

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

FEBRUARY 8, 2017

Veni, Sancte Spiritus – Come, Holy Spirit



Joy is a sign of generosity. When you are full of joy, you move faster and you want to go about doing good to everyone.

— Mother Teresa —

AZ QUOTES

Throughout the month February, we continue our focus on the fruit of the Holy Spirit - Generosity.

Last week as we enjoyed the festive glory of honoring Catholic Schools, each day served as testimony to the generous examples of faith, family and fellowship that breathe joyful life into our community.

Prayers Request



We offer our prayers this week for the repose of the soul of our beloved former music teacher Karen Mullins who passed away this past Thursday.

We also offer our prayers this week for the repose of the soul of Frank Mackey, the brother of Laurel DiPirro who passed away on Monday.

This Week in Penguin Nation

Thursday, February 9th

Emergency Preparedness Fire Drill

6:30pm – 7th Grade Parent Meeting in the Spanish Classroom (Rita Donson's room)

Tuesday, February 14th

Happy St. Valentine's Day!

Wednesday, February 15th

2:30pm- 6:00pm – H.S.A. Used Uniform Sale and Swap (H.S.A. Store Room)

Thursday, February 16th

5:30pm – Winter Sports Rosary Rally (SFdS Church) and Pizza Dinner & Awards Ceremony (Cafeteria)

H.S.A. Notes – Auction Update

Thank You CSW Volunteers

A big thank you to all the parents who generously volunteered their time during Catholic Schools Week. Your willingness to help cover classrooms for teacher "sleep in" day! As well, a special thank you to Kim Johnson and her cadre of Book Fair volunteers and all of the efforts they offered in support of this Library fundraiser.

Flash Sale on Auction Tickets

Don't miss the "BOGO" ticket sale at 8am this Friday, February 10. The first 50 single tickets sold online will receive two tickets for the price of one! This offer is limited to SFdS parents and only one purchase per household. Visit www.stfrancisdesales.net to purchase on Friday morning. Also, childcare will be offered again this year. Stay tuned on how to reserve a spot for your children (tickets must be purchased before reserving childcare).

Uniform Swap on February 15

Just a reminder that our next uniform Used Uniform Sale & Swap is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15th from 2:30p-6:00pm. And the final Sale & Swap before the April 1st changeover to the Spring Uniform is Scheduled for Sunday, March 26th from 10:00am to 1:00pm

Please note that the Uniform committee will be unavailable between these dates, but will open for two dates in April for those families unable to attend the event in March. Any questions may be sent to sfdsuseduniforms@comcast.net.

Wine & Cheese Social Thank You

A most grateful note of appreciation for all of those who attended last night's H.S.A. Open Forum & Social. We are thankful for the thoughtfulness of the discussion and the many ideas that were shared during the meeting.

N.U.T. Day



In honor of Saint Valentine's Day, our students are invited to enjoy a N.U.T. Day on Tuesday, February 14th. The theme of this non-uniform day is to wear the colors Red, White and/or Black.

The \$1 participation fee will provide support to our upcoming Auction event.

Notes From The Counselor's Corner

As you all grieve the loss of Mrs. Mullins, please know that you will remain in my prayers. Parents, everyone handles grief differently. Please reassure your children you are there for them and encourage them to ask questions and talk about this. This may trigger feelings for your children from other family deaths or illnesses. Help your child get their feelings out by drawing, writing or talking. As always, help them pray for the Mullins family. Feel free to email me if you have any questions or concerns. tgabbard@sfdscs.org

Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to Erin Welch (Winner) and Albi Freda (Runner-up Winner) for earning the right to represent SFdS at the March 4th Scripps Regional Spelling Bee at UMES. Way to go ladies!

Middle School Social (6th – 8th Grade)

As a reminder to the announcement that was made in the 1/18/17 edition of the eFolder, due to the potential conflicts with family events relating to this weekend's 8th grade Confirmation, we rescheduled our Valentine's Day Dance Social for our middle school students for next Saturday, February 18th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

BOOST Scholarship Program

For the second year in a row, the State of Maryland is making a beneficial program available to resident families who were either currently enrolled in or who are seeking enrollment in a non-public school. The program is call **BOOST** and provides tuition assistance for qualifying families to attend a school like St. Francis. Please select the following link to learn more about the BOOST Program:

<http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/application.aspx>

Re-enrollment

Last week each family received a letter and tuition contract regarding re-enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year. Please select the following link to obtain a copy of the K-8th grade and the Pre-K contracts:

<http://www.stfrancisdesales.net/forms-to-print.cfm>

As a reminder, the deadline for re-enrollment is March 6, 2017. After this date, the re-enrollment fee increases. Don't delay, re-enroll today!!

Diocesan Tuition Assistance

For those families who foresee a possible need for Tuition Assistance, please don't delay, apply today! Please make note that applications and all required documentation must be received by FACTS no later than March 6, 2017. There will be no exception to the deadline. Please click [HERE](#) for a copy of the informational letter and click [HERE](#) for a copy of the informational flyer regarding the diocesan tuition assistance program run through FACTS.

Reasons to Celebrate

We are thrilled to share that 8th graders Stephen-Carlton Jones and Alex Miller auditioned and were accepted into the All-Shore Choir Festival. The event will take place in Easton on April 7th. Earning a spot on the All-Shore Choir is quite an accomplishment. Approximately 300 students auditioned and only about 60 of those young people were accepted.

A special note of appreciation to our Co-Choir Director, Mary Tyler Upshaw and all of her efforts in preparing these outstanding musicians for the competition.

"In family life, love is the oil that eases friction, the cement that binds closer together, and the music that brings harmony."

Eva Burrows