

# Wednesday E-Folder

November 30, 2011

**In our preparation for the many blessings of the Advent season, we are called to look at each day as an opportunity to prepare our hearts for the arrival of our Lord Jesus Christ. With the celebration of Advent in mind, the following prayer is offered as a reminder to the nourishing love of God's presence in our lives:**

*We reflect today on a promise of a day full of hope and of peace.  
We ask for the grace to be open and to respond to whatever the Lord is offering us,  
during these precious days of preparation and anticipation.  
No matter how difficult our situation, we can trust in the Lord:  
we can be nourished through his love.  
He who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
AMEN.*

## **Report Cards**

The First Trimester report cards have been sent home with your child today. On behalf of my colleagues, we are grateful for the commitment and effort for which our students offer their academic success.

On a similar note, the students whose scholastic efforts have earned them academic distinction will be posted in next week's E-Folder.

## **Choir Program**

Though originally scheduled for this Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the *Choir Christmas Program* has been rescheduled for Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Participants for this event include all Choir members in grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. All community members are invited to attend this musical medley. This event is certain to bring out the Christmas spirit in all those who attend this special performance.

## **Lions Club Vision Screening**

Eligible students in grades PK and K will receive a vision screening exam on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Any questions about this program, please contact Dianne Seidel.

## **Say "Merry Christmas!" with a SFdS 2012 Yearbook!**

Now through December 21<sup>st</sup>, when you purchase an *SFds 2012 Yearbook* for a student(s) you will receive a limited edition SFdS ornament! Don't miss out on this special promotion! On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, the student(s) will receive a certificate notifying them of their special gift. You will receive your ornament gift soon after your purchase is made. This Christmas, show your spirit on your tree and give the gift of memories that last a lifetime! [CLICK HERE](#) to review the ornament and [CLICK HERE](#) to order online! PENGUIN PRIDE!

### **School Band**

It is with great pleasure that I recognize the musical talents of the SFdS band. I am proud to share that on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, our *Marching Penguins* earned the 1<sup>st</sup> place prize at the Pocomoke Holiday Parade. Great job to Mr. Robins and his band of merry musicians!

Next up for the *Marching Penguins* is the Salisbury Christmas Parade. This hometown event is scheduled to begin at 2:00pm on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Good luck!

### **Weekly Mass**

On Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, we will gather at 8:30am for a school-wide mass in celebration of the Feast of Immaculate Conception. This event replaces the regularly scheduled Wednesday mass.

As always, parents and other guests are invited to attend all of these Eucharistic celebrations.

In the case of rainy weather, we will continue to participate in school liturgies. Although, we ask that each child be prepared to walk to church during such rainy weather. Raincoats or umbrellas are helpful in such cases.

### **Christmas Concert**

On Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Parish Center, our music students in grades PK-4 will perform in the annual Christmas Concert. Included in this musical event is a special performance by our very own school band.

### **Critter Christmas at the Salisbury Zoo**

On Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:15pm, our music students in 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades will proudly share their Christmas joy for all to see. Stop by and enjoy PENGUIN PRIDE in action!

### **HSA News**

In joyful anticipation for the wonder of the Christmas season, the HSA is hosting a parish-wide Santa Social and Pancake Breakfast. This event is scheduled for Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Breakfast items will include pancakes, sausage and hot beverage for the low price of \$5 per person. Pictures with Santa, crafts for the kids and St. Francis spirit items will also be available. Volunteers are needed to help serve pancakes, work the craft tables, set up for the event and clean up after the event has concluded. As well, the donation of home baked goodies is also requested for our bake sale table. All of these volunteer duties, including the baking of items for the bake sale table, is considered volunteer time. If you are able to assist with any of the aforementioned volunteer duties, please contact Angela Gianelle at [angela@yourdocsin.com](mailto:angela@yourdocsin.com).

### **This Week in Athletics**

#### **Boys Basketball:**

- Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the St. Thomas Moore Jr. High Play Day in Magnolia, DE.
  - First game – 12:15pm against Most Blessed Sacrament

- Second game – 2:30pm against Holy Cross
- Third game – 5:30pm against St. Anne's

### **Scrip**

There is updated information relating to the Scrip program. This information has been revised for today's E-folder. To learn more about the recent additions, please [CLICK HERE](#) for further details and [CLICK HERE](#) to access the revised order form.

### **Milk Carton Campaign**

As a reminder, each family was provided a *Salvation Army* milk carton that is intended to gather your spare change. Once collected at St. Francis, your donated spare change (bills are accepted) will then be donated to the Salvation Army organization. These thoughtful contributions are intended to support the needs of those less fortunate in our community.

Your family is asked to return the collected funds from the milk carton program no later than December 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your support of the important work they do.

### **Maryland Catholic Conference**

The Maryland Catholic Conference is an organization that has been developed to offer a voice to our Catholic community. As a continual objective, the Conference has been advocating for legislation in the Maryland General Assembly including, but not limited to, that which will provide Catholic school families and students access to affordable educational opportunities.

To properly inform and update our school community on their advocacy efforts, as well as to encourage St. Francis de Sales families to sign up and participate in the online Catholic Advocacy network, the Conference has sent informational documents for our review. If you are interested in learning more about this valuable program, please [CLICK HERE](#). In addition, to learn more about how to participate in the on-line network please [CLICK HERE](#).

Should you choose to participate in the online network; your family will be able to automatically communicate with our elected officials on legislation and other matters of importance to Catholic schools. Members' involvement is especially vital during the legislative session from Jan-April 2012.

### **Volunteer Opportunity Available**

If you are interested in using some of your parent volunteer hours to help spruce up our campus community, then please contact our Maintenance Director, Mr. Ed Weirick at [patedo1@comcast.net](mailto:patedo1@comcast.net). We have a number of small painting jobs that need some attention. Thank you for your consideration of this request.