

## St. Francis de Sales Catholic School

### Wednesday Newsletter

November 14, 2018

#### REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS!

Safety is always a priority for us at St. Francis and I know it is one reason that families choose our school. In keeping with State of Maryland and Diocesan guidelines we participate in at least one emergency drill each month. So far this school year we have held a fire drill as well as a severe weather drill. Dates and notes about these drills are documented and shared with the Diocese at the end of each school year.

During a recent faculty and staff professional development day, we participated in a table top safety conversation. This was led by Salisbury City Police Chief Barbara Duncan. This exercise gave everyone an opportunity to identify strengths and weaknesses in our emergency response plans. It began an open dialogue from which we could initiate improvements and make adjustments to our current plan.

Last evening a group of school faculty and staff as well as church staff participated in C.R.A.S.E. training lead by the Wicomico County Department of Emergency Services. This Civilian Response to an Active Shooter Event training was very timely. All who attended felt that this two-hour session was beneficial. We will be sharing what we learned with the rest of the staff during a future development opportunity later this month.

A big take-away from both of our recent training experiences is that events that pose a threat are not always the same. We must learn to be flexible in our emergency responses. Another new concept is using clear language to communicate threats and responses. Color coding is no longer useful for all emergencies.

We have made significant upgrades to our cameras and door security systems over this past summer. We will be adding a visitor management system in the near future.

We will continue to keep the safety of our students at the forefront and to keep families apprised about drills, training and equipment status. I take the safety of your precious children very seriously.

With Joy,

Mrs. Debbie Traum

#### Lunch for the next week:

| Thursday, 11/15   | Friday, 11/16     | Monday, 11/19 | Tuesday, 11/20                 | Wed.,11/21 |
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| Mozzarella sticks | Choices from week | pizza         | Noon dismissal no lunch served | NO SCHOOL! |

#### Reminders

\*Tuesday, November 20th is a shortened day with noon dismissal, and there will be **NO** aftercare.

\*School is closed Wednesday, 11/21, Thursday, 11/22 and Friday, 11/23 for Thanksgiving break. We will return to school on Monday, 11/26.

\*Ms. Upshaw is looking for animal costumes for the Christmas Pageant. Please send in any Halloween costumes etc. that you might be able to give up. Please contact her with questions.

\*[CLICK HERE](#) for flyer for MAGI concert, we have two students performing this year, Sarah Miller and Harrison Bauer

\***Attendance** in school is directly related to academic success. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

### **Important Dates**

- Wednesday, 11/14 Our 7th grade students participated in a GIS mapping day with SU.
- Friday, 11/16 The middle school students will present their STEM projects to judges beginning at 8:30 am. These projects will be on display for families in the church hall after each Mass this weekend.
- Friday, 11/16 Several SU students will provide a nutrition presentation for middle school students in the afternoon.
- Thanksgiving Prayer service in the Parish Center at 8:30 am on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please join us!

**Attention Parents of SFdS School....** As you already know, testimonials are an extremely important part of the success of anyone's business. I truly feel that testimonials will strengthen the credibility of our school and help guide future prospects to consider SFdS School for the future. If anyone would be willing to send me a testimonial to my email;[spassarell@sfdscs.org](mailto:spassarell@sfdscs.org) or even post it on our Facebook page : <https://www.facebook.com/SFdSCatholicSchoolSalisbury> , that would be wonderful. I will also use these testimonials on our website and make a video for marketing purposes.

Thanks for your help!

Sarah Passarell

Advancement Director

## **Home and School Association**

### **HSA President Note**

As we approach Thanksgiving, I wanted to take a moment and thank all the SFdS staff for everything you do for our children. We are so blessed to have you in our school and parish community. I sincerely hope each and every one of you know how much you are appreciated! Happy Thanksgiving!

For HSA questions, suggestions or concerns please contact Stephanie Cooper 410-251-4711 or [HSA@sfdscs.org](mailto:HSA@sfdscs.org)

### **Scrip Fundraiser**

Want to earn tuition credits and volunteer hours just by doing your regular shopping??

Sign up now and do your Black Friday and Christmas shopping with Scrip!!

You can purchase gift cards and set up your mobile account - it's so simple!

See Kris Reilly after school on Friday in the pick-up line or email her at [onehoyarn@yahoo.com](mailto:onehoyarn@yahoo.com)

### **Five Below fundraiser**

Need stocking stuffers for Christmas or a gift exchange? Then come to Five Below between Monday, 12/3 and Saturday, 12/8 from 10 am – 6 pm and SFDS earns 10% back! What an easy way to help SFDS earn money towards the school's technology needs.

### **Santa Social: Vendor Spaces & Kids Shopping Area**

Mark your calendars for our annual Santa Social events. The pancake breakfast takes place on Sunday, 12/9 from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm, and includes crafts, games, holiday vendors, and photos with Santa. Then on Friday, 12/21 we will host Mrs. Claus' Workshop on the last morning of school before the break. Last year's kids shopping event in the cafeteria was very successful, so we are continuing that tradition this year.

Currently, we are seeking vendors to fill our holiday shopping tables. Limited spaces are available for only \$30/table. Please contact Heather Hillaert at [hillaert14@gmail.com](mailto:hillaert14@gmail.com) with questions or to reserve your space.

We are also beginning to collect your holiday and gift items for the kids shopping event. Items that are fun "re-gifts" (holiday ties, ornaments, costume jewelry, cute dishes, unopened spa packages, etc.) are much needed. We are also asking for holiday wrapping, tape, bows, bags, gift tags, and scissors that you wish to donate. Remember your "trash" can be another's "treasure" as a gift this season. Please drop these items off at the school office.

To volunteer and see how you can help out at the event, please use the sign-up genius link below.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60b094aa8a929a2ff2-santa>

More info about Santa Social events is coming!

### **Bull & Oyster Roast - February 1, 2019**

This is a new fundraiser for the HSA and is certain to be a fun night out!! All you can eat menu, casino games and trivia, plus a cash bar featuring a signature drink and all you can drink souvenir mug!

All proceeds will benefit the Athletics program and playground improvements. Tickets will go on sale December 1st. If you are interested in volunteering please email Will Braxton at [William\\_braxton@comcast.net](mailto:William_braxton@comcast.net) or Andy McBride at [Andrew.mcbride@longandfoster.com](mailto:Andrew.mcbride@longandfoster.com)

**Youth Ministry** St. Francis de Sales Parish CYM - Catholic Youth Ministries Grades 7-12 *Connecting with God, friends, and the community.*

**St. Francis de Sales Youth Ministries Newsletter Update for Nov./Dec.**

Click the link below

[http://wsm.ezsitedesigner.com/share/scrapbook/56/567618/Youth\\_Nov\\_2018\\_PDF.pdf](http://wsm.ezsitedesigner.com/share/scrapbook/56/567618/Youth_Nov_2018_PDF.pdf)

**Youth Mass at St. Francis -Cookie Bake Madness After Mass** – Sat. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 p.m. Parish Center. Bring your own cookie ingredients and recipe. If you don't have one, we will provide. **NO peanut butter please.** Cookies baked will be given to our communion servers to deliver to home-bound church members during the week.**Blue Christmas Dinner** – Youth Fundraiser Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 5-7 p.m. Music provided by our young people. Share Christmas nostalgia with us as the Advent Season begins. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a lovely evening of dinner and music. SIGN UP HERE TO HELP with the EVENT. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094fa9ad2ba5f85-blue> **Newsboys at the Wicomico Civic Center** – Sat. Dec. 8. 6:00 p.m. This will be an awesome Christian Concert! Limited Youth Tickets. \$30.00 Contact Liza as soon as possible.

**ASP** - Blue Christmas, Nov. 30th. Contact [caseyflanagan@gmail.com](mailto:caseyflanagan@gmail.com) or [jflanagan771@gmail.com](mailto:jflanagan771@gmail.com) for any questions about ASP.

Blessings, Liza