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Great Job to the SFA Music Department and our very talented JrK through 5th Graders for a Wonderful Christmas Program!

We would like to wish all of our SFA Family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January, 2010

- 4 Classes Resume; Pinocchio Auditions
- 5 Geography Bee 8:30 a.m. School Gym
- 8 SFA Spirit Day
- 10 Grades 5-8 Baseball/Softball Registration PLC 1:30pm-3:00pm
- 12 Open House for Prospective Families 10:00 a.m.; Home & School Meeting Lunch 12:00pm; Meeting 12:30pm PLC 108
- 13 5th Grade Honor Roll Awards following 8:15am Mass
- 14 6th-8th Grade Honor Roll Awards following 8:15am Mass
- 18 **NO SCHOOL – MLK Jr. Day**
- 19 CiCi's Pizza Night
- 22 8th Grade Retreat PLC
- 26 SFA Variety Show 1:30pm School Gym
- 31 Catholic Schools Week Begins through February 5th

SAVE THE DATE!!

Thursday, February 4, 2010

SFA's Annual Grandparents & Special Friends OPEN HOUSE

Spaghetti Dinner, including salad, bread, dessert, tea & lemonade, will be served from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Scholastic Book Fair in the School Library from 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Teachers will welcome visitors to the classroom from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Invitations will be mailed to Grandparents/Special Friends this month. A reservation form is also available on our website. Bring the whole family!! For more information, contact Tina Sosnowski at tina.sosnowski@sfaschool.cdom.org.

Timberwolves Helping Others!

St. Francis students are known for their generosity, and during this Advent season they showed that they put the needs of others first with their many projects for others:

† The Kindergarten students helped the Kindergarten classes at St. Paul Catholic School with much needed classroom games, supplies and books.

† Our 2nd and 3rd grade classes collected toys, clothing and personal items for Project Outreach, serving underprivileged families in Fayette County.

† 4th and 5th grade classes showed support for our troops by adopting a unit stationed in Iraq. 4th grader Hayden Stone's Uncle is the Commanding Officer of this unit. It is the B Company Brigade Support Battalion 155 Brigade Unit. The Unit has 130 members so we know that each member received something!! They collected enough items to send 28 boxes that were stuffed full of cards, letters, playing cards, games, etc. to show the soldiers that we are thinking of them during this Christmas! We also collected money to help defray the shipping costs. The balance of the shipping cost was paid by a parent!

† 1st, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades collected gifts for Catholic Charities' "Gifts for God's Children". We made a large donation of gifts for those in need from birth to senior citizens.

Sports News...from the desk of Mrs. Kareen Baird, Athletic Director

REGISTRATION is now open for 5th – 8th grade Baseball & Softball. Register through the Church office, the Athletic Director's office or online at: http://www.cdom.org/Web_Sites/StFrancis/YouthAthletics/YouthAthletics.htm

A printable form can be found at www.sfawolves.org click on Athletics

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL walk-up registration (and DEADLINE) for 5th - 8th grade boys and girls will be Sunday, January 10th in the PLC from 1:30 - 3:00 pm \$50.00 Participants must be attending St. Francis PRE or attend St. Francis School. Medical forms are required. (late registrations will only be accepted if space is available) Any questions, call Kareen @ 381-2569

To the parents of current 4th graders: If your child plans to play any SFA sports in the 5th grade, please PLAN AHEAD and have their physical scheduled after June 1st, 2010. The Parochial Athletic Association (PAA) requires all athletes in the 5th – 8th grade to have a physical. The orange medical form must be on file with the athletic director prior to participation. The orange medical form for the 2010-11 school year will be available in May. Any questions, contact Kareen Baird at 381-2569.

Admissions...

A note from the desk of Mrs. Susan Fetz

**OPEN HOUSE for Prospective Families
Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 10:00 a.m.**

Invite your relatives, friends, neighbors and co-workers to visit our classrooms and tour our campus!

Let them know
Catholic Schools Make a Difference!

Please call 901-381-2548 to reserve space!



Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store.
Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!"

~ Dr. Seuss

Academics Team

The Middle School Academic Team participated in the International Knowledge Master Open Competition last Tuesday, Dec. 1st. This is a computer-based program consisting of 200 questions in categories such as Science, Math, History, Literature, Government, Current Events, Fine Arts and even useless trivia. The SFA team competed against teams from the State of Tennessee, all over the US and the throughout the globe. The results are in and once again our SFA team placed **FIRST** out of the teams from West Tennessee and **SECOND** in the State. They were also ranked 136th in the world.

Coaches Brown, Lenahan, and Zientek would like to congratulate all members of the team and wish everyone a great Christmas Break! Practice will begin again after the holidays.



MODEL UN

Great Job to everyone who participated at the model UN conference last week!

The delegation of Sweden was **Shipp Sterling, Dominic Keilty, and Jackson Lewis**. They received the award for **Outstanding Resolution!**

The delegation of Canada was **Lance Sanderson, JR Jamora, and Jacob Timmins**. **Jacob** received the award for **Outstanding Delegate!**

The delegation of Madagascar was **Alex Wadovick, Luigi Siligato, and Will Urban**.

The delegation of the Democratic Republic of Congo was **Matthew Crowe**.

The delegation of Sudan was **Sarah Timmins and Emily Curran**.

Everyone did a wonderful job! I am very proud of all of you!
Mrs. Tyer

Student News...

** Congratulations to **Jake McClure-7th Grader**, winner of the SFA Spelling Bee and to **Tia Clorina-7th Grade**, Runner Up!! Good luck at the next level!

Our **6th – 8th grade students recently participated in a Reconciliation Service during Advent. We wish to thank the following priests who helped with this service: *Father Eric Peterson* (St. Mary), *Father John Hourican* (St. Alphonsus), *Father Elbert Callis* (St. Ann), *Father Mathew* (Holy Spirit), *Father Stephen Kenny* (St. Phillip) and our St. Francis priests – *Father Bob, Father Martin and Msgr. Buchignani*.

On Friday, December 4, the **8th graders from the *National Junior Beta Club* went down to AutoZone Park to help with the preparation of the St. Jude Memphis marathon weekend. We unwrapped 16,000 marathon, half marathon, 5k, and family race medals. We also hauled water bottles that were given to all of the finishers the next day.

****JrK** had another busy month. We celebrated the letter "P" by wearing our pajamas, eating popcorn and watching Polar Express. We also got a special visit from Santa himself! JrK ended our busy month with a "jolly" good time at our Christmas program and party.

****3rd Graders Alex Turner and Vishnu Vedala**, members of the SFA Chess Club, competed at the Mid-South Chess Tournament held at the University of Memphis on Saturday, November 7th and came in Second Place in the School Team category – adding a trophy to the SFA Awards case. Alex also received an Honorable Mention for the highest score of a new player in the Tournament. Great Job, Guys!

Want to get that last minute shopping done without the kids??

Saint Francis of Assisi Church Youth Ministry will be having a **DROP AND SHOP** event for children 3 and older on December 20th from 1:30pm - 5:00pm. Crafts, Games and Movies will be provided with adult and teen supervision. The teens will also be wrapping gifts for donations on this day! Stop by and let us help you as you help the youth attend two upcoming retreats. Reservations are required. Please contact Stephanie Jones at Stephanie.jones@sfaschool.cdm.org or Diane Donahue at dianememphis@yahoo.com

CAMPBELL'S E-LABELS FOR EDUCATION:

Just a quick reminder that the Campbell's E-Labels for Education program has been extended through the 2010 school year due to a tremendous response to the program.

Remember, this program is **in addition to** the collection of actual UPC Codes. This program allows you to continue to earn points electronically for our school when you shop at your favorite grocery store. Thanks to those of you who have signed up already! If you didn't sign up - the process is very easy:

1. Go to www.elabelsforeducation.com - and click on "Sign-Up Now" (on the right-hand side of the web page)
 2. Create your account by registering your frequent shopper's card and filling out the profile info
 3. Be sure to select St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School - Cordova, TN - 38016
- Points will automatically show up in our school's account...it's that easy! And, you can also continue to send in the UPC codes - so we get double credit!!

So when you're headed to the grocery to stock up for the holidays, we hope you'll remember to buy the participating brands like Campbell's, Pace, Pepperidge Farms, Swanson, V-8, Prego, and Goldfish!

Thanks for signing up and shopping today!

Do you shop at Schnucks? Would you like them to donate money to SFA just because you shop there? It's easy to do!!!

You simply need to register your Schnucks gas card under SFA's e-scrip number. ***This is at no cost to you, and you will still receive your gas credits.***

Once you've registered, Schnucks will begin sending SFA 2% of your grocery and gas purchases. This is a win-win situation for all.

Our e-scrip # is 500022980.

Are you a little confused? We'll be glad to help. E-mail Dee Dee Morreo, and we will help you to get set up. All we need is the name & address your card is registered under. If grandma or your neighbor has a card, we can register theirs too!

Don't have a card? E-mail or stop into Dee Dee's office, and we'll get you set up. Any Schnucks donations go to the school, there is no tuition rebate, but if everyone used the program the profits we made would go directly toward continued growth of our school.

If you have any question please feel free to e-mail deedee.morreo@sfaschool.cdom.org or call Dee Dee at 381-2562.



SFA SPIRIT SHOP

Check out the web site for our new items! There are great gift ideas for students, Parents & Grandparents, too. Help them show their Timberwolf pride!

Help our School! Protect the Environment! Donate your used Electronics & Ink Cartridges!

SFA is conducting a recycling fundraiser. There's nothing to buy! We are simply asking you to protect the environment by donating your used consumer electronics and unwanted, broken or mismatched jewelry. Your used item(s) may be tax deductible and will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations. 100% of the proceeds will be returned to the school!

We are currently collecting the following items:

Cell Phones, Laptop Computers, Inkjet Cartridges, MP3 Players, Digital Cameras, Digital Video Cameras, Handheld Game Systems, GPS Devices, Radar Detectors, Electronic Book Readers, Gold, Silver & Platinum Jewelry.

Please drop off any items you would like to recycle in the bin located outside the Main Office in St. Edward Hall!

We greatly appreciate your support!