

# Wednesday E-Folder

**January 25, 2012**

**Tuesday marked the Feast Day of St. Francis de Sales. As the patron of writers and journalists, his simple, yet poetic musings were filled with a true and gentle spirit. His writings were intended to help his lay brother and sisterhood understand that we too are called to be saints.**

**St. Francis once avowed, “You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working; and just so you learn to love God and man by loving. Begin as a mere apprentice and the very power of love will lead you on to become a master of the art”.**

**As we joyfully celebrate the gift of profound wisdom, let us reflect on the following prayer:**

## **Prayer of St. Francis de Sales**

*Be at Peace*

*Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life; rather look to them with full hope as they arise.*

*God, whose very own you are, will deliver you from out of them.*

*He has kept you hitherto and He will lead you safely through all things;*

*and when you cannot stand it, God will bury you in his arms.*

*Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;*

*the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and everyday.*

*He will either shield you from suffering, or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.*

*Be at peace and put aside all anxious thoughts and imagination.*

## **Last Call for Yearbooks**

Don't miss the opportunity to capture the unique spirit of SFdS in our school's first ever edition of a PK-8 campus yearbook. The final date to reserve a copy for your child is Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. The cost for the hardback book is only \$30. Don't delay – order today!! Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access the link to our school website.

## **Weekly Mass**

In honor of *Catholic Schools Week*, students in grades PK-8 will celebrate Mass on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am. With our Open House scheduled for this particular morning, prospective families, as well as parents are invited to attend this Eucharistic celebration.

## **Catholic Schools Week**

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> begins a week-long celebration aimed at honoring Catholic Education. The events scheduled are each intended to celebrate the joy that embodies our school community. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to review the details of this special event.

## **Grandparents Day and Special Friends Luncheon**

As a fitting conclusion to *Catholic Schools Week*, we are delighted to once again enjoy the treasure of having Grandparents or other Special Friends to our campus. This unique event is

scheduled for Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Your child's grandparent(s) or other special friend is invited to attend this blessed day. Available on this day is a delicious lunch for both grandparents/special friends and their SFdS student. Should you be interested in ordering lunch on this day (pre-orders only), please [CLICK HERE](#) to access the luncheon order form.

Different than in years past, on this day we will **NOT** assign seats and will only hold one lunch shift (11:00am – 12:00pm) which is scheduled to be held in the Parish Center with overflow seating available in the school cafeteria. As in years past, parents are invited to “decorate” a table prior to their child's arrival to lunch. However, please remember that the luncheon is intended **ONLY** for our students and their grandparents/special friends. Parents and other additional family members are not included in this event. This day is meant to provide a special morning for your child and their Grandparent or Special Friend.

If you haven't yet done so, each family is asked to acknowledge their child's intended participation for this day. This participation will be listed as the following:

- A. **Will Attend with Grandparent/Special Friend** \_\_\_\_\_
- B. **Would like to attend Mrs. Nascimbeni's “PARTY PALACE”** \_\_\_\_\_
- C. **Student will be signed-out early** \_\_\_\_\_

To complete this form, please [CLICK HERE](#). Your reply to this form will allow us to accurately prepare for the number of guests that plan to attend this event.

### **Grandparents Day Request**

We need parent volunteers to assist with the Grandparent's Day/Special Friends Luncheon. If you are available to assist, please contact Angela Villano at [avillano@sfdscs.org](mailto:avillano@sfdscs.org).

### **New Spirit-Wear Items**

Be sure to stop by the Spirit-Wear table on Tuesday morning during *Parent Appreciation Day* to pick up the new items that will be available for your purchase. As well, Spirit-Wear items will also be available on Friday morning during the *Grandparents/Special Friend Day*. Proceeds from these sale items benefit the National Junior Honor Society. Purchases may be made with either cash or check.

### **Scholastic Book Fair Request**

One of the many highlights of Catholic Schools Week is the litany of literary works that will be available for your child to purchase. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to review the schedule of this event.

As a reminder, the Scholastic Book Fair serves as a fundraiser for our school library. And as such, volunteers are needed to assist with this event. If you might be interested, please contact either Flo Cinderella at [flo12163@yahoo.com](mailto:flo12163@yahoo.com) or Lizanne Wallace at [ewallace@sfdscs.org](mailto:ewallace@sfdscs.org).

### **This Week in Athletics**

*Girls Basketball – Maroon Team:*

- Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> in Easton vs. Chesapeake Christian School.
  - School departure time at 2:15pm and a game time of 4:00pm.
- Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Salisbury Christian School for their hosted tournament.

- Game times from 9:00am – 2:00pm.
- Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at St. Francis vs. Salisbury School.
  - School departure time at dismissal and a game time of 5:00pm.

*Girls Basketball – Gray Team:*

- Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis vs. Tom Brown.
  - School departure time at dismissal and a game time of 5:00pm.

*Boys Basketball:*

- Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> in Easton vs. Chesapeake Christian School.
  - School departure time at 3:15pm and a game time of 5:00pm.
- Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at St. Francis vs. Salisbury School.
  - School departure time at dismissal and a game time of 4:00pm.

**New Conduct-Procedural Form**

In our attempt to better clarify the expectations we have for our students, we have adapted our former ***Behavior Form*** and revised it into the current ***Conduct – Procedural Form***. While the items listed on this form are certainly not exhaustive, they might stimulate a healthy dialogue between you and your child as it relates to the demeanor and manner that is expected of a SFdS student. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view a copy of this form.

**School Auction Update**

Save the Date.....March 24, 2012 for the St. Francis de Sales Catholic School Auction - *Across America*.

If you interested in offering your assistance for this ***ABSOLUTELY AMAZING*** event, please contact Patty Ervin at [Pervin@comcast.net](mailto:Pervin@comcast.net) or at (443) 880-0546. Thank you in advance for your necessary participation and support.

**Scrip Cards**

Thank you to all the parents who have purchased Scrip cards since the start of this school year. Please remember that HSA has agreed to give 5 volunteer hours for every \$2000 spent on Scrip by your own family or even a grandparent who purchases scrip. If you have a grandparent who buys Scrip from SFdS, please let Kris Reilly know their names so your family can receive credit. Emails went out to those families who received volunteer hours from scrip purchased between July 1, 2011 and January 8, 2012.

Did you know that you can pay your Kohl's credit card bill with Scrip cards? Yes, you can. They are the only retailer in this area who accepts gift cards as payment on their credit card bill. Please think ahead and use Scrip!

**Pre-Super Bowl Tailgating Party**

If you are 21 & over, please join us on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Parish Center for a Pre-Super Bowl Tailgating Party. Hot dogs and light snacks will be provided, as well as fun and festive dance music. Wear your favorite team's jersey. Bring your best homemade chili and have it judged for the chance to win \$100. It's BYOB and you are welcome to bring any of your favorite tailgating snacks. Tickets are \$8 per person or \$15 per couple. Reservations can be made by calling the Parish Office at 410-742-6443.

### **Box Tops Classroom Contest**

We will be collecting the classroom Box Tops envelopes on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Each child in each class should be trying to clip and submit as many Box Tops as possible! Similar to our collection date this past fall, the Box Tops will be counted for each class based on the average per student in that grade level. The class in the lead will enjoy a N.U.T. day in February! Thanks for supporting our school with Box Tops.

### **Tuition Assistance**

Tuition assistance applications are now being accepted by the Diocese of Wilmington for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year. Families who believe they are in need of financial aid are encouraged to apply.

To be considered for assistance, parents must submit an application to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment for an evaluation of need. Each interested family with children in grades K-8 is asked to apply through FACTS online at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com).

It is important to note, all applications and all required documentation must be received by FACTS **no later than March 1, 2012**. There is no exception to this deadline.