



St. Francis de Sales Catholic School

Wednesday Newsletter

November 28, 2018

I have some odds and ends this week for the newsletter.

- Re-enrollment has begun for the 2018/2019 school year. We have sent home the information needed to begin the process. The Diocese of Wilmington Tuition Assistance Program applications can begin on Saturday, December 1st. [Click Here](#) for the link to access or pick up a form in the school office.
- On Friday, 11/16 we held our annual STEM Fair. Students from grades 6-8 were judged by local scientists.

The following projects stood out this year.

6th grade

- 1st - Daniel Aguirre-Gomez
- 2nd- Kayleigh Simpson
- 3rd- Mason Green
- Honorable Mention- Maya Braxton

7th grade

- 1st- Daniela Carrasco- Gonzalez
- 2nd- Amy Claire Stiegler and Cassie Johnston
- 3rd- Bobby Simpson
- Honorable Mention- Connor Jansen

8th grade

- 1st- Ron Darling
- 2nd- Sarah Tarr
- 3rd- Diyon Shaju
- Honorable Mention - Sara Noojin and Heather

- We have another busy month ahead including some great STREAMS events.
 - Friday, 11/30-Nutcracker field trip for grades 4 and 5
 - Friday, 11/30-Nutrition presentation by SU students for grade 6
 - Friday, 11/30-Squid Dissection lesson presented by 4-H for grades 7 and 8
 - Monday, 12/3-Geography Bee at 1:40 pm in PC
 - Thursday, 12/6-Sharing the Joy Ball at Parsons Assisted Living-7th grade service project
 - Thursday, 12/13-Christmas pageant performed by Pre K 3, Pre K 4, K, 1 and 2, 6:00 pm in PC
 - Wednesday, 12/19-Band and Choir concert 6:00 pm in PC
 - Thursday, 12/20-All School Nutcracker performance, 1:30 in PC
- We will participate in the second set of Benchmark Assessments by Renaissance STAR beginning on Monday December 3rd. This is a valuable tool for measuring student progress and growth in reading and

math. We use this along with many other assessment methods for data as we plan for instructional delivery.

- I am always so proud to hear about the successes of our alumni! Recently, three Alumni received awards at a Bennett High School Awards ceremony.
 - **Lauren Plankey** - received the Wendy's High School Heisman Award
 - **Erin Hall** - received the AP Scholar Award for receiving a score of 3 or better on 3 different AP tests.
 - **Savannah Scott** - received the AP Scholar Award for receiving a score of 3 or better on 4 different AP tests.
- Don't miss the Blue Christmas Dinner on Friday, 11/30 from 5-7:00 pm. The Christmas tree lighting service will begin at 7:15 pm in front of the church. Our choir will lead us in song!
- The season of Advent begins this Sunday, December 2nd. Each Monday at school we will light a candle on the Advent wreath as part of our regular morning meeting.

With Joy,

Mrs. Debbie Traum

Lunch for the next week:

| Thursday, 11/29 | Friday, 11/30 | Monday, 12/3 | Tuesday, 12/4 | Wednesday 12/5 |
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| Pizza | Choices from all week | Meatball sub | Chicken soup | Flying saucers (hot ham and cheese sandwich) |

Reminders

*Trimester 1 will end on Friday, November 30th. Report cards will be emailed to families on December 11th. Please be reminded that financial obligations should be current in order to receive this document.

*It's pajama time! The 5th and 1st grade classes are leading a wonderful service project. They are collecting new pajamas for children that have been affected by violence. This program is a part of Life Crisis.

*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.

Important Dates

- Monday, 12/3 Geography Bee 1:40 in the Parish Center
- Thursday, 12/13-Christmas pageant 6:00 pm in the Parish Center
- Wednesday, 12/19-Band and Choir Concert 6:00 pm in the Parish Center
- Thursday, 12/20-All School Performance of the Nutcracker 1:30 pm in the Parish Center
- Friday, 12/21-noon dismissal, Christmas break begins
- Wednesday, 1/2 School reopens

Home and School Association

Scrip Fundraiser

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

Sign up now and do your 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

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

Our annual Santa Social & Pancake Breakfast is quickly approaching! Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 9th from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm for a morning filled with good food, holiday shopping with local vendors, crafts for kids, and of course, pictures with Santa.

Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Shifts are short, with plenty of time to eat, shop, and mingle with friends. Sign-up here for your shift(s):

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

And don't forget, Mrs. Claus' Workshop (our kids shopping event) takes place on Friday, December 21st for our students to select and wrap gifts for their family. More details coming soon, but please don't forget to send in your donations to the school office. In addition to wrapping supplies, we'd love old ornaments, costume jewelry, books, Christmas décor, and whatever other hidden treasures you have to put in our shopping event.

Contact Heather Hillaert with any questions about Santa Social at hillaert14@gmail.com

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 or Andy McBride at Andrew.mcbride@longandfoster.com

Auction 2019 Theme and Date Announced!

The SFdS Annual spring Auction will be held on **April 6th***. This year's theme is Havana Nights! We are looking for volunteers to chair the decorations and provide support on several committees. If you are interested in volunteering please email Kate Bounds at Boundskate@gmail.com*please note this date has been moved from March 23rd due to scheduling conflicts.

HSA Dues

Families who haven't paid dues or completed volunteer hours will be billed. 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.*

St. Francis de Sales Youth Ministries Newsletter Update for Dec.

Click the link below

http://wsm.ezsitedesigner.com/share/scrapbook/56/567618/Youth_Nov_2018_PDF.pdf

Blue Christmas Dinner – Youth Fundraiser Nov. 30th 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 or jflanagan771@gmail.com for any questions about ASP.

Blessings, Liza

