

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School

Wednesday Newsletter

March 20, 2019

Dear St. Francis Families and Friends,

Our school is eligible to participate in the 2019-2020 Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Program because our school has been approved to participate in the 2018-2019 Nonpublic Textbook Program and offers educational programs beyond kindergarten. If you wish to participate in the BOOST program, *you must act before April 17, 2019.*

All families who applied to the program for 2018-19 will receive an email with the information to access the application system. If you are not currently receiving a BOOST Scholarship, but would like to apply, the instructions are available on the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) website. This is the link to the information: <http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>. *Please note, families have until midnight on April 17, 2019 to submit a completed application.*

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 always welcome parents to help supervise recess as well.**

Thursday, 3/21	Friday, 3/22	Monday, 3/25	Souper Tuesday! 3/26	Wednesday 3/27
Hot dogs	pizza	Cheeseburger	Broccoli cheese	No School

Reminders

- LOST and FOUND!- The lost and found bin is overflowing. We will place these items outside after school today for you to retrieve your student's things. Tomorrow they will be donated to either the carriage house or the school uniform swap. Items that had names on them were returned to the students.
- Our 7th graders and their prayer partners in Prek-3 are leading a toy drive for children at Johns Hopkins. Please see the flyer at this link. [Toy Drive](#)
- **This is the LAST week to sign up for music lessons! These are offered for each trimester. We have piano, guitar and voice lessons. Contact Mary-Tyler Upshaw for details. mupshaw@sfdscs.org**

- **SAVE THE DATE!! SFdS SPIRIT NIGHT**

Where: Galaxy Gymnastics

When: Friday, March 29th from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

For: Grades PK-3 through 5th (older siblings welcome)

Bring your children to enjoy an open gym at Galaxy Gymnastics! Pizza and soft drinks will be provided. All donations are appreciated and will go toward the HSA Athletics fund. I hope to see you all at this fun fitness night!!

- St. Francis' own lovable, canine readers – Watson and River – are raising money for a great cause and need your help! On April 6, their “mom” Ginny Lawrence, an active reading volunteer with 2nd grade, will compete in the Final Great Clue Caper to benefit Salisbury's Village of Hope – an amazing organization helping end the cycle of poverty and homelessness for women and children.

If you'd like to support the Village of Hope through Watson and River's team, it's easy to donate via the link: <http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/annrives/2019-Great-Clue-Caper-the-finale>

Watson and River (and Ginny) appreciate your support for the Village of Hope! See you at school and happy reading! Woof woof!

Important Dates

- Each Friday during lent we will pray the stations of the cross in church at 2:40 pm
- **NO SCHOOL- Wednesday, March 27th** due to faculty professional development with the diocese
- Pray with us-Live Stations at 2:15 pm and 7:00 pm in the church on Friday, March 29th.
- Uniform Swaps-April 3rd and 10th from 2:30 pm-6:00 pm in the HSA room on the 3rd floor, bring in gently worn uniforms for credit no later than March 29th. Please put your student's name on them.
- Lenten fish/shrimp fry on Friday, March 29th 4:30-7:30 pm in the parish center

Home and School Association

Havana Nights Auction – Volunteers Needed

Ready to lend a hand with Auction, even if for only one hour? We need volunteers for set-up on Friday, April 5 and during the event on Saturday, April 6. We've kept the shifts short during the event so that you have ample time to party and bid on your favorite items. Auction is one of our final HAS events to acquire your needed hours, so sign-up now to ensure you get the shift(s) you want.

Volunteers Sign-Up here!

Tickets are still available but the babysitting slots are limited. Childcare is for ages 3-12 (must be potty trained), and donations for the service are greatly appreciated. We will provide pizza, applesauce, and juice boxes. Please email boundskate@gmail.com with names and ages of children for your reservation.

Purchase your auction tickets at <https://sfdsss.ejoinme.org/HavanaNights2019>

Like and share our event Facebook page to keep up with the latest news for this hot event:

<https://www.facebook.com/SFdSHavanaNights2019/>.

Finally, there's still time to contribute to our ever-popular Chinese Auction by signing up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4caaab2ea6f85-chinese1>. Please contact Suzanne

DeVito at smp82@aol.com with any questions.

Kids Bingo Night - April 16, 2019

Kick off Easter break with our annual Kids Bingo Night on Tuesday, April 16th from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the Parish Center. The McLaughlin Family hosts this fun night to benefit the HSA. This event is for kids ages 4 and older, cost is \$25/child which includes dinner, dessert, treats, favors, and lots of BINGO! Please RSVP to Angie McLaughlin at 410-430-7770. This is a can't-miss event for your student(s)!

Uniform Swap

The next 2 uniform swaps are scheduled for Wednesday, April 3rd from 2:30 – 6:00 pm and Wednesday, April 10th from 2:30 – 6:00 pm. If you have any uniform items to exchange, please

drop them off to the school, in a labeled bag with your name by Friday, March 29th in order to obtain your credit slip.

Save The Date: Penguin Run Returns!

Our annual Penguin Run is Saturday, May 11, 2019. Many more details are coming, including registration, sponsorship opportunities, and schedule of events for the day. Please contact Maria Garde with questions at Mgarde94@gmail.com.

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

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 EVENTS – GRADES 7-12

SIGN UP for the Wilmington Pilgrimage! April 13th

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094fa9ad2ba5f85-2019>

First Friday, April 5, 2019. Mad Egg Hunt. 6:30-8:00 p.m. Bring a friend and \$5 for pizza and soda. Bring your favorite board game. Relax and have a lot of fun with the most unusual teen hunt!

Monday, April 29th 7:00 p.m. Adult Youth Leader training 101. Meet in the Youth Room in the Church Hall. Are you wanting to use your gifts in youth ministry? We would love to have you join us! Come ready to invest in the future of our church and make a difference in a young person's life! Volunteer forms will be available and a complete background check will be done. Contact lalvarado@visitstfrancis.org to register.

National Catholic Youth Conference, November 20-24, 2019

Sponsor a youth for \$100. **Register a youth!** Space is limited. Student responsibility is \$250. Student must be in 9th grade by November 2019. This is a bi-annual event. Don't miss this life-changing event with 25,000 other young Catholics from around the country! Fantastic music and speakers!

