

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School

Wednesday Newsletter

September 12, 2018

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS!

We had an amazing start to the school year. I know it can be an adjustment to get back on a schedule after the long summer vacation. My family is busy preparing for my daughter's wedding this weekend. We pray that hurricane Florence doesn't cause too much of a distraction and that everyone arrives safely.

We will be performing a test run of our emergency alert system, School Messenger, tomorrow at approximately 9:00 am. If you don't receive a call, text or email please call the school office to update your contact information.

Tomorrow night is the Spirit Night fundraiser at Hoppers from 5:00 pm -8:00 pm. Don't forget to get SCRIP cards so we can double dip the rewards!

On Friday, students will be rewarded for their efforts to complete their reading and math assignments over the summer. The Home and School Association will hold a carnival with games and treats. Students may wear their PE uniform to school that day. Should there be rain we will be in the Parish Center. Come by at 1:30 pm, if you are able to give some time to help out and get a jump on your parent volunteer hours.

We have a parent interested in leading Chess Club that would meet after school. Please email Emily Bergquist at embergquist2000@gmail.com if your 2nd-8th grade child is interested.

Don't miss out on the Riverside Carnival next weekend. Discounted ride tickets can be purchased in the parish office or from Father Ray almost anytime. You may spot him in the car line in the morning.

Reminders

- If your child needs your help to get in and out of their carseat, you need to park in the church lot for arrival and dismissal. If you use this line, you must remain in your car.
- At Back to School Night each family received a packet that included several forms that need to be filled out and returned to school. Please get this done ASAP so that we can update your information.
- As part of the Diocesan Safety Policies, all students must have a signed form acknowledging their understanding of the Acceptable Use of Technology Policies. Until this is signed by students in grades 3-8 and families of younger students, devices such as Chromebooks can not be used at school.
- There is no school on Friday, September 21st.
- We have before school child care available this year. There are plenty of openings. Please see the school website for the registration and health forms. Students must be registered and there is a fee for this service from 7:00 am-8:00am. Students not registered may not come inside with before care due to State of Maryland Licensing of the program and will not be supervised outside until 7:50 am.

With Joy!

Mrs. Traum

Home and School Association

Reading & Math Carnival

The Reading & Math Carnival is scheduled for Friday, 9/14. Our co-chairs, Angie McLaughlin, Jenni Perunko & Sarah Neall have been hard at work planning a fun day for the students to celebrate them completing their summer work! Please use the sign-up genius link below to help make the event a success.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/70a0b45aea8292-sfds>

Spirit Night

Come one and all to our First Spirit Night of the year! Join us for a family fun night getting to know each other! Come to Hoppers on Thursday, 9/13 from 5-8 pm. Even better is the HSA earns 20% from the sales! Please refrain from scrip cards since they will not be credited towards the fundraiser. Can't wait to see you there!

Designer Purse/Cash Bingo

Who doesn't love designer bags? Or cold hard cash? A night of 20 regular games with a chance of winning designer handbags or cash, with 2 specials games thrown in is sure to be an awesome night out. Plus, we have some amazing prizes for the Chinese auction and of course a 50/50 raffle and food/alcohol for sale. This event is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 10/11. Our chairs, Becky Thomas & Manda Ruark, have been working hard to make this event amazing but we still need help. Volunteers will be needed for set up and clean up, as well as selling the different raffle tickets and working in the kitchen. Please use the link below for the sign-up genius to volunteer.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d44a8ab2babfe3-designer>

You may also purchase your tickets online by using the link below. We hope to see you there!!

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

Auction Chair

Yes, we know the Auction isn't until March of 2019, but we are asking for YOU to consider stepping up to be our auction chair this year. As chair you will be able to set the theme of the event.... casual or more formal.... you get to pick. All our past committee chairs and auction

chairs will be there to help and guide you with this project. This is the BIGGEST fundraiser of the year and we need YOU to step up to chair it. Please contact the HSA board to let us know how you can help us out.

HSA Dues

With a new school year comes the renewal of your HSA dues. The dues are set at \$15/child again this year and the money goes directly to our homeroom moms to use for class activities and the auction project. We will also be collecting at afternoon pickups on Fridays and during all our school events. We accept cash, checks (made payable to SFDS HSA) or credit cards. If you are unsure whether you have paid your dues, please email us at HSA@sfdscs.org

Youth Ministry St. Francis de Sales Parish CYM - Catholic Youth Ministries Grades 7-12

Connecting with God, friends, and the community.

Get involved with our service projects, fun trips, studies, parties, and pilgrimages!

Youth Ministries Bonfire & Barbecue, Saturday, Oct. 13, 6:30 p.m.

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to enjoy burgers, hot dogs, and s'mores after Mass!

Confirmation preparation begins Saturday, October 13 from 4:00-8:30 p.m.

Grades 8 + Register with Liza or the church office!

