

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School

Wednesday Newsletter

May 1, 2019

Dear St. Francis de Sales Family and Friends,

I received amazing news this morning. A representative from the Richard A. Henson Foundation, Greg Olinde, came to deliver a letter and a check for \$20,000 to support our STEM programs. If you recall last year they generously donated \$10,000 with which we purchased a 3D printer, lab supplies and DASH robot components.

Much of this year's money will be earmarked for repurposing the technology lab into a true "maker space" environment. We are so grateful that this organization has recognized that our school's mission aligns with their own goals to inspire leadership in the community. Our students will gain enrichment as a result of their entrepreneurship. College and career readiness today depends heavily on STEM skills. We are very proud that our students will have a leg up thanks to the Henson Foundation.

With Joy!

Debbie Traum

Dear St. Francis de Sales Community,

I want to give a HUGE thank you to all of the wonderful parents and staff of SFDS. Also to Ms. Casey Flanagan and the prek-3 class as well as the 7th grade class for doing such a AMAZING job making flyers, sorting and collecting toys for Tristan's toy drive.

We collected and delivered over 300 toys to the Johns Hopkins Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore.

These toys will be given to the children throughout the year as well as supplying the Playroom to help put smiles on their faces all year long.

I have been doing this drive for 12 years and this was our largest collection thus far ! Thank you for making this possible for the children and for helping keep Tristan's memory alive. You all are amazing.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Melody Singleton

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, 5/2 | Friday, 5/3 | Monday, 5/6 | Tuesday, 5/7 | Wednesday, 5/8 |
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| Corn dog Nuggets | Pizza | French Toast Sticks | Chicken Nuggets | Vegetable Beef Soup and Ham/Cheese Sandwich |

Reminders

- Tomorrow is the deadline to order your **school yearbook!!** Go to this link to order, the cost is \$14.95. For your information this is the only way to order, no extras will be available.

https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/view_account.asp?l=4466083B-DCD1-4864-891F-D0BD7039790E

- We invite students to bring in flowers this month to honor Mary Queen of Heaven.

Important Dates

- May 5th Confirmation 2:30 pm (arrive at 1:45 pm)
- May 6th Bishop Malooly school visit at noon
- May 8th-8th grade trip to NYC
- May 9th-Kindergarten to Discovery Center
- May 10th Mother's Day Tea for Prek 3 and 4
- May 10th Family Night fun!
- May 11th **Penguin 5K Run!**
- May 14th 3rd grade trip to Baltimore
- May 15th 1st grade trip to Assateague
- May 16th 2nd and 5th grade trip to Philadelphia
- May 17th 6th grade trip to Medieval Times
- May 17th 7th grade trip to Smithsonian
- May 22nd Sports Awards Banquet 5:30 pm
- May 23rd 8:30 am guidance counselors from Wicomico County meeting with 8th graders

- May 29th Performing Arts Showcase (band, choir, talent show, visual arts display) 5:30 pm
- June 1st End of year dance for 7th and 8th graders at Holy Redeemer
- June 6th 8th graders Fun Day/Last Day
- June 7th field day!-noon dismissal-aftercare available
- June 9th 8th grade graduation
- June 14th last day of school

Home and School Association

Easter Egg Hunt

A Big Thank You to Jill Stevenson and all the parents who came out to help at our Easter Egg Hunt and Middle School Snack Time. The kids had a great time!

Penguin Run: May 11, 2019

Our race site is live so people can start registering!

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Salisbury/StFrancisDeSalesSchoolPenguinRun>

If you are interested in sponsoring our 6th Annual Penguin Run 5K and Kids Dash, please complete the sponsorship application and return to the school office.

As always, your help and support are needed to make this event a success. The Run is only 11 days away and volunteers are still needed! This is the last fundraiser to obtain your required volunteer hours this school year. Use the signup link below to sign up to help:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/MD/Salisbury/StFrancisDeSalesSchoolPenguinRun>

HSA Board Nominations

Have you seen a talent in a fellow SFdS Penguin Parent? Nominations are now open for the HSA board for the 2019-2020 school year. Nominations are being accepted for the roles of: President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer liaison. Please send your nominations to the nominating committee by email:

kelleycj@comcast.net; undsarah@yahoo.com; daniellesgreenthumb@hotmail.com or

dtraum@sfdscs.org

Nominations will be open until next Wednesday, 5/8/19. Here are the position descriptions:

President

The President shall preside at the meetings of this Association and of its Executive Board, appoint the chairpersons of committees, coordinate the work of the officers and committees of the organization in order that the Objectives

may be promoted; and perform such duties as are incumbent of this office, the President is the ex-officio member of all committees.

Vice President

The Vice President shall act as aide to the President and perform the duties of the President in the President's absence or inability to serve, and such duties as are assigned to this office by the President.

Secretary

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Association general meetings and meetings of the Executive Board and distribute them in a timely manner to the Executive Board, provide a summary of the general meetings to the general membership, and send and maintain all correspondence.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall prepare the annual budget, along with the Executive Board, receive and deposit all dues and other monies of the Association, keep an accurate account of receipts and expenditures, present a written financial report at each meeting, and shall pay all authorized bills through the Business Manager of the Parish. Responsible for attending events for the purposes of collecting money, and submitting deposits to the Parish Office, and reviewing monthly financial reports.

HSA Family Night – May 10, 2019

Save the date! More info to 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

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

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

Email lalvarado@visitstfrancis.org to sign up for Youth Ministry Updates for grades 7-12! Visit the church website for activity listings. <http://visitstfrancis.org/formationeducation/youthministry.html>

CONFIRMATION UPDATE

Confirmation Rehearsal on May 4th from 6:30-7:30. Please NOTE our slight time change due to the Saturday Night Mass! Confirmation DAY, May 5th – Arrive at 1:45 p.m. in the Church Hall, Service at 2:30 p.m.

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!

