

# Wednesday E-Folder

February 22, 2012

As we enter the joyous season of Lent, may we pray in Thanksgiving for the strength of our conviction and the gift of repentance. For this we pray:

*Lord, during this Lenten Season,  
nourish me with Your Word of life  
and make me one  
with You in love and prayer.*

*Fill my heart with Your love  
and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ.  
Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness.  
Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.*

*Father, our source of life,  
I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand;  
let me walk more readily in Your ways as  
you guide me in Your gentle mercy.*

*I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.....Amen.*

## **WE NEED HELP!!**

As I am certain you would agree, we have a wonderful food service program at SFdS. What makes it work begins with the amazing Angela Villano and the dedicated parent volunteers in the kitchen. However, we are in life support mode with needing to fill our need for kitchen volunteers. With this said, I humbly ask (**beg of**) you to consider spending a little more than a lunch hour in support of our kitchen staff needs. If you needs hours or simply want to chip in, **PLEASE** contact Angela at [avillano@sfdscs.org](mailto:avillano@sfdscs.org) to schedule your assigned day(s). Thank you!!

## **Pre-Kindergarten Enrollment**

We are currently accepting registration contracts from our current school families for the 2012-2013 Pre-Kindergarten program. Families with students currently enrolled in our school have preference for admission. However, after March 1<sup>st</sup>, families other than our current families will be offered an opportunity to reserve an enrollment spot in our PK class. Therefore, if you have a child who you are interested in enrolling in PK for the coming school year, please submit your PK enrollment contract as soon as possible. For your reference, please **[CLICK HERE](#)** to access this contract.

## **2012-2013 Contracts and Required Deposit**

As a reminder, the re-enrollment contract and required deposit for the 2012-2013 school year is expected to be returned by Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>. We are grateful for the invested support you offer our school community.

### **Box Tops Contest Winner**

The Box Tops have been counted by our volunteer parents. The winner of a NUT day is Fourth Grade! Fourth grade has collected 1,539 Box Tops so far this school year! They have submitted an average of over 50 Box Tops per student in their class! Keep up the good work SFdS! The Box Tops Classroom Contest ends in May! The winning class will enjoy an end-of-the-year ice cream party!

### **Middle School Social**

On Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our fourth installment of the ever-exciting MS social calendar. This month's event will be a roller skating evening at Mitchell's Martial Arts on Division Street. The event will begin at 6:30pm and conclude at 8:30pm. Please save this date and look for the permission slip coming home.

On a similar note, we will need a few parent chaperones for this event. If you might be available, please contact Rob.

### **Emergency Homeless Shelter**

School families are divided by the youngest school child in your family. Please send the food with your youngest child on the date listed below at morning arrival.

#### **Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> - Grade 1, Grade 2, and Grade 8**

- Families in Grade 8 are asked to provide 3 doz. hard-boiled eggs.
- Families' Last Names in Grade 1 and Grade 2 beginning with C - W are asked to provide 1 lb. of lunch meat.
- Families' Last Names in Grade 1 and Grade 2 beginning with A & B are asked to provide 2 doz. cupcakes.

#### **Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> - Grade 3 and Grade 5**

- Families in Grade 3 and Grade 5 are asked to provide 1 lb. of lunch meat.

A reminder will be sent home in the binder/homework planner with your youngest child a few days before the food for your child's class is due. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Nancy White at [nwhite@sfdscs.org](mailto:nwhite@sfdscs.org).

Please remember the homeless and hungry in your prayers, and thank you for helping with the food.

### **From the Art Cart**

The American Quarter-Horse Association is producing a calendar and would like to feature children's art. Please contact Mrs. Sue Nascimbeni at [snascimbeni@sfdscs.org](mailto:snascimbeni@sfdscs.org) if your child might be interested in contributing to this project.

### **"Pennies for Patients" Service Project**

Last Friday, your child received a collection box for the "Pennies for Patients" program we have chosen to support. The collection of spare change and other monies will run through March

16<sup>th</sup>. This collection will benefit the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. Every penny counts! Don't forget to check in your sofa cushions and in your car seats to add to your collection of coins. Any questions about this program, please contact Mrs. Sue Nascimbeni or Ms. Gen Lowe.

### **Parish Lenten Mission**

You and family and friends are invited to begin your Lenten journey with participation in our parish mission. This special program, which includes a simple meal, will be held on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the Parish Center. We will have Mr. Ed Gordon directing our mission this year. Our children's mission will feature a guest appearance by Dunkin from the Donut Man as shown on EWTN Saturday mornings. Young teens will be challenged with a movie and activities. There is something for everyone as we begin our journey for lent 2012! To learn more about this event, please [CLICK HERE](#).

### **School Auction Update**

Were on our way! Mark your calendars for the March 24<sup>th</sup> event and prepare to travel across the USA for a great night of food, fun, music, and loud and silent auctions - all to benefit our children at SFdSCS. The Auction is our BIGGEST FUNDRAISER but we can't do it without YOUR support! Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access a revised copy of our donation form. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

### **Weekly Mass**

As we continue our Lenten journey, students in grades 4-8 are scheduled to mass on Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

Parents and other guests are always invited to attend these Eucharistic celebrations.

### **Sweet Georgia Brown - The Globetrotters are Coming!**

On Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, a member of the world famous Harlem Globetrotters basketball team will be meeting with our school community. In addition to showing off a few of the skills that have become synonymous with the Globetrotters, Mr. Fisher will address the students on the importance of a healthy mind and a healthy body.

Should your family be interested in attending their February 28<sup>th</sup> performance at the Wicomico Civic Center, please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information regarding discounted tickets.

### **Volunteer Hours**

As a reminder, each family is required to complete 30 hours of volunteering for the school. With that said, there are plenty of lunch hour shifts available. Please click the following link: <http://www.stfrancisdesales.net/useful-links.cfm>. Once there, please select the Volunteer Spot icon and choose those days that are able to accommodate your schedule. There are plenty of recess and lunch room duties available. Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

### **Carriage House Volunteers Needed**

The Carriage House is in need of volunteers to help sort donated items when the store is closed. No customer contact is required, however, your assistance is needed to help sort and arrange various store items. Volunteers are needed Monday, Tuesday or Friday mornings. For more information or if you have any questions, please call Eunice Moreno at (410) 749-6906.

### **News from the Wilmington Diocese**

The annual legislative reception for Catholic school students, teachers, and parents is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to see “government-in-action” as it is particularly relevant and meaningful to our school families. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view the invitation for this event.

The Maryland Catholic Conference continues to work with the legislators to initiate legislation that will provide scholarship assistance to families and students attending Catholic schools. As a result of great determination, the MCC is pleased to announce that Governor O’Malley has funded the Nonpublic Student Textbook Program at \$4.4 million in his FY’13 budget and will work hard to protect that funding as the budget is deliberated.