

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October, 2009

- 1 Guardian Angel Feast Day Celebration
- 2 St. Francis Feast Day Celebration; All School Mass & Field Day
- 4 Basketball Registration 5th – 8th Grades PLC 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 5 **OUT OF UNIFORM SPIRIT DAY- All Grades; SFA Homecoming & Pep Rally** 2:30 p.m. Gym
- 6 Home & School **EVENING** Meeting 7:00 pm - Computer Lab
- 9-10 St. Francis Oktoberfest -visit www.sfaoktoberfest.com
- 9 Diocesan Professional Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- 12 Fall Break – **NO SCHOOL**
- 16 End of 1st Quarter
- 17 Parker Uniforms **SFA Shopping Night** – 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- 20 CiCi's Pizza Night
- 21 Christian Witness Awards Grades 1-5 following 8:15am mass
- 22 Christian Witness Awards Grades 6-8 following 8:15am mass
- 23 **11:30am Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- 27 Red Ribbon Week – Theme Day (more details to follow)
- 28 5th Grade Honor Roll Awards following 8:15am mass
- 29 6th – 8th Grade Honor Roll Awards following 8:15am mass
- 30 **Donation Out of Uniform Day**

“Preach the Gospel at all times and if necessary, use words.”

St. Francis of Assisi

A note from the desk of **Mrs. Mary Annette Keating**,
Assistant Principal PLUS/Enhance Programs

Good Vision- A Key to School Success:

Does your child squint, complain of headaches, struggle in school, or avoid reading? If so, your child may be one of the 25% of all children in the U.S. who have a vision problem significant enough to affect their performance in school.

The American Optometric Association recommends having your school- aged child's eyes examined every other year. School vision screenings are a good start, but a complete vision exam is recommended. If your child doesn't see well, he will not learn well.

The ENHANCE Program

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School provides the *ENHANCE* program for Jr. K through fifth grades. This program is both an early intervention program designed to assist students that require individualized instruction and help with basic skills, as well as a program to challenge academic growth. The focus is on math, reading and language arts.

Jane Ciaccia, Sally Hilburn, Elizabeth Lomasney and Karen Schaubert are our *ENHANCE* teachers. They work directly with classroom teachers to assess and identify areas of need. Based on teacher recommendations and assessments, your child may receive *ENHANCE* services both inside and outside of the regular classroom. Some children may need regular *ENHANCE* instruction, while others may only meet a few times with an *ENHANCE* teacher. This program gives the children a foundation for future growth and success.

For questions please contact Mary Annette Keating at marvannette.keating@sfaschool.cdom.org.

SFA EXTENDED CARE NEWS...

Extended Care is off to a great start for the new year and students seem to be enjoying the time spent here.

In addition to computer time, arts & crafts and outside activities, Extended Care offers homework rooms for grades 1st through 8th. SFA teachers, who are also employed in our Extended Care program, supervise these rooms and are available to assist the students. These teachers include Karen Peel (1st & 2nd), Don Thompson & Diana Kozlowski (3rd & 4th); Maureen Rotzoll & Eydie Tyer (Mon. 5th – 8th), Mary Prus & Terry Bradley (Tue. – Fri. 5th – 8th).

There is also a wide variety of extra curricular activities offered during the after school time. Check the website to browse through a listing of these activities.

Children must be registered in the Extended Care Program to attend. The registration fee is \$50 per child. You may register as Full Time or Drop In.

Please make note of the following **October** dates:

Oct. 9th – NO School – Diocesan Faculty Conference -
Extended Care is OPEN 7:00a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 12th – NO School – Fall Break - **Extended Care will be CLOSED**

Oct. 23rd – Parent Teacher Conferences – 11:30 dismissal
Extended Care is OPEN 11:30a.m. – 6:00p.m. Bring lunch & Drink

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.

SFA Chapel Restoration!

† After months of anticipation and a summer of construction, our newly renovated chapel is now open and being used by our students. With an increased seating capacity of 125 and new lighting, flooring, pews and décor, this chapel is truly a place that honors God and has quickly become the heart of our school. Msgr.

Buchignani recently blessed the chapel at a ceremony attended by teachers and staff. We thank our pastor, our school finance committee and our Home and School Association for the support and vision of this project that will be used by future generations attending St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School.

STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION

New this year! Student Database information (address, phone numbers, etc.) is now available for you to review on Edline.

Please log in at www.edline.net. Click on "Reports" under the "Contents" heading on the right side of the screen. Then, click on "Demographics" for your personal information. It is very important that this information is current and accurate in order for our staff, faculty and/or nurse to contact you or your emergency contacts if the need arises. If you need to make any corrections to this information, please send an email to tina.sosnowski@sfaschool.cdom.org. If you need a Parent activation code for Edline, please email randie.moore@sfaschool.cdom.org

SFA SPORTS NEWS....from the desk of Mrs. Kareen Baird (381-2569)

SFA Swim Team: Any 6th – 8th grade student interested in participating on the swim team should contact Mrs. Baird for more information and to pick up a registration form. Questions- contact Kareen!

To the parents of current 4th graders: If your child plans to play any SFA sports in the 5th grade and your only allowed one physical a year for insurance reasons, 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. Questions- contact Kareen!

5th – 8th grade BASKETBALL registration is 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 (and **DEADLINE**) will be Sunday, October 4th in the St. Francis Parish Life Center 1:30pm – 3:00pm. **DON'T DELAY – REGISTER TODAY.** The \$50.00 participation fee is due with the registration form. All 5th – 8th grade athletes must have a physical prior to participation. The orange medical form can be picked up in the church office, main school office, and just outside of the gym in St. John Neumann Hall. The medical form must be on file in order to participate in the evaluations.

BASKETBALL Evaluations will be on the following dates:

Monday, October 26th:

5:00 - 6:30 for 5th grade girls
6:30 - 8:00 for 6th grade girls.

Tuesday, October 27th:

5:00 - 6:30 for 5th grade boys
6:30 - 8:00 for 6th grade boys.

Thursday, October 29th:

5:00 - 6:30 for 7th grade boys
6:30 - 8:00 for 8th grade boys.

Friday, October 30th:

5:00 - 6:00 for 7th grade girls
6:00 - 7:00 for 8th grade girls.

Any questions regarding St. Francis Athletics contact Kareen Baird at 381-2569 or email kareen.baird@sfaschool.cdom.org.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT **ASSOCIATION**

Congratulations to this years
SGA members!

SGA Co-Presidents – **Henry Evetts & Sarah Timmins**

SGA Vice-President – **Kyle Van Hoeck**

7th Gr. President – **John Yarbro**

6th Gr. President – **Lindsay Arvin**

Treasurer – **Nikki Shah**

Secretary – **Abbey McCrory**

Communications Chair – **Chloe Parrish**

Chaplain – **Ryan Cobb**

6th Grade Homeroom Representatives:

Maddy Buchholz, Emily Reber, Nick Coccodrilli, Sam Cox, Will Dearman, Matthew Barczak, David Fryt, Patrick Vassallo, Ben Donlon, Alex Wadovick, Sarah Turner, and Jackson Lewis.

7th Grade Homeroom Representatives:

Steven Michalski, Matt Holt, John Krueger, Keegan Wilson, Lauren Hunter, Emily Gillenwater, Kaitlyn Haynes, Grant King, Will Nash, Tia Clorina, Michael Bardos, and Madison Bond.

8th Grade Homeroom Representatives:

Jessica Morris, Jill Stark, Austen York, Nick Sosnowski, Adrienne Lewis, Hunter Scrivener, Kevin Rotzoll, Whit Throckmorton, Greer Saller, Gabby Locastro, Mark Hartmann, and Josh Cartwright.



Fall is here!

JrKindergarten went to the Agricenter on September 29th to learn about harvesting fruits and vegetables. We went on a hayride and had a picnic! It was a fun day in the fall sun!



SFA FORENSICS

2009-2010 Forensics Team

Forensics is a competitive speech and drama team that competes in categories ranging from the dramatic to acting to comedy. Categories include poetry, storytelling, TV broadcasting, duet acting, prose, humorous and dramatic interpretation and audition monologue.

Congratulations to the 2009-2010 Forensics Team. We have a very talented group of 6th, 7th and 8th graders this year. Team members are sixth graders: *Matthew Barczak, Elizabeth Bunch, Maggie Callahan, Harley Chapman, Mary Conroy, Will Hecht, Brian Shaffrey, Jacob Timmins and Sarah Turner*; seventh graders: *Laura Anderson, Maddie Arnold, Cassandra Carrasco, Tia Clorina, Ryan Cobb, Ashley Holdsworth, Amanda Kassela, Caroline King, Samantha Mooneyham, Matthew Smith, Spencer Smith, Stephanie Terry, Emily Vandeven, and Macie Zarshenas*; and eighth graders: *Anna Arnold, Rachel Hofer, Caroline Johnson, Rachel Paduck, Chris Schuhlein, Hunter Scrivener, Nikki Shah, Rachel Smith and Tara VanCleave.*

We are looking forward to a great season. Our first mini-tournament will be at OLPH on October 27th. The events being offered are humorous, dramatic, duet acting, audition monologue, duo improv and oratory. We will also be hosting the first major tournament of the year at St. Francis on November 14th. Our team members won't be competing but will be helping to run the tournament.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

NEXT MEETING: Please join us for our EVENING meeting, Tuesday night, October 6th at 7:00pm

LOCATION: Middle School Computer Lab

Guest Speakers: Mrs. Alicia Brown – Discipline; Mrs. McGowan, Mrs. Botto and Mr. Sweeney – Science online textbooks; Mrs. Keating - Vocabulary Workshop and Math online programs

Come join us for updates on our school, fundraising projects and much more!

Timberwolves Are Putting Their Best “Paws” Forward!

Congratulations 6th, 7th and 8th Graders. All groups of students reached their set goal by earning over 100 positive points so far this grading period in their attempt to go above and beyond expectations to demonstrate positive character and excellent Christian values. The 8th grade was the first to receive the reward of one week of free shoes of their choice. They were terrific in setting the example of how to follow the reward guidelines and enjoyed their week in boots, slippers, sneakers, Crocs, Sperry and Wallaby shoes even though it rained all week and feet got a little soggy! Following right behind the 8th grade, the 7th and 6th grade earned their reward the very next week. Both of these grades also chose a week of free shoes. A new goal has been set and the teams are trying to reach their next goal of 250 points total by building on the 100+ points they have already earned.

Everyone agrees, the kids are doing a GREAT job. Keep it up!

Mrs. Alicia Brown

CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION

CONTEST...WIN A BUS-LOAD OF GEAR FOR OUR SCHOOL!

Campbell's Labels for Education is currently running a contest where one lucky winner could win \$25,000 worth of arts, academics, and athletics gear for our school! We could win trumpets and trombones, baseball bats and soccer balls, paintbrushes and easels, plus a whole lot more! You can enter once a day through October 31 - and here's how:

1. Log on to labelsforeducation.com
 2. Click on the big yellow school bus contest
 3. Complete the required fields - and be sure to put "St. Francis of Assisi" as the school name
- Remember, you can enter **once a day** - up until October 31st, so why not copy/paste these instructions into your daily "to do list" or desktop calendar? Thank you for your support!