

Wednesday E-Folder

September 7, 2011

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen*

As we take time this weekend to remember the frightful tragedies that occurred on September 11, 2001, it is only fitting to create a dwelling in our heart that seeks peace and understanding. With this hope in mind, the aforementioned prayer for peace is a worthy means to reflect God's presence within our hearts.

N.U.T. Day (No Uniform Today)

In memory of the historical significance of 9-11-01, our students are invited to wear patriotically themed attire in honor of this date. That being said, the members of our Student Council have elected to promote a school wide message of unity as a way to honor Sunday's "Patriot's Day" by wearing the old, red, white and blue. Since September 11th (Patriot's Day) falls on a Sunday, we will wear our patriotic colors this Friday, September 9th. Any student who wishes to participate in Friday's N.U.T. day is asked to bring in \$1 to their homeroom teacher. The funds collected for this day will contribute to the completion of the Parish Center classrooms and office areas.

Moreover, as a way to prayerfully reflect on the lives lost as well as honor the heroes that emerged on this tragic day, our school community will gather on Friday for an 8:15 am prayer service on the lawn outside of the Parish Center.

School Forms

As a means to authorize and clarify the various policies, guidelines and procedures that contribute to the efficient and safe operation of our school community, SFdS requires each family to complete and submit specific forms verifying their understanding of the expectations of our school community. If you haven't already done so, please submit the following forms to the office by Monday, September 12, 2011:

- *Volunteer covenant*
- *Family directory/photo release form*
- *Phone/Email Information for School Reach*
- *Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement*

To locate each of the aforementioned documents, please refer to following link for these forms: <http://www.stfrancisdesales.net/forms-to-print.cfm>.

In addition, included on the first page of the **Parent/Student Handbook** is the *Acknowledgement of Receipt of Handbook and Calendar* form. Parent/Guardians are expected to complete this form and submit it to the office by Monday, September 12, 2011.

Thank you for your timely return of each of these forms.

School Pictures

On Thursday, September 8th, students will sit for their yearly grade level class photo. Your child's best uniform dress is expected for this day. As a reminder, there is no N.U.T. permitted on this date. As well, students are scheduled to have PE class are asked to wear their regular school uniform and shoes. However, you children are asked to bring a separate bag that includes their tennis shoes.

H.S.A. News

The 2011-2012 HSA invites you to attend our ***Back-To-School-Night (BTSN)*** that has been scheduled for Thursday, September 8th at 6pm. Please plan to enter the building by way of the front entrance of the Parish Center.

Also on this evening, the HSA will be collecting annual dues of \$15.

Reading Carnival

This Thursday, you are encouraged to bring your gently used book donations for the Reading Carnival to our Back-To-School Night program.

Student E-Mail Accounts

This year students in grades 3 through 8 will receive a school e-mail account. This communication tool will enable students to send information and submit class work to their respective teachers. Further details regarding the implementation of this resource will be provided during our BTSN program by our Media-Specialist, Mrs. Lizanne Wallace.

Riverside Carnival

Our parish community is once again hosting the best carnival on the Eastern Shore! Pre-carnival tickets are now on sale for \$12 per ticket. Each ticket will provide the bearer with a wristband that will allow that person to enjoy the rides and attractions for one day of their choice. The carnival is scheduled for Thursday, Sept 15th through Saturday, Sept 17th.

If you are interested in purchasing a ticket(s), they may be purchased during Thursday evening's Back-To-School-Night. You may also purchase a ticket(s) after mass this weekend.

As you might imagine, the presence of the various carnival rides and attractions will bring about a slight adjustment to the drop-off/pick-up procedures we follow each day.

Please click <http://www.stfrancisdesales.net/pdf/CarnivalDrop-off-Pick-upRoute.pdf> to review the map and guidelines that will offer further details regarding the procedures we will follow for Thursday, September 15th and Friday, September 16th. Thank you in advance for your active support of this community building event.

Box Tops Classroom Competition is Back!

Last year's *Box Tops* competition brought in \$900 for our school! Get ready to clip *Box Tops* again this year! Each homeroom class has their own *Box Top* envelope for collecting their clipped *Box Tops*. At various times throughout the year, the class that clips the most *Box Tops* will earn a N.U.T. day! At the end of the year, the winning class will enjoy an ice cream party! Thank you for supporting our school with *Box Tops*!

Third and Fourth Grade Families

As a reminder, the *WeDo* Build team is scheduled to meet on September 12th from 3:15pm-5:00pm in the school computer lab. Participation in this program is a fun way to channel the creative energy of our students toward the exciting world of science and technology. As a point of reference the team will meet on the following dates: September 12th, October 3rd, November 14th, December 12th, January 9th, February 13th, March 5th, April 2nd and May 14th.

Homework Planner

You may have noticed that the publisher of our planner incorrectly placed the 2010-2011 calendar on the first page rather than the 2011-2012 calendar. In lieu of reproducing 200+ planners, I asked them to simply make the correct calendar page available to our families. That said, if you would like to access the correct year calendar, please click [here](#). Should you be unable to print your own copy, we will also have hard copies of this page available in the office.

School Yearbook

What better way to capture the renewed spirit of *Penguin Pride*, than 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 stop by the yearbook table at the BTSN meeting. Should you choose to reserve a copy before September 30th, the cost of the yearbook will be \$25. However, should you submit an order after September 30th, the cost will be \$30. Questions - please see either our parent sponsor, Stephanie Overton O'Hara or our faculty sponsor, Elle Phillips.

SFdS Boy Scout Troop 185

Our very own parish scout troop has arranged a "Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast" for Sunday, October 9th. If you are interested, please consider stopping by the Applebee's at 2703 N. Salisbury Blvd sometime between 8:00am – 10:00am on this date.