

Wednesday e-Folder



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ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 29, 2017

To Pray and Ponder

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December Focus - Luminous Mysteries

December Virtue of the Month - Joy

We begin the Advent season on Sunday, December 3, shifting our focus from the Joyful Mysteries to the Luminous Mysteries. These mysteries are the mysteries of light, wherein Jesus is revealed as the Light of the world. Each of these mysteries brings us the virtue of joy, which is the gift of the Advent season.

Joy grows deeper than happiness. Happiness comes from outside of us and is fleeting. We are happy when good things happen to us, but when we're faced with trials, happiness eludes us. Joy, on the other hand, comes from within. Joy is rooted in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. When we recognize the Spirit within us, joy bubbles up and flows out from us. Joy is more than expression, it is an attitude.

As we prepare to light the first Advent candle, let us check our attitude altimeter. Are we intending to rise to this Advent season as a person of joy?

Calendar Events

Friday, 12/1

8:30 am *Nutcracker* field trip for grades 3, 4, 5

Saturday, 12/2

6:30 pm choir sings at the Christmas Tree Lighting in front of the church after 5:30 Mass

Wednesday, 12/6

4:00 pm Girls Basketball home vs. Worcester Prep

5:00 pm Boys Basketball home vs. Worcester Prep

Friday, 12/8

4:00 pm Girls Basketball away @ Worcester Prep

5:00 pm Boys Basketball away @ Worcester Prep

Monday, 12/11

4:00 pm Girls Basketball home vs. The Country School

5:00 pm Boys Basketball home vs. The Country School

Wednesday, 12/13

4:00 pm Girls Basketball home vs. Salisbury School

5:00 pm Boys Basketball home vs. Salisbury School

Thursday, 12/14

6:30 School Christmas Pageant in Church (performers from grades Prek-3 arrive by 6:00 pm)

Friday, 12/22

11:15 am Advent Prayer Service

Dismissal at **NOON- no aftercare**

From the Principal

Pick-up and drop off- Safety is a top priority. You should be using your hands free device as you come through the pick-up or drop off line if you must be on your phone. Drivers need to be attentive to children entering and leaving cars at all times. Also, do not turn and pull up close to the school building when you are running late. Rather, you should be parking in either the church lot or in a space next to the chapel. I will be placing cones out as a reminder.

Christmas Pageant –Our wonderful Pre-K through 3rd grade students will present our annual school Christmas pageant in the church at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 14th. Students who are performing should arrive by 6:00pm. Please note that this is a different date than printed in the hard copy of the school calendar printed over the summer. For your clarification, the online version on the school website should have the most up to date information should changes be necessary.

Re-enrollment: 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. Be reminded that **on December 1st the registration fee will increase** from \$25 per student to \$50. We are looking at waiting lists for some classes.

Home and School Association

Santa Social

The HSA's annual Christmas fundraiser ([click here for the flyer](#)) is coming soon! Please join us at 8:30 am on **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

HSA Treasurer

While we are sad to see the Nash family move away, the HSA board is excited to announce that Trish Shockley has taken over the position of HSA Treasurer. Effective immediately, if you have any questions that are treasurer related, please feel free to contact her. Tiffany will still be working with Trish to help her transition into this position until she moves to the sunny state of Florida. If you see either of these fine ladies on campus....give a big congratulations to them both as

they begin new adventures! 😊

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. **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!

Parish Community Partnership

Joseph House Ministries- the Joseph House is still in need of food such as canned turkeys, hams and other non-perishables. Donations will be picked up in the church on December 17th.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS -

December 1st TICKETS on SALE 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!

December 9th Confirmation Meeting-After 5:30 Mass in School Hall

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 iflanagan771@gmail.com.

Family Ministry-Join the fun!

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