

Wednesday e-Folder

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

(Galatians 5:22)



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OCTOBER 12, 2016

Veni, Sancte Spiritus – Come, Holy Spirit

In keeping with this month's focus on the **Fruits of the Holy Spirit - Joy**, our 8th grade class has organized a collection in support of Operation Gratitude's Halloween Candy Program. Throughout October, students are asked to bring in non-chocolate candies in support of our "Sweets for our Soldiers" collection project.

Prayer Request

This week we offer our prayers in thanksgiving for the joyous arrival of Mrs. Phyllis Phillips second grandchild. Her son Evan (SFdS Class of 1997) and his wife Emily welcomed daughter Claire into the extended St. Francis family.

This Week in Penguin Nation

Thursday, October 13th

3:30pm - Golf vs. Sts. Peter & Paul (dismissal at 2:20pm)
4:00pm - Field Hockey at The Country School (dismissal at 2:15pm)
6:30pm - Purse Bingo (doors open at 5:30pm)

Friday, October 14th

8:00am – 4:00pm - **NO CLASSES** - Parent Teacher Conferences

Sunday, October 16th

10:30pm – 3rd & 7th Grades Donut Hospitality (after mass in the church gathering space)

Monday, October 17th

8:30am - 2nd Grade "Coffee & Conversation with the Principal"
4:00pm - Field Hockey vs. St. Michaels (dismissal at 2:50pm)

Tuesday, October 18th

4:00pm - Field Hockey at Sts. Peter & Paul (dismissal at 2:15pm)
4:00pm – Soccer at Most Blessed Sacrament (dismissal at 2:30pm)

Wednesday, October 19th

2:30pm-6:00pm - H.S.A. Used Uniform Sale & Swap

Parent Teacher Conferences

This Friday, October 14th, school will be closed so as to offer parents an opportunity to meet with their child's teacher. As a reminder, directions to sign-up for a conference were sent home on Saturday.

H.S.A. Notes

Bingo Night

Don't forget our annual Bingo event is tomorrow night, October 13th. Doors open at 5:30pm, and the first game starts at 6:30pm. Tickets are only \$25 for a chance to win a beautiful designer purse! Food, soft drinks, beer & wine will be available for purchase. Please register online at www.sfdsauction.com.

Bingo Volunteers Needed

Are you looking for volunteer hours? Well volunteering at Bingo is the perfect opportunity. Please select the following link to sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084aa8aa22a02-basket>. Any questions, please contact Jenni Perunko at jenniandp@comcast.net.

Donut Sunday

Enjoy a donut after the 10:30am Mass this Sunday, October 16th. Thank you to our 3rd and 7th grades for hosting this gathering.

Trunk or Treat

Host a car trunk at our Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 29th. This is a fun and safe way for our little Penguins to enjoy the holiday. Prizes awarded for Best Trunk and to the class with the most participating trunks. Sign-up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b45aea82f4-sfds1>

Monster Mash Bash – 6th, 7th and 8th Grades

Also included in the festivity of Halloween fun is our annual Middle School social event. This year's theme is "Field of Screams". Set-up, clean-up and donations items are needed for this event. Please select the following link for more info: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b45aea82f4-ghost>

Uniform Swaps

Still need a few more items before Winter Uniforms start on November 1st? We still have two more uniform swaps this month. Swap dates are October 19th from 2:30pm - 6:00pm and October 30th from 9:00am - 12:00pm.

School Auction Committee Members Needed

Planning for this year's auction is underway, and we need some committee members. Lots of opportunities to share your talents (and easily complete your volunteer hours). Please contact our Auction Chair, Stacy Leone, at stacyleone12@gmail.com or 410-952-2015.

HSA Dues

If you haven't yet paid your dues, please send in your \$15 check (preferred and payable to the SFdS HSA) or cash.

Penguin Patron Ticket

As you plan your attendance at this year's HSA events, consider saving money and purchase a *Penguin Patron Ticket* (which includes admission for two at the Bingo event)? You may purchase online at www.sfdsauction.com

Hallo-Giving Parade Project (Pre-K to 8th Grade)

Our annual Hallo-Giving Parade Project is scheduled for Monday, October 31st. On this day, our students are invited to wear a Halloween costume to school. Once at school, students will decorate a pumpkin and design a greeting card with their Prayer Partner. And the festive part is that we will parade downtown to Anchorage Nursing Care Center and present these Halloween gifts to the residents. Given that the event takes place off campus, we ask families to sign a permission slip and

waiver form for each child. Please select the following website link to access the form:

http://www.stfrancisdesales.net/pdf/Field_Trip_Waiver_Indemnity_Form.pdf

Also included in this special day is an old-fashioned hayride around campus. If you have any concerns about your child taking part in the hayride (allergic to straw or other concern), please contact Rob.

Knights of Columbus Soccer Shootout (Ages 9-14)

Students ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the first ever *Knights of Columbus Soccer Shootout*. This special competition will now be held on Friday, October 21st immediately afterschool on the Athletic Field. There is no cost to participate and winners will go on to the regional competition to represent SFdS.

Fall Sports – Rosary Rally & Awards Dinner (Grades 5-8)

As the concluding event to our fall sports season, we have arranged Thursday, November 3rd as our end of the season family event. The agenda for the evening include a “Rosary Rally” at 6:00pm in the church, a pizza dinner at 6:30pm in the school hall cafeteria and then an awards ceremony to follow. Hopefully by our combining all three events on one night - Rosary Rally, Awards Ceremony and Dessert Reception (now pizza dinner) – life for your family might feel a little less complicated. Looking ahead, please expect an email from your Team Parent asking for an RSVP head count from each family.

Social Media and School Notes

There is so much good news to share about **PENGUIN NATION**. And did you know that much of this news is shared by way of Social Media? So *Like us Facebook* and *Follow us on Twitter @PenguinPride50*.

Also, enjoy the ponderings and musings of a life in **PENGUIN NATION** by perusing our weekly *School Notes* article. Please select the following website link to access these articles:

<http://www.stfrancisdesales.net/school-notes.cfm>

Counseling Corner

Last Friday in Pre-K and K, we read a book called, “Have you filled a Bucket Today?” This is a great book that explains how we can be bucket fillers to each other by showing simple acts of kindness. Being a Bucket Filler is an easy and simple task that we all can do. When we smile at someone, we fill their bucket. Parents of Pre-K and K ask your little ones about this book! In the 1st grade, the students introduced each other by stating something good about one another. The message was simple - we all need to live in kindness and love.

If you are at St. Francis for Parent-teacher conferences feel free to stop by and say hello. Or if you would like to arrange a meeting, simply email me at tgabbard@sfdscs.org to schedule a time to meet.

Veterans Day

We would like to invite any active, inactive, reservist or retired members of the five branches of our military and their families to a special prayer service event. As a faith community who believe in the ideals of peace, justice and freedom, we are grateful for those who have responded to the call of duty to protect these ideals. As a small gesture of appreciation, we would like to recognize the courageous commitment of current and former members of the United States Armed Forces on Friday, November 11th at 8:30am in the SFdS church.

As a means to add further honor to the day, we invite family members to email scanned photos of their loved ones who have served. Please send those photos to Rob Costante at rcostante@sfdscs.org. Thank you for your service to our country and thank you in advance for your presence at our Veteran's Day prayer service event.

SCRIP Card Program

Did you know that buying SCRIP cards is a fundraiser for our school? As well, did you know that if you spend \$2000 or more a year, you receive a reduction in your tuition? Since you already buy household items at Walmart, food at Acme and Food Lion, gasoline at Exxon, coffee at Rise-up or even a generic denomination on a Visa, Discover or American gift cards (just to name a few choices), why not pre-pay for SCRIP cards and fundraise for the school and potentially save your family money? Yes, it's that easy. And just to make it easier, there is a new phone app which allows you to order SCRIP cards directly to your phone or tablet from anywhere and still benefit the school. To sign-up for this app, simply contact our SCRIP coordinator, Kris Reilly at onehovarn@yahoo.com. Now isn't that easy?!!!

Reasons to Celebrate

We are so proud of our Field Hockey team whose determination led them to their first victory of the year on Thursday, October 6th. Great job ladies!

We are also proud of the unique and diverse musical arts program that we offer at St. Francis de Sales. Where else would you find a group of 8th graders having the opportunity in Music class to learn how to play the ukulele from a professor from Salisbury University?!! Thank you Ms. Upshaw and Dr. Anderson!!!



"More tears are shed over answered prayers than unanswered ones."
Saint Teresa of Avila