



St. Francis de Sales Catholic School

Wednesday Newsletter

January 23, 2019

Dear St. Francis Families and Friends,

Today, my mother-in-law, Denise lost her battle with lung cancer. She was able to be home with her husband of 60 years. Some may remember that this journey began for our family last April. We thought the surgery had rendered her cancer free, but learned in the fall that it had returned. She kept up good spirits until this last week. She managed to make it to her 80th birthday this month and all 4 grandchildren visited during the last few weeks. For my 2 children this is the first loss of a grandparent.

We will miss her sense of humor and advice. Denise was once a Catholic School teacher herself, and was very proud that her daughter and daughter-in-law had followed in her footsteps.

I ask you all for your prayers and patience as I help my family get through this difficult time.

Mrs. Debbie Traum

Lunch for the next 5 school days:

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.)

Thursday, 1/24	Friday, 1/25	Monday, 1/28	"Souper" Tuesday 1/29	Wednesday 1/30
Hot Ham/cheese sandwich	Pizza	Meatball sub	Chicken noodle	Taco salad

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 the application](#)** If the school reaches 85% re-enrollment, students will get a NUT day on January 31st and get to SLIME the principal!

Service

Box Tops for education! Don't forget to send in your box tops in a baggie marked with your child's class. The class with the most will have an ice cream party. Second grade is currently in the lead with 348, Pre-K 4 is second with 200 and Fourth grade is in third with 82.

Important Dates

- Regional Mass for Feast Day of St. Francis de Sales with Bishop Malooly at 5:30 pm, no homework for those who attend in school uniform
- Catholic Schools Week 1/27-2/2 see below for details

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

Believe, Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed

January 27-February 1

Kick off Speeches on Sunday at Masses-students attend in school uniform

Scholastic Book Fair will be open all week in the art room!

Monday 1/28-Student Appreciation Day

NUT day Theme is "Blast from the Past"

Students vs. Teachers Volleyball game 2:20 in Parish Center

No homework!

Tuesday 1/29 Parent Appreciation Day

Pastries for Parents at 7:30 am in school cafeteria

Morning Meeting 8:15 am parents are always welcome!

Classroom visits by parents 8:30-9:15 am

NUT day Theme is Super Bowl team colors

Wednesday 1/30 Parish Appreciation Day

Mass at 8:30 am

Luncheon for Parish Staff in Parish Center Conference Room

Open House tours with advancement director

Thursday 1/31 Teacher Appreciation Day

Teachers enjoy lunch and no duties provided by Home and School Association

Movie and snack in homeroom after lunch

Possible NUT day and principal slime!

Friday 2/1 Grandparent and Special Friend Appreciation Day

Prayer Service at 10:00 am in the church

Luncheon at 11:00 am [CLICK here for lunch order form](#)
Dismissal at 12:00 noon
Bull & Oyster Roast Fundraiser in the Parish Center at 6:00 pm

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

Bull & Oyster Roast - February 1, 2019

What looks to be a fun night has already sold out of advance table tickets and only has 50 individual tickets remaining, so be sure to purchase your ticket today!! 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 or Andy McBride at Andrew.mcbride@longandfoster.com If you have any questions please feel free to email the HSA HSA@sfdscs.org

You can use the attached order form to order your tickets today!

[Bull & Oyster Roast Ticket Form 2-1-2018.pdf](#)

We also need help working this event and it won't be a success unless we do have volunteers! Please consider giving an hour of your time during the evening to help make this fundraiser work. The sign-up genius link is below to sign up. ☺

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e48a4ab22a2fa7-sfds1>

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 2nd Annual Penny Wars is scheduled for Catholic Schools Week, Monday 1/28th – Friday 2/1st. 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.

Scholastic Book Fair to benefit the school library

Book fair time! Please consider giving a couple hours of your time for our library's 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 Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, 1/29 at 6 pm in the Parish Center Conference room. Please use the sign-up genius below to see how you can help on the auction committee. We have lots of areas that need help, from solicitations of the auction items to the decorations that make the event pop to the set up & take down of the event. And we need all hands on deck to make our biggest event of the year a success!! 😊

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60b094aa8a929a2ff2-auction1>

Auction – Havana Nights

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

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

Volunteer Hours

Don't forget to keep track of your volunteer hours. Each family needs to perform 30 hours to support the school. Send in report for Home and School Association.

Youth Ministry Opportunities

Connect with God, friends, and the community!

Email Liza at lalvarado@visitstfrancis.org to receive regular youth updates or log onto <http://visitstfrancis.org/formationeducation/youthministry.html>

First Friday, February 1st Youth Gathering SIGN UP!

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

Confirmation Boy's Retreat, Saturday, January 26. 9:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Jamey Sturgill will host this event. Dad's needed. Lunch, Dinner and activities. Topics include the Holy Spirit, Theology of the Body, and Reconciliation.