

Wednesday e-Folder



To Jesus through Mary

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 15, 2017

To Pray and Ponder

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November Focus – Joyful Mysteries

November Virtue of the Month – Humility

If you've ever been on a beach and seen frantic parents looking for a missing child, you have a sense of the final Joyful Mystery – the Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple. In the eyes of Mary and Joseph, Jesus is lost. However, in the eyes of Jesus, he is right where he belongs – in his Father's house.

This Joyful Mystery invites us to keep perspective. We can ask ourselves if we are looking at life in the right way. Are we where we need to be? Are we doing the work we should be doing? Are we present to those to whom we should be present?

This week, let us consider our perspective to ascertain if we are doing responding to our Father and his invitations to us.

Calendar Events

Wednesday, 11/15

Noon dismissal due to Faculty Professional Development

6:30p.m. Branding and Mission focus group meeting in the parish center conference room

Thursday, 11/16

5:00-7:00p.m. **OPEN HOUSE**, refer a new family!

11:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m.(11/17) Green Turtle Spirit Fundraiser

Tuesday, 11/21

NO MASS AND NO AFTERCARE!

Wednesday, 11/22-11/24

No School-Happy Thanksgiving!

From the Principal

Wednesday efolder- Next week there will be no efolder due to school being closed. We will have one on Wednesday, 12/6.

Lost and found-Our bin is running over. On Tuesday, 11/21, we will put the contents outside at dismissal. Any items in the lost and found after that will be donated to the Carriage House Ministry.

Re-enrollment: You have received an email with a letter and tuition contract for the 2018/2019 school year. The Finance Council has approved the tuition for next year with a modest 3% increase. We are ready to accept tuition contracts now as part of our efforts to increase and sustain our enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year. Please read these documents carefully and be sure to contact Sarah Passarell for more information at spassarell@sfdscs.org. After January 1, 2018 we will accept new students for classes that have not been filled. We are looking at waiting lists for some classes.

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

“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!

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

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Home and School Association

Santa Social

The HSA’s annual Christmas fundraiser ([click here for the flyer](#)) is about a month away! Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 10th** for an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, kids crafts, and of course photos with Santa. We’ll also have vendor tables so you can wrap up your holiday shopping, along with our ever-popular kids shopping area – where kids can shop for their family members all on their own!

As you begin to decorate for Christmas, please consider rehoming some of your old Christmas décor, costume jewelry, books, and other small treasures to the kids shopping area. We are also seeking donations of tissue paper, bows, gift tags and bags, and tape. These items can be dropped off at the school up until Friday, December 8th.

We will need lots of help during this event. If you’d like to sign up to help, please use the following link:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e0945a4a72ba6fc1-santa>

If you’re interested in securing a vendor table (only \$30/table) or have questions about the event, please contact Heather Hillaert at hhillaert14@gmail.com

Spirit Night

Join us for our next spirit night on **Thursday, November 16th** at The Greene Turtle. Please make plans for a fun night with our school families and be sure to share the attached flyer with your friends and neighbors. [Click here for the flyer.](#) Thank you for supporting your school's HSA!

Seeking Nominations for HSA Treasurer

The HSA is sad to announce that our current treasurer, Tiffany Nash, will be moving out of the state in the coming weeks with her family. As such, we are seeking nominations for a new treasurer. This is an essential position for our HSA and requires the candidate to meet the following:

- Experience with Quickbooks and preparing financial reports
- Understands and can articulate P&L statements, budgets and over financial positions
- Available for HSA meetings, executive board meetings, Parish finance council meetings and most HSA events
- Willingness to work with the school principal, Pastor & Parish Finance Manager on a regular basis

The selected candidate will begin transitioning before the end of 2017 and will assume all treasurer responsibilities on January 1, 2018. The term of this position expires on June 30, 2019 (18 month commitment). The HSA is accepting nominations until **Friday, November 17, 2017** and an election will be held if more than one qualified candidate comes forward. To be considered, please email a bio/summary of your experience as it relates to the necessary qualifications to Marta Hayes-Trice at MartaLHayes@hotmail.com The HAS Board appreciates your consideration in serving our school in such a critical role.

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.

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)
4. **Aftercare is currently full.** We will take names for a waiting list should space become available later in the year.

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! Get a Barnes and Noble card to spend at the fundraiser on 11/25.

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
BE SURE TO **BUY SCRIP CARDS** FOR BARNES AND NOBLE FOR THIS SO WE CAN **DOUBLE DIP!!**

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

Joseph House -The Joseph House is again reaching out to parishioners for donations of frozen turkeys, chickens, non-perishable grocery items and paper goods. The Joseph House truck will be in the parking lot of St. Francis de Sales Church on November 19th to accept these donations. Non-perishable items may also be placed in the bins located in the back of the church.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS - Upcoming events: Invite a friend!

November 25th Cookie Bake for homebound folks. Youth Gathering at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Kitchen after Mass. (Service Hours will be given at this event.)

December 1st TICKETS on SALE NOW for Blue Christmas Youth Dinner. Enjoy a fantastic dinner with music from our talented young people. Whether you're happy or a bit blue over the holidays, invite a friend and join us for a special evening. Our proceeds will help fund and expand our youth program! Reserve your spot online! (Insert Online Link)

December 15th Next Deadline OC Rally, Jan. 5th - 7th - \$100 Includes Hotel. Fantastic Music and Speakers!

December 16th Youth Christmas party Grinch style/Ugly socks, shirts, anything! 6:30 p.m. Elephant gift exchange. Make sure your item is in good shape!

Appalachia Service Project Students -Schedule your volunteer hours! Contact Joe or Casey Flanagan at jflanagan771@gmail.com.

Family Ministry-Join the fun!

Family Movie Night! At Holy Redeemer at 7:00 p.m. Friday, 11/17-A Dolphin's Tale-family social activity credit

St. Nicholas Event-9:15am-11:30am in Parish Center 12/3