



## St. Francis de Sales Catholic School

### Wednesday Newsletter

January 16, 2019

Dear St. Francis Families and Friends,

When you are in education, there is no four letter word you dislike more than SNOW. This word strikes fear in the hearts of teachers and administrators. A snow day not only means students miss valuable classwork, but more importantly these days have in the past been made up in June.

As one can imagine, days made up in June are not always as effective. The hot summer weather and distractions make June days difficult to concentrate to say the least.

Several years ago, the Diocese of Wilmington adopted a different method to make up for snow days. Should school be cancelled due to weather, we do not make up the day in June. Instead, we do something that has become increasingly common across the country. We call it a cyber snow day.

On these days, teachers provide educational work for students to do on this day away from school. It may be in the form of a blizzard bag, a pouch of work given at one time, or as assignments given online using Google Classroom or other online method.

Students work on these assignments at home and submit them online or bring them to school upon their return. Of course, the entire school day can't be recreated, but this comes close to the academic rigor of classwork. This allows us to stick to the last day of school as planned and keep on track with lessons.

For your added information, students have 3 days with which to turn cyber day work into their teacher. This allows students the time to play in the snow on the day school is closed.

**With Joy,**

**Mrs. Debbie Traum**

#### **Lunch for the next week:**

**We are always looking for volunteers to serve lunches from 12:30-1:30!** Along with the daily entree, students can choose a drink (milk, juice or water) and from several sides (grapes, pudding, carrot sticks, celery sticks, applesauce, Go-gurt, etc.)

<b>Thursday, 1/17</b>	<b>Friday, 1/18</b>	<b>Monday, 1/21</b>	<b>Souper Tuesday! 1/22</b>	<b>Wednesday 1/23</b>
French Toast Sticks	Noon dismissal	No School MLK	Chili	Pasta

**Reminders**

- Tuition contracts are due to the office now. The students are excited to have the chance to “Slime” the principal if we achieve 85% re-enrollment for 2019/20.
- The deadline to apply for tuition assistance through the diocese is due March 4<sup>th</sup>. You must be registered in order to apply.
- Keep track of your volunteer hours and don’t forget to send them in to the Home and School Association.

**Service**

**Food Drive**

The Kindergarten and 6th grade prayer partners are sponsoring a whole school food drive from Jan. 10th until Jan. 18th. The food is going to restock the Joseph House's pantry.

“Non-perishable goods are always in short supply at our Food Pantry. We usually need canned vegetables, rice, pasta, cake mixes, breakfast cereal, canned tuna and chicken, canned or packaged soups, instant mashed potatoes, Jell-O, instant coffee, cocoa, and peanut butter. Gift cards from Acme and Food Lion supermarkets are also helpful.” Joseph House Ministries

**Important Dates**

- January 18-half day for faculty meeting, there will be aftercare.
- Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>-MLK day, NO SCHOOL!
- Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm Mass with Bishop Malooly and presentation of “Our Lady of Wilmington” portrait
- Catholic Schools Week 1/27-2/2

**Athletics**

Happy Wednesday Everyone!

I would like to start sharing some kids athletic and fitness programs with all of you throughout the year that are in our community. These are programs that I trust, and would sign my own kids up for! I’m hoping that these programs will not only benefit our students’ fitness levels and athletic abilities, but will also help strengthen our SFDS sports teams in the years to come!! If you ever have any questions about the programs that I share, feel free to email me at [kayd@sfdscs.org](mailto:kayd@sfdscs.org). First up below... you will find a flyer for CrossFit Salisbury’s kids fitness program! I

hope that you'll find these helpful if you're looking to get your children into a program! [Click here for flyer](#)

Thank you!!

Katie Ayd

## **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 regular grocery 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)

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

This is a new fundraiser for the HSA and is certain to be a fun night out!! Tickets are now on sale for \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door. The ticket includes 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 are currently on sale – look for us in the pick up line or by using the order form in your child's homework folder. 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) If you have any questions please feel free to email the HSA [HSA@sfdscs.org](mailto:HSA@sfdscs.org)

Or you can use the attached order form to order your tickets today!

[Bull & Oyster Roast Ticket Form\\_2-1-2018.pdf](#)

### **Catholic School Week Lunch & Recess Coverage for Teachers**

The HSA is organizing a teacher and staff luncheon to celebrate Catholic Schools Week on Thursday, January 31, 2019. Our families volunteer to provide food/drinks, cover recess and cafeteria duty, and oversee the set-up. This has become a favorite treat for our staff each year, so please consider donating an hour of your time to give our teachers a well-deserved meal and break. Reminder: you must have a current background check on file if you volunteer for lunch or recess duty.

**Sign-up here to help:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094AA8A929A2FF2-catholic>

### **Penny Wars**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Penny Wars is scheduled for Catholic Schools Week, Monday 1/28<sup>th</sup> – Friday 2/1<sup>st</sup>. Start collecting your pennies and get ready to be the class with the most points.....to earn a class NUT day! The proceeds will go towards playground upgrades! More details will follow.

### **Library Book Fair**

Bookfair time! Please consider giving a couple hours of your time for our library's only fundraiser. This is a great way to meet other kiddos and moms all while helping our library. This is easy and fun!

Use this link to sign-up to help! <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2179712/false#/invitation>

### **Auction 2019 Theme and Date Announced!**

The SFdS Annual spring Auction will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup>\*. 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](mailto: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](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.*

#### **Youth Ministries January Schedule – Grades 7-12**

#### **January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. March for Life, “Unique from Day One.” **LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP TODAY!****

If there are any *YOUTH* that would like to join folks from St. Francis de Sales Parish and the Loving Life Committee to march in Washington D.C., please RSVP Liza. We will be leaving by 8:00 a.m. from the church parking lot. \$15 per person. Pack your lunch, snacks, and money for dinner! \$50 per family.

#### **MARCH SIGN UP**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094fa9ad2ba5f85-march>

#### **January 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8 p.m. Christian Shelter Assistance.**

Help encourage children with your smiles and time. For safety reasons, please be punctual with dropping off and picking up. RSVP Liza to sign up. Space is limited.

#### **CHRISTIAN SHELTER SIGN UP**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094fa9ad2ba5f85-christian>

**Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 p.m. (First Fridays)** Make your Friday nights awesome. Hang out with friends or make a new one! Join us in the basement of the church. Play ping pong, games, and enjoy a short devotional to help connect to God. *For those families going to the SFS Bull Roast, we will run a late movie with popcorn from 8-10 p.m. in the youth room.*

#### **FIRST FRIDAY SIGN UP**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094fa9ad2ba5f85-first>

**Next Confirmation Class on Saturday, February 9th. Mass at 5:30 and Class at 6:30 p.m. Pick up at 7:30 p.m. Church Basement.**

**BOYS Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, January 26. 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

### **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*