

Wednesday e-Folder



To Jesus through Mary

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

To Pray and Ponder

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Virtue of the Month – Faith

In a recent visit to an elementary school, Bishop Malooly inquired of third graders what they were learning in various subjects. In English Language Arts the students replied they were learning about verbs. If we recall our knowledge of verbs, we may remember that verbs are **action** words. The tense of the verb may be **past**, **present**, or **future**. An action verb with a direct object is **transitive** while an action verb with no direct object is intransitive. Our faith life is similar to verbs. For our faith life to be alive, we must be **active** – in prayer, in worship, in service. While we can recall past action or anticipate future action, it is the **present** where our focus is most necessary. What am I doing in the here and now that connects me with my faith? Hopefully, our action in faith is always **transitive**, that is, there is a receiver who benefits by coming into contact with us. Certainly, our model of faith – Mary – was active, present, and transitive. How can we live these characteristics of verbs this week in our lives?

Prayers Requests

- in gratitude for all **catechists** who give of their time and talents so generously in schools and parishes
- the **Religious Sisters of Mercy** celebrating a patronal day on Sunday, September 24 - Catherine McAuley
- for the safety and well-being of **victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma**

Looking Ahead

Wednesday 9/20 Tonight!

4:00 Golf Match vs. The Country School at Talbot Country Club

4:00 Field Hockey vs. The Country School, away

5:30 7th grade parent meeting at school

6:30 8th grade parent meeting at school

Thursday, 9/21

4:00 Soccer Game vs. Worcester Prep., away

Friday, 9/22

1. Purple NUT day in honor of our **Purple Penguin Relay for Life Team!** Remember to respect NUT day clothing guidelines in the student handbook as you wear purple or a combination of red and blue. Donations are being accepted toward this great cause!

2. H.S.A. Carnival to celebrate summer reading and math accomplishment! 1:15pm

3. 6:00 p.m. H.S.A. Family Social!

Monday, 9/25

4:00pm Field Hockey game vs. St. Michaels, home

4:00pm Golf away at Elks Club vs. Salisbury School

Wednesday, 9/27

4:00pm Golf away at the Bay Club vs. Worcester Prep

Thursday, 9/28

4:00pm Soccer A team only, vs. Salisbury School, away

Friday, 9/29

9:00am-1:00pm 8th grade Leadership Challenge in Mardela

4:00pm Field Hockey vs. Holly Grove Christian School, away

H.S.A. Notes

Uniform Swap

We are still in need of uniform items, particularly smaller sizes. Make sure to hang on to your voucher certificates as you will now earn full value regardless of when the items are returned, instead of the previously issued 50% credit. Our next swap will be in October during the conferences. If someone is in immediate need of uniform items, please email the committee at sfduniforms@sfdscs.org so they try to accommodate your needs.

Reading & Math Carnival

Our Reading & Math Carnival is scheduled for Friday, September 22nd in the afternoon. Please use the sign-up genius link to sign up to help us out that day. We still need some help in the paper boat making station.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e0945a4a72ba6fc1-reading/11011245>

Family Social Night

On Friday, September 22nd, our HSA will be hosting our Fall Family Social Night. The event is in the Parish Center from 5:30-8:30 and is our way to say THANK YOU to all of our families. The HSA will provide burgers, hotdogs, vegetarian burgers, salad and drinks. We are asking families with their last name beginning with A-L to bring a side dish to share and those beginning with M-Z bring a dessert to share. Please register at:

https://www.evite.com/event/01B6UOXH33M2QIGPQEPHSM27LB4HQA/rsvp?utm_campaign=send_sharable_link&utm_medium=sharable_invite&utm_source=NA

Designer Purse & Cash Bingo

Our Purse & Cash Bingo is scheduled for Thursday, October 12th from 6:00-9:00, doors open at 5:30, in the Parish Center. This is a fun, fast paced event filled with traditional bingo, Chinese auction plus special bingos. Tickets are \$20 if

purchased early, \$25 at the door. Food, soft drinks, beer & wine will be available for purchase.

Spirit Night

Our first school Spirit Night is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10th at Texas Roadhouse. [Click Here](#) to print out the Flyer to present during your visit.

HSA Open Meeting

Please consider attending our 1st HSA Open Meeting on Tuesday, October 3rd at 6 PM in the Parish Center. This is an opportunity for our school families to share with the HSA Executive Board opportunities for improvement, new ideas, and ask questions about how the HSA serves our students and school. Please RSVP by using the following link or visit our SFDS HSA Penguin Pride facebook page to sign up.

https://www.facebook.com/events/793875120795306/?acontext=%7B%22ref%22%3A%224%22%2C%22feed_story_type%22%3A%22370%22%2C%22action_history%22%3A%22null%22%7D#

HSA DUES

If you haven't paid your dues yet for the year, please send in your check to the school. The dues are set at \$15/child this year and the money goes directly to our homeroom moms to use for class activities and the auction project. Please make all checks payable to SFDS HSA. We will also be collecting at afternoon pickups on Fridays and during all our school events.

Penguin Patron tickets

As you begin to consider your support for our HSA events, please consider saving some time and money by purchasing a Penguin Patron Ticket. The cost is \$200 and includes the following: 2 tickets to Bingo, 2 tickets to Auction, 2 tickets to Casino Night, a \$25 voucher for spirit wear, a \$25 voucher for a scrip card and a yearbook.

Arrival and Dismissal

This year when dropping off in the morning, please note that on **rainy days** we will go straight into the Parish Center gym.

We have added our student safety patrols both in the morning and afternoon to help our small penguins to and from the car. Each one has taken a safety patrol pledge of service after training.

Parish Community Partnership

***YOUTH MINISTRY event**

Students in grade 7-12 are invited to join the fun for:

Bonfire and Barbecue! food-games-prizes

Saturday, September 23, 6:30pm on the parish ground after the 5:30 Mass

RSVP jalvarado@visitstfrancis.org

Download our free registration and bring it on Saturday.

http://visitstfrancis.org/images/Annual_Consent_and_Release.pdf

***Carriage House News-You can find a large assortment of Halloween Costumes for purchase in the Carriage House.**

Stop by on Saturday mornings to check them out.

***SISTER PARISH-Saturday, September 30th,Fiesta for Father Antonio from Our Lady of Mercy in Managua, Nicaragua-bring a dish to share.**

School Office

Please be sure to complete and send these forms back to the school office, A.S.A.P.

- 1.**Emergency Info.**-update addresses, emails and phone numbers so that we can contact you.
- 2.**Family surveys**, complete so we can receive funding.
- 3.**Family Acceptable Use Policy**-read, sign and return last page.

Volunteering

As part of expectations for enrollment each family is required to complete at least 30 hours of volunteering. In keeping with the Diocesan For the Sake of God's Children Program, all volunteers must complete the Volunteer Covenant (form can be found on school Website) and a Background check. Laurel DiPirro in the school office can give you the link and an access code once you pay the \$30 fee.

Athletic Fee

Each student participating in a school sport needs to send in a \$25 athletic fee to Mrs. Katie Ayd this helps us with uniforms, equipment, field rentals and referee fees.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Please make sure you read the section of the student handbook regarding your child's grade level. There are slight differences. For example: PreK students should be wearing sneakers every day, and their walking shorts or pants are to be elastic. Belts are too difficult for them to manage.

CHROME BOOKS

If your student is in grades 6-8, we strongly urge you to get a **cover** to protect their assigned Chrome Book. These are school property and need to be used with the utmost care in order to return it in good condition at the end of the year. This is also a great way to personalize the equipment in order to distinguish it from others.

Aftercare Info.

We have a very busy aftercare program this year. Each day students get a drink and a snack. Afterwards they work on homework before they can play.

Parents should understand that while our staff does facilitate the homework process, this isn't a tutoring program. Students should show parents their homework when they get home for added support.