



## St. Francis de Sales Catholic School Wednesday Newsletter

February 13, 2019

Dear St. Francis Families and Friends,

Some of our students recently competed in two academic competitions. The first was the American Math Competition for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders which was held at Salisbury University. The following is a list of participants as well as the top scorers.

### 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Daniela Carrasco-Gonzalez (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
Ben Cooledge  
Patrick Gutierrez(1<sup>st</sup>)  
Cassie Johnston  
Nick Ketcham  
Logan McGill  
Colin McGinty  
Sarah Miller  
Brigid Reilly  
Sheon Shaju  
Robert Simpson(2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Lilly Stevenson  
Amy Claire Stiegler  
Jackson Wilhite  
Larry Wilson

### 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Harrison Duncan  
Albiera Freda  
Connor Jansen  
Sara Noojin(3<sup>rd</sup>)  
Heather Sanchez-Leyva(3<sup>rd</sup>)  
Sarah Tarr  
Diyon Shaju  
Minh-Quan Tran

The second event was the school level Scripps Spelling Bee. The winner will compete at the regional level at UMES in March for a chance to go to Washington, D.C. for nationals. These were our grade 4-8 competitors as well as the winner!

### 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Cian Hansen  
Aubrey McCaffrey

### 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Gracie Johnson  
Elli Noojin

### 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Nick Kadera  
Darcy Manes

### 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Daniela Carrasco-Gonzalez  
Sheon Shaju  
Brigid Reilly

### 8<sup>th</sup> grade

William Rolls  
Brennan Learn

**The winner is Brigid Reilly! Good Luck at Regionals!**

**With Joy,**

**Mrs. Debbie Traum**

**Lunch for the next few 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.) We welcome parents to help supervise recess as well.

<b>Thursday, 2/14</b>	<b>Friday, 2/15</b>	<b>Monday, 2/18</b>	<b>Souper Tuesday! 2/19</b>	<b>Wednesday 2/20</b>
burgers	pizza	No school- President’s Day	Chicken noodle	Pasta/beefaroni

**Reminders**

- 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. You will also need your tax return, but can begin the process without it. This deadline is less than a month away.
- ALL visitors **MUST** report to the main school office upon entering the building. Do not put another parent, student or staff in the position to let you into the building through a door other than the main door. Students who enter or leave at times other than normal school opening and closing must be signed in or out from the main office. Students may not leave with someone other than their parent/designated pick-up person without a **WRITTEN** note giving permission to do so.
- Keep track of your volunteer hours and don’t forget to send them in to the Home and School Association.

**Service**

**Box Tops for Education**-Don’t forget to send in your Box Tops! Send them in a baggie with your child’s grade on it. The class with the most will have a reward.

**Important Dates**

- Eighth grade play, “Godspell”-Thursday, 2/28 and Friday, 3/1 at 7:00 pm in the parish center tickets-\$5
- Second Grade wax museum-Friday, 2/22 in the parish center
- Home and School Association Open Meeting-Tues., 2/19-6:00-8:00 pm in the parish center conference room, please RSVP.

**Home and School Association**

**Auction – Havana Nights**

**Tickets on sale now! <https://sfdsss.ejoinme.org/HavanaNights2019>**

The SFdS Annual spring Auction will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is Havana Nights!  
If you would like to sponsor the event, volunteer to chair the decorations and provide support on several committees, or have questions, please contact Kate Bounds (Auction Chair) at [Boundskate@gmail.com](mailto:Boundskate@gmail.com).

### **HSA Open Meeting**

Our second open meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 2/19 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center Conference room on the 2nd floor. Our agenda is as follows:

- Auction
- Safety
- Budget/Financial Procedures
- Playground improvements
- Elections for the Board for 2019-2020

Please remember this is an open forum to share your positive ideas, voice concerns, and learn more about what the HSA is working on to support our students and school. We will also be voting on upcoming budget items. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Parents will receive a no homework pass for their students!

***Kindly RSVP using the link below so we can ensure we have adequate seating!***

<http://evite.me/fAwaDZ5y4E>

### **Penny Wars**

Gather your loose change, hunt for some under the couch cushions, or have your kids donate part of their allowance.... The date for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Penny Wars has been changed to February 25<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>. Each homeroom has a jug to collect money: pennies and dollar bills ADD points, while silver coins SUBTRACT from the classroom total. Send your kids in with a Ziploc bag full of change to help their class and keep other classes from winning. This FUNdraiser makes cents! All funds raised will go towards our playground upgrades!! More details will follow.

### **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)

### **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.*

Email Liza at [lalvarado@visitsstfrancis.org](mailto:lalvarado@visitsstfrancis.org) to receive regular youth updates or log onto <http://visitsstfrancis.org/formationeducation/youthministry.html>

**February 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Christian Shelter Assistance.**

Sign up Here.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094fa9ad2ba5f85-christian1>

**Confirmation Girl's Retreat, Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

Pam Urbanski, Director of the Catholic Youth Ministries from the Diocese will be our guest speaker

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

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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*