

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**In Like a  
Lion, Out Like a Lamb**



**March roars in like a  
lion ~ so fierce,  
the wind so cold,  
it seems to pierce.  
The month rolls on  
and Spring draws near,  
and March goes out like  
a lamb so dear.**

**Lorie Hill**

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### March, 2010

- 8-12 **SPRING BREAK, NO SCHOOL**
- 15 **Classes Resume; Spring Uniform Regulations Begin**
- 16 **Home & School-Lunch 12:00noon; Meeting 12:30pm**
- 17 **St. Patrick's Day; DONATION OUT OF UNIFORM DAY**
- 18 **5<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Victory Ranch**
- 19 **End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**
- 24 **Christian Witness Awards (Grades 1-5) following 8:15am Mass; Spring Pictures**
- 25 **Christian Witness Awards (Grades 6-8) following 8:15am Mass; First Reconciliation-7:00pm St. Francis Church**
- 28 **Palm Sunday; Peewee & 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Baseball/Softball/T-Ball Registration 1:30pm-3:00pm PLC**

### April, 2010

- 1 **Holy Thursday, NO SCHOOL**
- 2 **Good Friday, NO SCHOOL**
- 5 **Easter Holiday, NO SCHOOL**
- 6 **Classes Resume**
- 7 **6<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Crow's Neck**
- 10 **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat-10am-6p St. Francis Church**
- 11 **1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat-8:30a-11:45a PLC 108**
- 12 **Confirmation – 7:00pm Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**
- 14 **Honor Roll Awards (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) following 8:15am Mass**
- 15 **Honor Roll Awards (Grade 6-8) following 8:15am Mass**
- 16 **DONATION OUT OF UNIFORM DAY**
- 17 **1<sup>st</sup> Communion – 10:00am St. Francis Church**
- 21 **1<sup>st</sup> Communion – 10:00am St. Francis Church**
- 27 **Home & School-Lunch 12:00noon; Meeting 12:30pm AND Evening Meeting 7:00pm; ALEKS informational meeting for parents 2:00pm AND 7:00pm**
- 28 **Spring Band & Chorus Concert – 7:00pm School Gym**

**SPORTS NEWS....****BASEBALL & SOFTBALL**

registration for 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls is NOW OPEN. The Walk-up registration and DEADLINE to register will be Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 3:00 in the Parish Life Center. \$50.00 participation fee due with registration. 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teams will play coach pitch. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams will play kid pitch. Registration is available online at:

[http://www.cdom.org/Web\\_Sites/StFrancis/YouthAthletics/YouthAthletics.htm](http://www.cdom.org/Web_Sites/StFrancis/YouthAthletics/YouthAthletics.htm)

A printable form can be found at the [www.sfawolves.org](http://www.sfawolves.org) website. **REGISTER NOW**

**T-BALL** registration for 4 – 6 year olds (4K & 5K) is NOW OPEN. The Walk-up registration and DEADLINE to register will be Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 3:00 in the Parish Life Center. \$50.00 participation fee due with registration. Participants must be 4 by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration is available online at:

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Questions? Call Karen Baird at 381-2569

**Book Fair was Huge Success!**

Thanks to all who attended this year's Book Fair. We sold a record \$17,000.00 in books!

The profits from this year's Fair will go to support the library's collection. The Book Fair wouldn't be possible without our wonderful parent volunteers and awesome 8<sup>th</sup> grade ambassadors. I would like to thank the following: Renee Minatra, Renee Dominquez, Sharon Brown, Cynthia Shah, Rachel Sejas, Sheri Bearden, Karen Leathers, Bill McGregor, Janice Phillips, Carolyn Deeley, Jane Gillespie, Kim Carter, Tad Turner, Dan Pallme, and Carter Pallme. If you have any comments about this year's Book Fair please let me know.

Send any comments or suggestions to [Sharon.pallme@sfaschool.cdom.org](mailto:Sharon.pallme@sfaschool.cdom.org).

**SFA 3 Year Old Program!**

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is beginning a new program for 3 year old children for the 2010-2011 school year. This will be a full day program, Monday – Friday from 7:50am – 3:00pm with morning care and extended care available. Children must be three years old by September 30, 2010.

If you are interested in enrolling your child, please contact our Admissions Director, Susan Fetz at 381-2548 or email to [susan.fetz@sfaschool.cdom.org](mailto:susan.fetz@sfaschool.cdom.org).



Be sure to visit the SFA Spirit Shop this month! We now have SFA "Bling" t-shirts and new SFA umbrellas for the "rainy" season! Also, check out our "Wolf" T-shirt ~ original artwork created by 8<sup>th</sup> Grader Anna Arnold! Spirit shop is open Tuesdays & Thursdays before & after School!

**KROGER GIFT CARD TUITION REBATE CHANGE**

We have changed the tuition rebate policy using the Kroger gift card: Get a new SFA Kroger card in the main office and the credit will be split between you and St. Francis School instead of SBA receiving the credit. If you have a child at both schools, you can continue to use the card you already have. If you would like one of the SFA cards you may get one from Dee Dee Morreo in the front office. The cost of the gift card is five dollars; the value already on the card.

Don't know about the Kroger card? Would you like to earn free tuition? It's easy; get one of our Kroger cards, for every dollar added to the card in the store Kroger gives us a 5% rebate. We then apply a 2 ½% credit to your tuition account. Kroger is giving you back some of your grocery dollars!!!

**We have had some families earn as much as \$200 credit per quarter.** A win win situation for both you and SFA!

Schnucks shoppers: If you have a Schnucks gas card, they also give a rebate to the school. To register your card, call 1-800-931-6258 or visit [www.schnucks.com](http://www.schnucks.com). Our account # is 500022980. If you have any questions about either card please call Dee Dee in the front office at 381-2562.

### HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Luncheon meeting – lunch at noon and meeting at 12:30, PLC Room 113.

We will discuss and vote on funding Teacher Wish Lists. Lauren Cox, our Middle School Counselor, will talk about “Organization Skills: Helping Students both at Home and at School.” All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

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**Your Stuff misses you too!**

**LOST & FOUND is OVERFLOWING** with jackets, uniforms, clothing, bags, lunch boxes, shoes, etc!!

**Please be sure check the lost and found bins for any lost items!** All items remaining in Lost and Found at **3:30pm on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** (before Spring Break) will be donated to charity.

A Lost and Found container is located in the Multipurpose Room in St. Joseph Hall and in the school gym.

### SFA EXTENDED CARE NEWS...from the desk of Mrs. Dena Chavez, Director

\*March is here and just a reminder that Extended Care will be closed the week of Spring Break, March 8<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>.

\*It's time to start thinking about **Camp Timberwolf ~ Summer 2010**. Once again, St. Francis Extended Care offers a quality summer camp for children entering Jr. Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. As is past summers, Camp Timberwolf will provide activities and special events that are sure to make your child's summer vacation spectacular! Activities will include arts & crafts, games, computer, physical activities, swimming in June, on and off campus field trips, water slides each Friday and much more!

\*Mini Camps will also be offered during Camp Timberwolf hours this summer. Some of these include Chess Camp, Bartlett Dance, Cheerleading Camp, Guitar Camp, Drawing Made Easy and there are more to come.

\*Please make note of the following dates to turn in the registration form and \$50 Registration fee:

March 15 – 19 - Registered Extended Care Students only

March 22 – 26 - All SFA students

March 29 – April 9 - Open enrollment-(Must be a SFA parishioner or former camper)

**April 19 & 20** - Mandatory Final Registration Days for ALL campers; Register any time between 3:00p.m. and 6:00p.m. (both days).

**All remaining paperwork MUST be completed to place your child on the summer camp roster.**

Please feel free to call the Extended Care office at 381-2595 if you have any questions or e-mail [dena.chavez@sfaschool.cdom.org](mailto:dena.chavez@sfaschool.cdom.org).

## Student Awards & Achievements

### Forensics Team News

Congratulations to the Forensics Team for their outstanding performance at the St. Mary's tournament on February 6, 2010. The team competed against seven other schools from Nashville, Jackson and the Memphis area.

**St. Francis won 1<sup>st</sup> place overall.**

The following students placed in their individual categories:

Reader's Theater - 1<sup>st</sup> place-**Brian Shaffrey, Mary Conroy, Jacob Timmins, Sarah Turner, Maggie Callahan, Matthew Barczak, Elizabeth Bunch and Spencer Smith**

Dramatic Interpretation-4<sup>th</sup> place- **Maddie Arnold;**  
5<sup>th</sup> place-**Amanda Kassela**

Humorous Interpretation-2<sup>nd</sup> place-**Harley Chapman;**  
6<sup>th</sup> place - **Samantha Mooneyham**

Audition Monologue - 1<sup>st</sup> place-**Hunter Scrivener;**  
3<sup>rd</sup> place -**Cassandra Carrasco**

Prose - 4<sup>th</sup> place - **Rachel Hofer;**  
6<sup>th</sup> place - **Elizabeth Bunch**

Poetry - 1<sup>st</sup> place-**Rachel Paduck;**  
3<sup>rd</sup> place-**Harley Chapman**

Storytelling - 3<sup>rd</sup> place-**Nikki Shah;**  
5<sup>th</sup> place-**Anna Arnold;** 6<sup>th</sup> place -**Rachel Paduck**

TV Broadcasting-1<sup>st</sup> place-**Samantha Mooneyham;**  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - **Tara VanCleave**

Duo Interpretation-2<sup>nd</sup> place-**Stephanie Terry & Spencer Smith**

Duo Improv-4<sup>th</sup> place-**Nikki Shah & Rachel Hofer;**  
6<sup>th</sup> place-**Hunter Scrivener & Chris Schuhlein**

Duet Acting-1<sup>st</sup> place-**Maddie Arnold & Macie Zarshenas;** 5<sup>th</sup> place-**Matthew Barczak & Will Hecht**

The Forensics Team also competed in a tournament in Nashville at Overbrook School on February 20<sup>th</sup>. It was very stiff competition with 15 Nashville area schools and several hundred kids competing! Special recognition goes to the following students who placed in their categories:

**Rachel Paduck** - 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Poetry  
**Harley Chapman**- 5<sup>th</sup> place in Poetry  
**Nikki Shah**-4<sup>th</sup> place in Storytelling  
**Sarah Turner & Maggie Callahan**-

6<sup>th</sup> place in Duet Interpretation

**Nikki Shah & Rachel Hofer** -

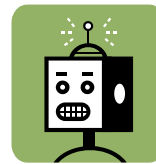
2<sup>nd</sup> place in Duo Improv

**Hunter Scrivener & Chris Schuhlein**-

5<sup>th</sup> place in Duo Improv

On January 23<sup>rd</sup> the middle school MATHCOUNTS team competed in a competition at Memphis University School against other area schools. Our team members included 6<sup>th</sup> graders: **Kenzie Baird, Harley Chapman, Evan Rogers, and Allison Weske**. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade team members were: **Ryan Cobb and J.R. Jamora**. A special congratulation goes to J.R. who placed in the top 8 out of approximately 80 competitors. Way to go J.R. and all the participants!

*MATHCOUNTS is a national enrichment, club and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement throughout the U.S.*



Congratulations 8<sup>th</sup> grade science students! 15 teams of 8<sup>th</sup> grade science students competed in the Shelby County Engineering Competition. The team of **Madeline Mahon** and **Connor Jones** received honorable mention. The team of **Nikki Shah** and **Rachel Hofer** won 2<sup>nd</sup> place (and a 100 dollar award for the school science fund) and the team of **Adrienne Lewis** and **Sarah Timmins** won first place (and a \$150 award for the school). Special credit goes to **Adrienne Lewis** who presented and defended her project alone to 5 different groups of judges!! They all did a remarkable job!

### WORDSMITH COMPETITION

Congratulations to 7<sup>th</sup> grader - **Kirkland Schuler**- who won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 200 word dash; and 8<sup>th</sup> grader-**Lucy Kaplan**- who won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 400 word Main Event, Gold Medal winner, and Honorable mention in the 40 word dash. St. Francis 8<sup>th</sup> grade team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall!! Great job!!

## More... Awards & Achievements

### “Positive Points” Update for Middle School

The positive point reward system for grade 5-8 has continued to bring about great things at SFA.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade, as a part of a gradual transition to Middle School for next year, was introduced to the positive reward system when we returned to school in January.

By February 12<sup>th</sup>, they had already achieved their first goal of 100 positive points and earned their first grade-level reward. The students voted and selected a FREE SPORTS THEMED JEANS DAY that took place on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. That day, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students wore a t-shirt/jersey/sweatshirt with blue jeans to show support of their favorite sports team (Professional, College, High School, or even SFA). Their next point goal is 250 points. Congratulations 5<sup>th</sup> grade, keep up the fabulous work.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade has also shown fantastic leadership and provided great examples of St. Francis values by reaching the 500 POSITIVE POINT mark. They were rewarded for being the **first class** to reach such a significant landmark with a grade-level pizza party on Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup>. Their next goal is 750 points. Way to go 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for being true leaders of our “wolf pack!”

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade, with 485 points, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade, with 450 points, are both coming on strong with positive behaviors and more rewards will be forth coming.

Thanks go out to all of the teachers and staff for continuing to notice all the positives in all our students and for sending in so many positive point notices.

**Mrs. Alicia Brown,**  
*Director of Student Affairs*



Congratulations to **Mrs. Beth Clemens** and the **2009 SFA Yearbook Staff** for receiving **HONORABLE MENTION** recognition in the 2010 edition of *YearbookYearbook!* Each year Taylor Publishing recognizes less than 15% of yearbook programs with this distinction. Middle school, high school and college level yearbooks nationwide are reviewed and selected by an independent panel of judges who look at theme, concept, page design, photography and covers! **We are so proud of all your hard work and our awesome 2008-2009 SFA Yearbook!!**

### National Junior Honor Society...

On February 11<sup>th</sup>, thirty-one 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. Congratulations go out to: **Emily Cross, Hallie Dunham, Henry Evetts, Michelle Farler, Gabrielle Salazar, Sarah Timmins, Mallory Barbier, Michael Bardos, Katherine Barkley, Collin Beer, Madison Bond, Meghan Brino, Cassandra Carrasco, Melanie Chando, Tia Clorina, Ryan Cobb, Alexandra Darnell, J.D. Dudek, Emily Gillenwater, Matt Holt, J.R. Jamora, Sarah Kutas, Raymond Lelis, Jake McClure, Nicholas Michalski, Clare Morris, William Nash, Jessica O'Brien, Bradley Reber, Kirkland Schuler, John Yarbrow.**

### ACADEMIC TEAM NEWS...

The SFA Academic Team traveled to St. Louis School to participate in the first of the Catholic Diocese Middle School Round Robin Tournaments. Two 4-man teams competed in a battle of knowledge. Both SFA teams claimed victory over the St. Louis teams with the scores of 160 to 60 and 160 to 50 and start they season off in the same winning fashion that they ended last season.

Team members that took part in the contest include Captains **Duncan Fletcher** and **Sarah Timmins, Henry Evetts, Josh Durbin, Hunter Scrivener, Pauline Cabe, Michael Bardos,** and **Ryan Cobb.**

Way to go Wolves!