

Wednesday e-Folder



To Jesus through Mary

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 1, 2017

To Pray and Ponder

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November Focus – Joyful Mysteries

November Virtue of the Month – Humility

Augustine of Hippo said that, for those who would learn God's ways, humility is the first thing, the second thing and the third thing. What is humility? Surprisingly, it is not a poor self-image, nor a denial of one's gifts, abilities and accomplishments. C.S. Lewis describes humility not as having a low opinion of one's talents and character but rather as self-forgetfulness. This entails a radical honesty with ourselves about ourselves.

Reflections, 2013 C.S. Lewis Institute

As we move into the month of November, we have the opportunity to reflect upon our humility as we celebrate All Saints Day, All Souls Day, the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Thanksgiving. Each of these special times invites us to pause and see ourselves as we are in light of the blessings we have received from God and others. Are we "self-forgetful" and "other-centered?" Being so is the first step toward the virtue of humility.

This week, let us take time for a brief self-assessment to answer the question, "Am I self-forgetful so as to be other-centered?"

Catholic Identity

"I believe... in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." – These final words of the Apostles Creed gain our focus in November, the Month of the Holy Souls. We learn from the Catechism of the Catholic Church that faith in the resurrection of our bodies is inseparable from our faith in the Resurrection of Christ's body from the dead. He rose as our head, as the pattern of our rising, and as the life-giving source of our new life. All the dead will rise when Jesus comes again to judge the living and the dead. In the final resurrection, our bodies will be transformed, although we do not know precisely how. The manner of our resurrection exceeds our understanding and imagination and is accessible only by our faith.

Calendar Information

Wednesday, 11/1

Second grade Saints Procession at All Saints Mass

5:30 Boys basketball practice

Thursday, 11/2

Fall Sports Awards Assembly flowing morning meeting in Parish Center, approximately 8:30am

Wednesday, 11/8

6th grade vocations field trip

Thursday, 11/9

4:00pm Make up soccer game vs. MBS-away

Friday, 11/10

8:30 a.m. Veterans Day Prayer Service

Saturday, 11/11

7:00 a.m.-noon, ASP and Cub Scout Annual Yard Sale-Parish Center

From the Principal

Veterans Day Prayer Service-We will once again honor our local veterans during a prayer service in the church on Friday, November 10th at 8:30 a.m. Please invite special veterans in your life to join us.

Re-enrollment: We have begun to accept applications for Pre-K for the 2018-2019 school year. If you will have a sibling that you plan to enroll, please contact Sarah Passarell for information at spassarell@sfdscs.org.

From our Technology Coordinator, Mary-Tyler Upshaw-Whew! Our conferences are done and we are half of the way through our first tri-mester as a 1:1 school for Middle School. I admit there have been hiccups and I appreciate the flexibility from students, parents, and my colleagues. I heard from a few parents at the conferences about what is working and what could use some modifications. If I haven't heard from you, please let me know. I'm compiling a FAQ for my webpage. If you have a trick or hack or maybe something you just learned regarding technology and our school please let me know, so we can share as a part of our community.

Oh, and before you reach out about the conference scheduling, I'm on it, it didn't work, I know it. Thanks for your patience as we modulate from Teacher Web and find another program that DOES work.

- Mary-Tyler Upshaw, Technology Coordinator mupshaw@sfdscs.org

SWAC

The Salisbury Wicomico Arts Council – SWAC, has supported St. Francis school with a \$1000.00 arts grant and 4 band instruments, as well as SFdS school art teacher, Dennis McLeod, is on the SWAC Board of Directors.

The Crystal Gayle concert is an arts fundraiser that could enable SWAC to consider assisting St. Francis school again. The arts are an academic engine; creating higher test scores and strong character in children. Please consider purchasing tickets, for when you support the arts, you support yourselves; THANK YOU!

Your St. Francis Friend and Cantor,

Therese Hamilton, Executive Director, SWAC State President, County Arts Agencies of MD

YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION . . . BECAUSE YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO SWAC, & KNOWN TO SUPPORT THE ARTS, YOU'RE THE MOST LIKELY TO CATCH SWAC'S VISION: TO BRING A SUPERSTAR TO SALISBURY **EVERY YEAR**, ELIMINATING "BAY BRIDGE" TRAVEL TO ENJOY PREMIUM & FAMOUS ENTERTAINMENT; WHILE FUNDING THE ARTS! WE HAVE HAD DINNERS AND AUCTIONS, AND MANY CAME, BUT THIS YEAR... GET READY ... (DRUM ROLL PLEASE) ...

"CELEBRATING FABULOUSLY 50, SWAC'S THANKSGIVING FOR THE ARTS – A CRYSTAL GALA!"

COUNTRY LEGEND, SUPERSTAR, CRYSTAL GAYLE, IN CONCERT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017 HOLLOWAY HALL AUDITORIUM, SALISBURY UNIVERSITY, 7:00PM, LIMITED SEATING!

SINCE YOU VALUE THE ARTS, YOU GET IT: FUNDS INTO SWAC = FUNDS OUT TO THE COMMUNITY IN ARTS GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, FREE BAND INSTRUMENTS, ARTS IN SCHOOLS, ARTS ADVOCACY, PROMOTION AND PROGRAMMING!

SWAC IS COUNTING ON YOU TO CATCH THE VISION; COME HAVE A GREAT TIME, FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

FOR 50 YEARS MORE, GIVE TO SWAC AND SWAC GIVES BACK!

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Home and School Association

Guest Bartending

Our 1st Guest Bartending event is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8th from 4:30-9:30 pm at Hoppers. All proceeds from this event will go directly to our school's Athletic program costs. Please invite all your friends and family for this fun event. If you are interested in being a guest bartender during the event, please email Will at William_braxton@comcast.net

Spirit Night

Our next school Spirit Night is scheduled for Thursday, November 16th at The Greene Turtle. Flyers will be going home soon.

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 of our school events.

AFTERCARE

1. Turn in Emergency Cards and/or your Health Inventory forms if you haven't done so.
2. Make sure you are up to date with payments by the end of the month. (No invoices are sent.)
3. November 15th is a half day of school. There **will be** aftercare from noon-5:30. Make sure you bring a lunch including a drink. (No sodas)

SCRIP

Don't forget to buy SCRIP gift cards. All profits go to the school! See Kris Reilly on most Fridays in the pick-up line.
(Details in this week's church bulletin)

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 10:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, and 1:00pm. 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!

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Parish Community Partnership

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS - Students in grade 7-12

Director Liza Alvarado lalvarado@visitstfrancis.org

Download our free registration here.

[http://visitstfrancis.org/images/Annual Consent and Release.pdf](http://visitstfrancis.org/images/Annual%20Consent%20and%20Release.pdf)

Autism Support Group-November 9th in the Mercy House at 7:00pm

ASP/Cub Scout Annual Yard Sale-Parish Center, November 11th