

Wednesday E-Folder



September 21, 2011

On this day, the Catholic Church celebrates St. Matthew. Before being called by Christ, his life was not seen worthy of apostleship. However, our Lord offers a faith-filled journey for both sinners and the righteous. As we seek our own journey with God, let us pray in glory for St. Matthew and the grace to discover Christ within our own lives:

Prayer to Saint Matthew the Apostle

O Glorious Saint Matthew, in your Gospel you portray Jesus as the longed-for Messiah who fulfilled the Prophets of the Old Covenant and as the new Lawgiver who founded a Church of the New Covenant. Obtain for us the grace to see Jesus living in his Church and to follow his teachings in our lives on earth so that we may live forever with him in heaven. Amen.

School Website

In an attempt to continue to make our website both functional and convenient, we have created a **Quick Links** tab at the top of the site. This addition was made as a result of the high traffic that these links receive. The great joy in the improvement of our site lies in the capability to respond to your needs and adapt accordingly.

Also available is a printable version of the lunch menu. You can find this within the **Cafeteria** tab under **Lunch Menu**.

Power School

For those families with children in grades 3-8 who still haven't yet received their *Power School* paperwork, please come to the office to pick up your access code for *Power School*.

For those who may require specific direction in how to create a parent access account, we have included detailed information on how to do so. This informational page is included on the under the **For Parents** tab under **Useful Links**. For direct access, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Should you have any questions relating to *Power School*, please contact Mrs. Debra Traum.

This Week in Athletics

Boys Soccer:

- Friday, September 23rd at Calloway Street vs. Holly Grove Christian.
 - School departure time at 3:15pm and a game time of 4:00pm.
- Tuesday, September 27th at Calloway Street vs. Salisbury School.
 - School departure time at 3:15pm and a game time of 4:00pm.

Co-ed Golf:

- Wednesday, September 28th at the River Run Club vs. Most Blessed Sacrament.
 - School departure time at 1:45pm and a match time of 3:00pm.

Girls Field Hockey:

- Friday, September 23rd at the Crown Sports Center vs. Holly Grove Christian.
 - School departure time at 3:15pm and a game time of 4:00pm.
- Thursday, September 27th at the Crown Sports Center vs. Worcester Prep.
 - School departure time at 3:15pm and a game time of 4:00pm.

School Pictures

Each family has received a proof copy of their child's individual and class photos. You are asked to please return the proof form and required payment to the school office as soon as possible. The requested deadline of September 21st has already passed. Therefore, please bring your orders in today!

Middle School Movie Night

With the impending foul weather scheduled for this Friday, September 23rd, we have decided to relocate our first Middle School Movie Night to the Parish Center (rather than the outdoor venue that was previously publicized). This event is open to any student in our 6th, 7th or 8th grades. The movie, Toy story 3, will begin around 7:30pm. As a point of reference, attendees will not be charged admission. Although, students are asked to bring a small monetary donation to defray the cost for the soda and popcorn that will be available.

Reading Carnival

On Friday, September 23rd, our entire school community will participate in this year's *Reading Carnival*. At this point, the committee continues to need gently used books that will be appropriate books for our middle school students. Please bring these books to the drop-off container located inside the main entrance of our school. Additionally, the committee needs volunteers to donate a case(s) of mini water bottles for this event. Furthermore, volunteers are still needed for the day of this event. If you are interested in either of these two volunteer opportunities, please contact Angie McLaughlin or Michele White.

New Computers are Arriving!

As promised, this week has brought with it the arrival of our recently purchased PC computers. This project, which has been funded by the Development Committee, will require the assistance of a small group of community members to unpack the new computers and help to move out the soon to be replaced computers. This move is scheduled to occur on Sunday, September 25th beginning at 1:30pm. Please note that Sunday's move will not conflict with the 4:00pm Ravens game or other late afternoon football games!

If you are available at this date and time and would be interested, please contact Mrs. Lizanne Wallace. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful support of this endeavor.

Christmas Program

Our students have already begun preparations for our annual Christmas program. This year's program is scheduled for Friday, December 9th at 6:30am and will involve students in grades PK-4, as well as a performance from our very own St. Francis school band.

Drama tryouts will be held on Tuesday, September 27th and Tuesday, October 4th from 3:15pm - 3:45pm in the music room. All Solo tryouts will be scheduled during music class. Rehearsals for drama, dance and solo parts will be held after school on Tuesdays starting October 18th. Auditions for speakers in Grade 4 will be held on Tuesday October 11th from 3:15pm -3:45pm in the music room. A sign-up sheet will be available in music class.

More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Weekly Mass

Students in grades K-3 are scheduled to celebrate Mass on Wednesday, September 28th at 8:30am. Parents and other guests are invited to attend these Eucharistic celebrations.

8th Grade Parent Meeting

We have scheduled a parent only meeting for Thursday, September 29th. The meeting will be held in the Computer Lab and will begin at 5:30pm. The meeting will address those items specific to the 8th grade year. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful presence at this meeting.

8th Grade Field Trip

On Friday, September 30th, the members of the Class of 2012 will attend an all-day field trip to Horn Point. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our campus leaders to participate an interactive leadership program.

Thank you in advance for submitting the necessary paperwork for this event.

Volunteer Sign-up

To efficiently coordinate the daily school duties that require the assistance of our parent community, the HSA has arranged an on-line sign-up site that allows interested parents to volunteer for AM car line duty, lunch room duty and recess duty. Each of these volunteer duties can be scheduled via *Volunteer Spot*. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to log-in to this site. As a point of reference, this site will be available under the **For Parents** tab under **Useful Links**.

Should you have any questions about the volunteer duty schedule, please contact Chantal Marks at chantalmarks@comcast.net.

School Yearbook

What better way to capture the renewed spirit of ***Penguin Pride***, then to preserve the memories of the 2011-2012 school year in a campus-wide yearbook?! If you would like to reserve a copy for your child, please [CLICK HERE](#). Should you choose to reserve a copy before September 30th, the cost of the yearbook will be 25 dollars. However, should you submit an order after September 30th, the cost will then increase to 30 dollars. Questions.....please contact either our parent sponsor, Stephanie Overton O'Hara or our faculty sponsor, Elle Phillips.

Spirit Wear Items

Be loud and be proud to show that ***PENGUIN PRIDE Lives Here!*** If you are interested in purchasing various spirit wear items, please [CLICK HERE](#). All checks are payable to St. Francis de Sales Catholic School. ***Go Penguins!!***

Destination Imagination

Another exciting year for the best DI team on the Eastern Shore is soon to commence! For all of those interested in being involved with the DI program, there will be an introductory meeting scheduled for Friday, September 30th at 3:30pm in the music classroom.

Any questions about this program, please contact Mrs. Ingrid Balea.

Community Yard Sale

On Saturday, October 22nd, SFdS will host a community yard sale that will begin at 7:30am and conclude at 1:00pm. Those who might like to reserve a table or donate sellable items or even those who might be able to volunteer on the day of the event, are all asked to contact Mrs. Louie Massey. She can be reached by phone at (443) 783-4784 or by e-mail at letmassey@comcast.net. All proceeds from the sale will go directly to the completion of the Parish Center classrooms and offices. Clean out your closets and help SFdS!!

Riverside Carnival

A message from the 2011 Carnival Committee... A big thank you to all those parents, faculty and staff who volunteered to help and make this year's carnival such a success! We are grateful for all the assistance and support and were delighted to see so many of our community members enjoy themselves!

Maryland Advocacy Day

Stand Strong in the Public Square - Attend Maryland Catholic Conference's Advocacy Day on November 5th..... Take the guesswork out of Maryland's legislative session and come to Catholic Advocacy Day on Saturday, November 5th to gain insights on what important issues are coming up and how our parish can make a difference! We are ACTivated by faith and called to make our voices heard in the public square. Register now at www.mdcathcon.org/advocacyday or call 410-269-1155 or 301-261-1979.