

Wednesday e-Folder



To Jesus through Mary

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

To Pray and Ponder

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Virtue of the Month – Faith

Be still. Be silent. Be simple. These imperatives seem to characterize the life of Mary in all of the recorded passages where she appears in the Gospel writings. She was still to be open to spending time in prayer with God. She was silent so as to hear and accept the messages from God. She was simple in both words and actions that still speak so clearly and so poignantly today.

Be still. Be silent. Be simple. These three sentences framed the recent Inter-diocesan Retreat attended by the Catholic Schools Offices of the (Arch)Dioceses of Arlington, Baltimore, Richmond, Washington, and Wilmington this past week. The focus of two days together was to consider Christian meditation as a form of prayer for ourselves and our schools.

Be still. Be silent. Be simple. What would happen in our faith life, family life, or school life this week if we practiced one or all of these three ideas?

Catholic Identity

October: Month of the Holy Rosary

In this month, we honor Mary under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary. According to tradition, the rosary was given to Saint Dominic in an apparition by the Blessed Virgin Mary in the year 1214. Over the centuries the rosary has undergone some changes to evolve into its current form with four sets of mysteries and the prayers we use – Apostles' Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and Hail Holy Queen.

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, 9/27

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

Thursday, 9/28

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

Friday, 9/29

9:00am-1:00pm 8th grade Leadership Challenge field trip in Mardela
4:00pm Field Hockey vs. Holly Grove Christian School-away

Monday, 10/2

4:00 pm Field hockey vs. Crisfield Academy-home

Tuesday, 10/3

4:00 pm Soccer vs. The Country School-home

Wednesday, 10/4

4:00 pm Field hockey vs. The Country School-away

Thursday, 10/5

4:00 pm Soccer vs. Easton-home

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](mailto:sfdsuniforms@sfdscs.org) so they try to accommodate your needs.

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#

Spirit Night

Our first school Spirit Night is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10th at Texas Roadhouse. [Click Here](#) to print the flyer for the event.

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. Below is the link if you would like to volunteer that night to help us out. We will need help in many areas so please consider starting on your 30 hours by signing up to help at this fun event. [Click Here](#) to print the flyer for the event.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0945a4a72ba6fc1-designer>

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. [Click Here](#) for a printable flyer.

Big Thank You!!

We would like to thank all the parents who came out to help at our Reading & Math Carnival. The kids had a fun time and it was so cute to see the prayer partners working together. We also wanted to thank everyone who came out to our 1st Family Fun Night and for all the help in the cleanup afterwards. The giving spirit of our families is one of the best qualities of our school.

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** Students in grade 7-12

Director Liza Alvarado lalvarado@visitstfrancis.org

Download our free registration.

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, 6:00 p.m. *Fiesta!* for Father Antonio from Our Lady of Mercy in Managua, Nicaragua-bring a dish to share.**

***Blessing of the animals in honor of St. Francis will be held on Wednesday, October 4 at 8:00am in the field next to school. Regular school Mass will follow.**

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.

School Photo orders were due on 9/20, you must return the proofs even if you don't plan to purchase.

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. Checks should be made to St. Francis de Sales.

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: Pre-K 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.

Magi Choir

Some of our students will be participating in this year's Magi Concert to benefit the Joseph House and the Christian Shelter. Please see Ms. Upshaw or the link for details. Come out and support this worthwhile cause.

<http://www.magifund.com/aboutmagi/>