

# St. Francis de Sales Catholic School

## Wednesday Newsletter

September 5, 2018

### REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS!

One of the topics I am very concerned with this year is social media and its effects on our children. This year along with the Diocese of Wilmington, we want to teach our students to be digital leaders. As followers of Christ we try to be models of kindness and love for others. This includes our digital persona. It can be easy to hide behind the Internet as we present an alter ego to others online.

We know that the use and abuse of social media is a worry for parents as well. We teach as part of our technology curriculum Internet etiquette and safety. We are grateful for your continued support as we create lifelong learners who can make their way digitally with self-control and respect.

As in the past, the primary method of communication with school is via email. Additionally, the school website which now includes live teacher pages has helpful forms, information and links. We are working toward the consistent use of Facebook for each homeroom as a way parents can assist parents with frequently asked questions.

*Let's pray joyfully!*

*Gracious God, you know us at the core of our being, our heart. Help us to serve you with generosity, peace and authenticity. Be with us as we take off the masks of this world and seek you with sincere hearts. We are grateful for your care for us and your call that invites us to be women and men of joy and concern for others. Thank you Lord, for the gift of St. Francis de Sales for our students and teachers.*

*With Joy!*

*Mrs. Debbie Traum*

### **Reminders**

- If your child needs your help to get in an out of their carseat, you need to park in the church lot for arrival and dismissal.
- Each student has a number for their school lunch account which was given to them by their homeroom teacher today. Once you sign up online, you can view the account activity.

# Home and School Association

## **Welcome back**

The HSA board would like to welcome all our penguin families back to school. We are excited for this school year and can't wait to share all our plans with you. Your school board members are: Stephanie Cooper, President; Sarah Idoni, Vice President; Heather Johnston, Secretary; Danielle Green, Treasurer & Marta Hayes-Trice, Chairman/Volunteer Coordinator. Please don't hesitate to let us know if we can help make your school year easier or answer any questions on what the HSA has in store for the school year. Our email is HSA@sfdscs.org

## **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://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b45aea8292-sfds/45690093>

## **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](mailto: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!

Sign up at our table during back to school night!

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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!

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

Grades 8 + Register with Liza or the church office!