

# Wednesday e-Folder



## To Jesus through Mary

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

### To Pray and Ponder

#### **To Jesus through Mary**

#### **Virtue of the Month - Faith**

The virtue of the month of September is faith. Faith is trusting in God, most especially when we can neither see nor understand the pattern of our lives. What wonderful models of faith we have in Old Testament patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, kings, and judges and in New Testament apostles and disciples! Their faith in God allowed them to lead God's people. Our greatest model of faith is Mary, mother of Jesus. Her full faith in God's divine plan was exemplified again and again in her life. Her "yes" at the Annunciation to become the mother of Jesus demonstrated an initial trust in God that carried her through all of the mysteries of her life which we recall as we pray the rosary.

This week let us think about our level of trust in God's plan for us. Do we believe God will deliver on his promises to us? Do we have faith in God?

### Prayer Requests

- for **Bishop Malooly** beginning his tenth year as Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington
- for the safety and well-being of **victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma**
- for the health of **Maryanne Chapin**, former St. Francis teacher

### Looking Ahead

#### **Thursday 9/14-Saturday 9/16**

5-10 p.m. Riverside Carnival -Don't forget to get your tickets before Thursday at 5:00 p.m. to save \$.

#### **Monday 9/18**

4:00 Field Hockey Game vs. Washington Academy at Washington Recreation and Parks

#### **Tuesday 9/19**

4:00 Soccer Game vs. Salisbury Christian School, away

### **Wednesday 9/20**

4:00 Golf Match vs. The Country School at Talbot Country Club

4:00 Field Hockey vs. The Country School, away

### **Thursday, 9/21**

4:00 Soccer Game vs. Worcester Prep., away

### **Friday, 9/22**

H.S.A. Carnival to celebrate summer reading and math accomplishment! (afternoon school hours)

6:00 p.m. H.S.A. Family Social!

## ***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. Our next swap will be in October during the conferences. If someone is in immediate need of uniform items, please email the committee so they try to accommodate your needs.

### **Reading & Math Carnival**

Our Reading & Math Carnival is scheduled for Friday, September 22nd in the afternoon. Please be on the lookout for a sign-up genius as we will be in need of parent volunteers that day.

### **Family Social Night**

On Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, our HSA will be hosting our Fall Family Social Night. The event is in the Parish Center from 5:30-8:30 and is our way to say THANK YOU to all of our families. The HSA will provide burgers, hotdogs, vegetarian burgers, salad and drinks. We are asking families with their last name beginning with A-L to bring a side dish to share and those beginning with M-Z bring a dessert to share. Please register at <http://evite.me/saVV6n25Fy>

### **Designer Purse & Cash Bingo**

Our Purse Bingo is scheduled for Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 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. Food, soft drinks, beer & wine will be available for purchase.

### **Spirit Night**

Our first school Spirit Night is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at Texas Roadhouse. 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.

### **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.

## ***Standardized Testing***

As you heard at the end of last school year, there has been a problem with Terra Nova reporting nationwide in 2017. CTBS the parent company was purchase by a larger publisher. They were overwhelmed to say the least. We have received a summary version of scores electronically that can be viewed by administrators and test coordinators and have begun to analyze data. We typically use this data to drive instruction, identify gaps and improve programs. In the next few weeks, we should get the home reports. These are a more user friendly version that will be sent home to families as soon as they arrive. Please know that we share your frustration in the delay of reporting on these standardized assessments.

Thank you for your patience.

## ***Parish Community Partnership***

***Catechetical Sunday (September 17)*** We thank all catechists (including Catholic school educators in their role as catechists) for sharing and witnessing the faith in parishes and schools. They support parents, the primary teachers of their children in the faith, through providing information to and formation of young people in our Catholic religious education programs and schools. Make sure you thank parents and parish teachers for sharing their faith! We especially thank Michele Harris, Pat Burbage and Liza Alvarado who lead our catechists.

## ***School Office***

At Back to School Night and thereafter in homeroom, we sent home several papers that need your attention. Please be sure to complete and send these forms back to the school office, A.S.A.P.

1. Emergency Information sheet-update addresses, emails and phone numbers so that we can contact you.
2. Family surveys, complete so we can receive funding.
3. Family Acceptable use policy-read, sign and return last page.

## ***Volunteering***

As part of expectations for enrollment each family is required to complete at least 30 hours of volunteering. In keeping with the Diocesan For the Sake of God's Children Program, all volunteers must complete the Volunteer Covenant (form can be found on school Website) and a Background check. Laurel DiPirro in the school office can give you the link and an access code once you pay the \$30 fee.