

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School

Wednesday Newsletter

March 27, 2019

Dear St. Francis Families and Friends,

As you know, today we did not have school in order for the teachers and I to travel to St. Marks High School for a professional development day. We are all life long learners. In the October 2018 issue of Educational Leadership, Naomi Thiers writes, “The call to put social emotional learning on a par with academics is growing louder—partly because of cultural signs showing that talents like resolving conflicts and collaborating with others elude many Americans” (page 7). As Catholic school educators, we have always been committed to educating the whole student – spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially. This day will be well spent as we work to educate the the whole child.

Our sessions today will focus on the following topics:

Wellness for Teachers and Students

Comprehensive Behavioral Health

Mental Health Concerns

Mindfulness

Understanding At-Risk Youth Behaviors

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 entre, 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, 3/28	Friday, 3/29	Monday, 4/1	Tuesday 4/2	Wednesday 4/3
corn dog nuggets	pizza	mac and cheese	Sloppy joes	Ham and cheese sandwich

Performing Arts News!

We will have a **NUT day** on Friday to raise funds for our performing arts programs. The theme is Movies with music composed by John Williams. A few of these are E.T., Indiana Jones, Star Wars, The Book Thief, War Horse, Harry Potter, Jurassic Park, Hook and Superman! Have fun dressing up like a character from one of these beloved films!

I am thrilled to announce that this year, what has formally been a 'spring band and choir concert' is officially our Fine Arts Night. All students in grades 3-7 will be performing as a part of their class. Additional performances will be done by our school band, and the private and group students on piano, guitar and voice. This means students in grades K-8 are performing! Our choir, band, and the other performers will share the stage with the talent show all in the same evening. While in our parish center we will be surrounded by artwork the students have been working on throughout the year.

If your child wishes to participate in the talent show, they need to sign up with me during music class. I will make announcements in class, but this often times ends up with entire classes volunteering. Once, I have a list of interested students I will contact you, the parent, to make sure we are all on the same page. Please see below for specifics.

- All auditions will occur during 6th & 7th periods on April 9th
- Each act may only be 2 minutes
- This is open to students in PK-8
- Students may perform solo or as a part of an ensemble, but may only participate in one act.
- Students will have required rehearsal checking to ensure that pieces are performance ready after returning from Easter Break, twice.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at mupshaw@sfdscs.org. I thank you in advance for assisting in making the Performing and Visual Arts such an integral part of the St. Francis experience.

Mary-Tyler Upshaw

Great Clue Caper to benefit Village of Hope

Please help me make this the best year yet! My Team has participated in the Great Clue Caper for four years. This event benefits the Village of Hope, which is a transition house for at risk women and children that struggle with homelessness. This is the last year The Great Clue Caper will be held. My team wants to make it the best year yet for fundraising. I am asking for any donations possible. I have a small personal goal of \$500. If you would like to help in anyway, please click the link below. <https://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/CaseyFlanagan/2019-Great-Clue-Caper-the-finale>

Starting Thursday, I will have a guess the jelly bean jar for the kids at lunch. Each guess is 50 cents. The person who's guess is closest to the actual number will win the jar!!

I will also be selling chocolate covered pretzel rods for \$1.00 at lunch time. All proceeds will go towards the Great Clue Caper to benefit the Village of Hope.

Thank you to everyone in advance for your support.

Casey Flanagan Pre-K3 Teacher

Reminders

- It's time to order your **school yearbook!!** Go to this link to order, cost is \$14.95.

https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/view_account.asp?l=4466083B-DCD1-4864-891F-DOB7039790E

- Just a quick reminder that we will have chess/ game club this Friday, March 29 after school from 3:10-4:00.
- **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.**
- 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](#)
- **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

- **NO SCHOOL- Wednesday, March 27th** due to faculty professional development with the diocese at St. Marks High School
- **NUT day for the arts \$2** on Friday, 3/29 (Dress as movie character-see performing arts news above.)
- 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
- Saturday, April 6th, school auction-Don't miss it!
- Lenten crab cake/shrimp dinner on Friday, April 12th 4:30-7:30 pm
- Tuesday, April 16th-Kids bingo!
- Wednesday, April 17-NOON DISMISSAL-no aftercare
- April 17-28, Easter break! Monday, April 29th back to school

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 HSA 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!

