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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

December, 2009

- 3 Religious Goods Sale 8:00 am – 4:00 pm MPR
- 4 First Friday; Feast of Saint Nicholas Celebration; 7th/8th Grade Dance, sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary 7:00pm-10:00pm SFA Church
- 7 Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony 8:00 am GYM
- 8 **NO SCHOOL – Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
- 9 Christian Witness Awards Grades 1-5 following 8:15 am mass
- 10 Christian Witness Awards Grades 6-8 following 8:15 am mass
- 13 Basketball Registration for Boys & Girls 1st-4th Grades and 4-6 yrs 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm PLC
- 14 Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony 8:00 am GYM
- 15 CiCi's Pizza Night
- 16 Christmas Programs JrK-5th Grades; 8:45am-11:00am
- 15-17 Middle school exams - 6th-8th dismiss at 11:15 am
- 17 Dismissal 11:15 am **ALL STUDENTS**
- 18 – Jan 3 **NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break**



SFA Music Department Presents...

**Our Annual
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
DECEMBER 16, 2009
SFA Church Parish Life Center**

Performances are as follows:

**JrK & K - 8:45a-9:15a
1st, 2nd & 3rd - 9:30a -10:15a
4th & 5th - 10:30a -11:00a**

SAVE THE DATE!!

Thursday, February 4, 2010

**SFA's Annual Grandparents & Special Friends
OPEN HOUSE**

Dinner prepared and served by the SFA Knights of Columbus, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm
Scholastic Book Fair in the School Library
Teachers will welcome visitors to the classroom from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Send the complete mailing address of grandparents and special friends to

tina.sosnowski@sfaschool.cdom.org.

We will mail the invitations for you!
You may invite as many as you want!!

Admissions...

A note from the desk of **Mrs. Susan Fetz**

Applications for new students for the 2010-2011 school year will be accepted through December 17, 2009. Any siblings or other students new to our school will need to complete an application with the admissions office by **December 17th**.

All *currently enrolled* students will receive re-registration materials in February. For more information or for questions, please call Mrs. Fetz at 381-2548.

OPEN HOUSE for Prospective Families

Tuesday, January 12, 2009, 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 a spot!

The Exciting Adventures of Pinocchio: The SFA School Musical Grades K-8

Musical Production Week: January 4-9, 2010

Audition permission slips went home in Monday folders!

To schedule a slot in the audition, a permission slip must be filled out and signed by the parent. Return the slips no later than December 11th.

For more information contact:
melinda.crone@sfaschool.cdom.org or
sandra.chando@sfaschool.cdom.org



Timberwolves Helping Others!

Our 1st Can Collection this year was very successful. The 8th graders sorted and counted 1,577 cans!!! WOW, what a great job our students have done to donate to the less fortunate!
Please let your students know what a great job they have done! ☺

Library News...

You recently received a letter giving you the information you need to sign onto a website called Home Connect. Home Connect gives you, the parent, the opportunity to view the progress your child is making in the Accelerated Reader program here at St. Francis. You can view online the books your child has tested on, check the reading level of the books; and view how many points your child has earned. Each class has different guidelines the students must adhere to when doing Accelerated Reader. Check with your child's reading teacher if you are not aware of these guidelines.

Now that you will have an account of how many points your child has and what books your child has quizzed on, you can better assist them in their reading selections. For the AR Olympics medals presented at the end of the year, the following points by grade level are required:

| | Honorable Mention | Bronze | Silver | Gold |
|--------------|-------------------|--------|--------|------|
| Second grade | | 18 | 35 | 50 |
| Third grade | | 30 | 70 | 100 |
| Fourth grade | 60 | 70 | 110 | 150 |
| Fifth grade | 70 | 90 | 135 | 175 |
| Sixth grade | 75 | 100 | 150 | 200 |

Encourage your child to read. It is the skill above all else that will improve their intelligence. If you have any questions regarding AR or Home Connect, please contact me.

Mrs. Pallme, Librarian

SPORTS NEWS:

Basketball Registration for 4 year olds – 4th grade is **NOW** open and available through the church office, athletic director's office or online:

http://www.cdom.org/Web_Sites/StFrancis/YouthAthletics/YouthAthletics.htm

A printable form can be found at the www.sfawolves.org website.

Walk up registration for PEEWEE BASKETBALL (4, 5, and 6 year olds: Preschool - Kindergarten) and 1st – 4th GRADE boys and girls BASKETBALL will be Sunday, December 13th in the PLC from 1:30 - 3:00 pm. **\$50.00**

Peewee basketball games will start January 9th and will be played on Saturday. Participants for peewee basketball must be 4 by January 1st. Coaches needed

1st – 4th grade will begin mid February. 1st – 4th grade participants must be students at St. Francis School or attend St. Francis PRE. Coaches needed
Any questions, call Karen @ 388-7321.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS: DECEMBER 13th (late registrations will only be accepted if space is available)

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.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Home & School Meeting: January 12th
Lunch at Noon; Meeting begins at 12:30pm PLC 113

Program has not been finalized ~ if you have any program suggestions please contact Peggy Callahan (pecallahan@earthlink.net) or Romy Schaaf (rbschaaf@comcast.net)



TIMBERWOLVES SPIRIT SHOP

We are getting new items just in time for Christmas. Check out the web site, for our new items. There are great gift ideas for grandparents, too. Help them show their Timberwolf pride.



RAINBOWS SUPPORT GROUPS

Support groups for children who have experienced a loss due to a divorce or death in their family
Students in JrK – 4th Grade please contact Debbie Brown at debbie.brown@sfaschool.cdom.org for more information.

Students in 5th-8th Grade, please contact Lauren Cox at lauren.cox@sfaschool.cdom.org.

Student News...

- * There were 110 Saint lives portrayed by the 8th graders during the Annual Great Hall of Saints on Tuesday, November 3.
- * Check out the 1st and 2nd grade student Computer Projects on our website. Go to www.sfawolves.org - under Publications
- * November was a busy month for JrK! At the beginning of the month we went to see the *Toymaker's Apprentice*, a play at Circuit Playhouse. Then we had a firefighter come talk to us about fire safety when we learned all about Community helpers. To end our busy month we had a wonderful Thanksgiving feast. We dressed up as Pilgrims and Indians and ate lots of Turkey!

Congratulations to the following students who were invited to be a part of the
SFA 2009-2010 Academic Team

6th grade: ~ **Lawson Tyrone, Grant Burks, Harley Chapman, Sarah Turner**

7th grade: ~ **Brad Reber, Ryan Cobb, Meghan Brino, Michael Bardos, Jake McClure, Kirkland Schuler, JR Jamora, Will Nash**

8th grade: ~ **Josh Durbin, Sarah Timmins, Hunter Scrivener, Pauline Cabe, Duncan Fletcher, Henry Evetts, Luke Parker, Kenny Ledet, Andrew Chandonnet, Jonathan Boulanger, Kyle Van Hoeck, and Chris Schuhlein**

The SFA Academic team is the Diocese defending champions and will begin the season with the Fall Knowledge Master Open computer competition on Dec. 1st. The team will be competing against other middle schools around the world in a variety of categories such as: Math, Science, Literature, History, Music, Art, Sports, Economics, Current Events, and "Useless Trivia." The season will continue after Christmas in a series of round-robin competitions against other Catholic schools in the area culminating in an all day tournament at St. Benedict High School.

The coaches, Mrs. Lenahan, Mrs. Zientek, and Mrs. Brown are looking forward to another great season.

FACULTY NEWS...

Congratulations to the following Faculty & Staff Members who received Special Awards at the Diocese of Memphis Professional Educators Conference in October:

St. John Neumann Outstanding Service Award – The recipient of this award is an employee who has exhibited outstanding organizational skills and mission in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to the school community! This Award was presented to **Mrs. Susan Fetz, Admissions Director**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award – The recipient of this award is a teacher who has designed and successfully implemented a teaching technique in the classroom. This Award was presented to **Mrs. Diana Kozlowski, 3rd Grade**

Sister Ruth Ann Schmitt Award – The recipient of this award is an employee who has exhibited outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment in providing educational opportunities for special needs students. This award was presented to **Mrs. Mary Sell, 5th Grade**

Great job to the following Presenters who held workshops at the Diocesan Educators Conference for other teachers and administrators in our Diocese:

Mrs. DeEtta Jones presented "All In An Inch" Art workshop;
Ms. Terry Bradley and Mrs. Mary Prus presented "Student Generated Landscape Books";
Mr. John Sweeney and Mrs. Antonia Corzine presented "Robots!! How to Teach Your Kids Century Engineering & Critical Thinking Skills" workshop using Lego Robotics;
Mrs. Debbie Cassman and Mrs. Steffie Wagner presented "Enhancing Learning Skills in Early Childhood With Music & Magic"

Great Job to **Mrs. Cathe Brickhill** who presented her classroom activities and websites that she uses with our students in a workshop titled "Technology in the Classroom" for other teachers in the state of Tennessee at the Tennessee Reading Association Conference in November.

