

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School

Wednesday Newsletter

April 3, 2019

Dear St. Francis Families and Friends,

Our Home and School Association works very hard each year to fundraise in order to support the school. They provide funding for so many programs that are not included in the regular school budget due to financial constraints.

H.S.A funds completely support our extracurricular athletics. We offer golf, soccer, field hockey, basketball and lacrosse for grades fifth through eighth. Of course these teams need uniforms and equipment. Additionally, we must secure fields for games and practices as well as referee fees. Both of these are very costly.

This organization has generously provided teachers with much needed money to purchase items for their classrooms. These supplies enable teachers to differentiate and create engaging learning environments for their students. We all know that teachers spend so much of their own money because they love their students.

For the past several years, the H.S.A. has made a strong commitment to funding the school's technology improvement initiative. They have purchased carts of Chromebooks, teacher lap tops, interactive whiteboards as well as contributing to our new fiber optic connection to wifi. Thanks to them we are 1:1 with technology in grades 5-8.

Field trips are another area supported by the H.S.A. Buses to transport students can cost more than \$10,000 for the school each year. For the last several years we have even doubled up classes for trips in order to save money. Thanks to this group, our students don't have to pay a bus fee for these educational experiences.

The annual school auction tends to be the Home and School Association's most profitable fundraiser for the entire school year. This year's theme is Havana Nights complete with Cuban food and entertainment. Your attendance will be directly impacting student life at our amazing school.



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, 4/4	Friday, 4/5	Monday, 4/8	Tuesday 4/9	Wednesday 4/10
Chicken nuggets	pizza	Corn dogs	beefaroni	Chicken sandwich

Performing Arts News!

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. On May 29th, 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 be no more than 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

- Thursday, April 4th-Grades 1-3 field trip to Peter Pan at Wi Hi
- Students will eat lunch in their classrooms on Friday, April 5th to allow space for auction set up. Student council members will be helping serve.
- Students may begin to wear their **spring uniforms** on Monday, April 8th as stated on the school calendar.
- 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-D0BD7039790E

- 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.*
- 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

- Uniform Swaps-April 3rd and 10th from 3:00 pm-6:00 pm in the HSA room on the 3rd floor.
- Saturday, April 6th, school auction-Don't miss it!
- **Monday, April 8th-first day for spring uniform!**
- 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 - IT'S HERE!!!

(And you don't have to miss any March Madness...because we're hoping to have it on tv!)

This is it, just three days until our biggest fundraiser - are you ready?

EVENT TICKETS: Tickets are only \$35/person or \$60/couple. You can purchase your tickets online at <https://sfdsss.ejoinme.org/HavanaNights2019> or by downloading this [order form](#) . Tickets will be sold at the door, however we encourage people to purchase in advance so that your wait time will be shorter at the door.

MOBILE BID PASS: If you are unable to attend, you can purchase a bid number for \$15 and bid from the comfort of your couch. These can be purchased online at <https://sfdsss.ejoinme.org/HavanaNights2019>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: This is an all hands on deck event, and a great way to earn a bunch of your required volunteer hours. Help is needed for set-up, break down, and during the event. Shifts are short during the event, allowing you plenty of time to eat, party, and bid on your favorite items! Please sign-up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094AA8A929A2FF2-auction2>.

*So What Can You Expect At Auction....*This year's theme is Havana Nights, where our guests will be treated to delicious food, cool drinks, and hot entertainment in our very own tropical club. The evening is casual and fun, all the while you are supporting our school and your child's education. Here's a sneak peek of what's in store for you:

- **Silent Auction:** an amazing selection of packages to bid on, including golf, spa, jewelry, fancy food, restaurant experiences, home and garden gifts, gym memberships, and more!
- **Live Auction:** back by popular demand, we have selected a few very special items for Live!
- **Fun Kid-Only Packages:** some of our most popular auction packages are for the kids! We have police/fire chief/mayor for the day, unique experiences with many of school teachers, a sweet lunch offering, dance parties, and kids bingo
- **Classroom Projects:** each class takes pride in creating a project made by the students, which is displayed at auction for your bidding pleasure. Here's your opportunity to own a one-of-a-kind masterpiece!
- **50/50 Raffle:** winner goes home with cash!

- **Chinese Auction:** approximately 20 super fun themed baskets for coffee lovers, blooming artists, movie aficionados, beach babes, gardening gurus, and more!
- **Stunning Necklace Raffle:** Diamond three-drop pendant set in 14K white gold, approximately 0.50ct of micropave set diamonds on a 16-18 inch diamond cut cable chain, retails for \$5500. You have to see this beauty!
- *Cuban-inspired dinner, desserts, and party food*
- *Cash bar*

To view the Auction packages that will be available, please visit our event webpage at

<https://sfdsss.ejoinme.org/HavanaNights2019>. Don't forget to like our event Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SFdSHavanaNights2019/>.

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 today Wednesday, April 3rd from 2:30 – 6:00 pm & 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.

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>



Egg Madness

When: Friday, April 5 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Where: Meet in the Church Youth room/ basement

What: Crazy Egg Hunt

Why: Because

Bring: Friend is always nice, \$5 for pizza...and we will have ice cream sundaes!

RSVP: Email and let me know your coming!

Need: Two parents cleared with a background check!

Remember youth ministry is for anyone in grades 7-12! Hope to see you! Liza

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!

