

Wednesday E-Folder

October 5, 2011

Yesterday, our Catholic community celebrated the life of St. Francis of Assisi. Francis lived his life as a way to honor God's love for all of brotherhood. Francis' brotherhood included all of God's creation. His love of all creation was an expression of his relationship with the Lord. Francis felt that nature, all God's creations, were part of his brotherhood. His companions came from all walks of life, from fields and towns, nobility and common people, universities, the Church, and the merchant class. Francis practiced true equality by showing honor, respect, and love to every person. The following scripture invites us to reflect on the life of Saint Francis of Assisi. The message found in this passage honors the dignity of God's presence discovered among the natural world.

***Ask the animals, and they will teach you;
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.***

***Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?
In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.***

- Job 12: 7-10 -

All School Holiday

On Monday, October 10th, SFdS will be closed for both students and faculty in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

Parent-Teacher Conference Days

On both Thursday, October 13th and Friday, October 14th, school will be dismissed at 12:10pm. These half-day schedules allow you to arrange a 15 minute meeting with your child's teacher. Appointment times begin at 1:15pm with the last available appointment to be scheduled at 4:45pm. To make an appointment, please [CLICK HERE](#) to access the **Teacher's Website** tab. Once on their site, please locate the **Parent-Teacher Conference** tab. This area will allow you to make an appointment directly on your child's specific page. On a final note, the After-Care program will continue to be available on both of these days.

Homework Help

The Middle School (5-8) is now offering homework help after school. Any student can come when they want to get their homework done or if they need a little extra help and guidance while completing homework. There is always a teacher available to help if they need it. The cost is \$1 per student. It will begin right after school and last until 4 PM. Mondays and Wednesdays will be with Mrs. Phillips and Tuesdays and Thursdays will be with Miss Smith.

This Week in Athletics

Boys Soccer:

- Thursday, October 6th in Easton vs. The Country School.

- School departure time at 2:20pm and a game time of 4:00pm.

Co-ed Golf:

- Wednesday, October 12th at The Green Hill Y & CC vs. Salisbury School.
 - School departure time at 2:15pm and a match time of 3:00pm.

Girls Field Hockey:

- Thursday, October 6th in Easton vs. The Country School.
 - School departure time at 2:20pm and a game time of 4:00pm.

Notes from the Choir Loft

Our Choir group will practice each Tuesday morning at 7:30am in the Parish. Please have your child come to practice even if they arrive late to morning practice.

HSA News

We have scheduled our first Penguin Spirit Night for Wednesday, October 5th. The event will be held at the world famous *Adam's Ribs*. This family evening will offer you a delicious meal, great camaraderie, as well as provide essential fundraising dollars to our school community. Once at *Adam's*, please visit our very own faculty guest bartenders. Stop by and purchase a cool drink from Rob Costante (5-6pm); Kathleen Hall (6-7pm); Elle Phillips (7-8pm); or Gen Lowe (8-9pm). A big thank you to the Roskovich family for their dedicated support!

Due to the request of devoted Innisbrook customers at St. Francis, the HSA has decided to run this fundraiser again this year. We are aware that our families have just participated in our new Tupperware fundraiser and we are grateful for all of the support. That said; please do not feel obligated to also make a purchase for the Innisbrook fundraiser if your interest does not exist. Since many families have indicated interest in ordering from Innisbrook, please look for a packet being sent home sometime in the coming week. A special note of appreciation to Nicole Brushmiller who has graciously agreed to serve as chairperson for this fundraising program.

SFds Boy Scout Troop #185

This Sunday, October 9th, our very own Boy Scout troop will sponsor an Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast. The event will be held at 2703 N. Salisbury Blvd from 8am – 10am. Cost for this tasty breakfast is \$6.00 per person or \$20.00 for family or group of four.

Weekly Mass

Students in grades 4-8 are scheduled to celebrate Mass on Wednesday, October 12th at 8:30am. Parents and other guests are invited to attend these Eucharistic celebrations.

School Yearbook

Though the early deadline to reserve a copy of the 2011-2012 school yearbook for the rate of \$25 has passed, please consider reserving a copy for your child at the rate of \$30. If interested, please [CLICK HERE](#). Questions.....please contact either our parent sponsor, Stephanie Overton O'Hara or our faculty sponsor, Elle Phillips.

Volunteer Sign-up

Reminder: 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. Just to clarify, lunch and recess duties begin at 11:45am (not 11:30am as previously posted) and will conclude at 12:40pm. Interested? Please [CLICK HERE](#) to log-in to the *Volunteer Spot* website.

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

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!!

Halloween Social Event

Please save this date....October 29th. As a community, we will gather together to celebrate the festivities of the Halloween holiday. This will be a PK-8 social event and more details to follow in the coming weeks.

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.mdccathcon.org/advocacyday or call 410-269-1155 or 301-261-1979.