Joseph House and the Christian Shelter. Please see Ms. Upshaw or the link for details. Come out and support this worthwhile cause.

<http://www.magifund.com/aboutmagi/>