



St. Francis de Sales Catholic School

Wednesday Newsletter

December 12, 2018

Dear St. Francis Families and Friends,

I am constantly amazed at how our community steps up to the plate to help others. We participated in a Pajama Program that collects new PJs for those children that would otherwise go without. The total number of sleepwear collected was more than 300! Mrs. Margie Meeks came as the program's representative on Friday to pick up our collection. Our donations will be distributed to children through the Salvation Army in Salisbury. She informed the school at morning meeting that although we were the smallest school that had participated, we had thus far collected more than any other school by double the amount. Our donations will be distributed to children through the Salvation Army in Salisbury. Thank you to all who were able to support this worthwhile cause.

I also want to thank our Home and School Association for another successful fundraiser for our school. The Santa Social chaired by Heather Hillaert was enjoyed by all who attended. The Knights of Columbus kindly volunteered to make pancakes and sausage. Selfies with Santa and arts and crafts were a big hit. We had more vendors than ever thanks to Jen Trader and her solicitation efforts. I know our students will directly benefit from the money raised that morning.

With Joy,

Mrs. Debbie Traum

Lunch for the next week: Along with the daily entre, students can choose a drink (milk, juice or water) and from several sides (grapes, pudding, carrot sticks, celery sticks, Go-gurt, etc.)

Thursday, 12/13	Friday, 12/14	Monday, 12/17	Tuesday, 12/18	Wednesday 12/19
Chicken nuggets	Choices from all week	French Toast Sticks	Potato chowder	Hot Dogs

Reminders

*In order to apply for **tuition assistance** from the Diocese of Wilmington, families must have their student registered for the 2019/20 school year. [CLICK HERE](#) for link to application

Important Dates

- Thursday, 12/13-**Christmas pageant** 6:00 pm in the Parish Center
- Monday, 12/17-Academic Distinction Awards-8:30 am in 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-Kid's shopping, **noon dismissal**, Christmas break begins-**NO AFTERCARE**
- School reopens January 2, 2019

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

Santa Social

We'd like to say a Big Thank you to our Santa Social Chair, Heather Hillaert and our vendor coordinator, Jennifer Trader for putting on a fun family event this past Sunday. Lots of smiling faces could be seen, from enjoying the delicious food cooked by some of our Knights of Columbus, to working hard on their crafts put on by some of our awesome school moms, to sharing their special wishes with the Big Man himself...Santa Claus. We truly appreciate all the volunteers that helped make this event a true success and great fun for our SFDS community.

Santa's Workshop (Kids Shopping Event)

Our annual kids Christmas shopping event returns on Friday, Dec. 21. Each class will have an opportunity to visit Santa's Workshop to select small gifts and have some fun before our break begins. Each item in the workshop is \$1/item, and this fundraiser benefits our students and school.

If your child would like to shop, please send in a few dollars in a Ziploc sandwich bag or envelope (with their name on it) - we will have shopping assistants to help them. For our younger students, please consider placing a note in the Ziploc that has a list of people they are shopping for along with ages (example: Mom, Dad, brother age 2, sister age 4) so our shopping assistants can be most helpful.

Don't forget, we're still seeking small gift/trinket donations as well as wrapping supplies (in particular tape, bows, tissue, bags, boxes, gift tags). All of these can be dropped off in the school office thru Thursday, Dec. 20th.

And of course, none of this is possible without volunteers! Please use the Sign-Up Genius link below to let us know you can help - such a fun way to get your hours in :)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094aa8a929a2ff2-santas>



[Santa's Workshop 2018 \(Kids Shopping Event\)](#)

Santa's Workshop will be open on Friday, December 21st for our students to do some shopping and enjoy some fun before the break begins. Volunteers are needed for set-up on Thursday evening and to work the event Friday morning. Please also consider donating gifty trinkets (well-loved holiday decor, costume jewelry, men's ties, books are examples) and wrapping supplies (we are in need of bows, gift tags, bags/boxes, tissue paper, and tape). Donations can be dropped off in the school office through Thursday afternoon (Dec. 20th). The proceeds from this fundraiser support our students and school, so please help us make this a memorable morning of shopping!

www.signupgenius.com

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

Connecting with God, friends, and the community.

I have ONE ticket left for the Newsboys concert on Saturday, Dec. 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the Wicomico Civic Center! Let me know as soon as possible! Ticket \$28.

OC Youth Rally, Jan. 4-6 will be held in the Convention center. Join 4,000 other youth to be challenged and inspired! Late Registrations will be taken until Dec. 14th. A few tickets left at the \$100 price, (once those are sold, increase to \$120) for the weekend, which includes, concerts, speakers, and hotels. You will have to bring money for meals or any gift items at the marketplace. I need two more adults to come and drive with a background check! DUE to the holidays, please let me know as soon as possible!! If you would like the extended paperwork sent, please email me. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094fa9ad2ba5f85-ocean>

Have a blessed Advent season! Liza

Liza Alvarado - Mutchler
Director of Youth Ministries
St. Francis de Sales Parish

Trust the past to God's Mercy, the present to God's love, and the future to God's providence.
St. Augustine of Hippo

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