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Upcoming Events

September, 2010

- 3 *Donation Out of Uniform Day*
- 6 *Labor Day – NO SCHOOL*
- 7 *ITBS Testing begins*
- 8 *Innisbrook Orders Deadline*
- 8 *Prayer Partner Picnic (2nd & 8th)*
- 10 *SGA Election Day (6th-8th)*
- 14 *Home & School Association-
Lunch 12:00noon
Mtg 12:30pm PLC 113*
- 20 *Pep Rally 2:30pm Gym (5th-8th)*
- 21 *CiCi's Pizza Night*
- 22 *School Pictures in Uniform (4th-8th)*
- 23 *School Pictures in Uniform (PK-3rd)*
- 24 *SFA Spirit Day*

Monsignor Peter P. Buchignani, Pastor
Mrs. Beth York, Principal
Mrs. Vicki Boyd, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Mary Annette Keating, Assistant Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are so very happy to have all of our students and families back for the 2010-2011 School year! And, we welcome every new student and family joining us for the first time!

The teachers, administrators and staff of SFA look forward to a wonderful and exciting year. We believe in Catholic Education and in its mission to "Teach as Jesus Did". We want our school to be an inviting place where everyone works together to move each child to the fullest of his/her potential. We will work to welcome each with love and kindness, challenge, support and encourage them throughout their school day, and return them safely to you at 3:00 p.m.

Our goal is to create a Catholic Christian environment where students:

- Encounter Christ
- Love learning
- Believe in themselves
- Develop leadership skills
- Participate in extracurricular activities
- Respect others
- Stand up for those in need
- Embrace differences, and
- Find good in all of God's creation

Educating children in the ways listed above is no lighthearted or easy task, and we need each of you (their parents) to support us by:

- Communicating with your teachers, counselors and administrators;
- Checking Ed-Line nightly;
- Being pro-active with problems and issues;
- Notifying us of "life changes" both good and bad so that we may better meet the needs of your child; and
- Praying daily with your students

We are a team! It takes everyone working together to create the best possible environment for each and every student. I believe we have a *WONDERFUL* school! And, it is each of you and each of us working together that makes it that way.

Mrs. Beth York

THANK YOU

We would like to acknowledge the generous donors who made contributions to our school in the 2009-2010 school year.

We truly appreciate your generosity!

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams

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† Did you know SFA has a **Food Pantry** where canned goods are collected and stored throughout the school year? All donations go to Catholic Charities. Canned goods can be brought to school anytime!

"Start by doing what's necessary, then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

St. Francis of Assisi

From the Desk of Mrs. Susan Fetz, SFA Admissions Director

Applications for the 2011-2012 school year will be accepted through December 17, 2010.

Feel free to share this information with friends and family members that you know are interested in SFA for their school family!

Please call 381-2548 for more information.

SFA SCHOOL "WOLF BUCKS" Earn Double Tuition Credits September and October

Does your family eat at *Steak 'n Shake*, *Chili's* or *Wendy's*? Do you get *iTunes* cards and shop at *Macy's* and *Dillard's*?

These and many other cards are available through our "**Wolf Bucks**" program and for the months of September and October - **You will earn 5% tuition credit for every dollar you spend.**

How does this work?

You download the **Wolf Buck's** order form from our website (under the "Parents" heading), fill it out send into school with your check, and you will receive your gift cards in 2 to 3 days.

It's that easy!

Don't want to wait? We do have a limited stock of our most popular cards in the main office that you can purchase at any time. Some of the more popular cards are *Starbucks*, *Dick's*, *Best Buy*, *Barnes & Noble*, *Pizza Hut*, *On the Border*, *Walgreens*, *Sephora*, *Kohl's*, *Bath and Body Works*, & *Pei Wei*. Check out the order form for a full list.

Does your company give gift cards for Christmas? We'll put them in holiday cards with labels and you get the tuition credit!

Call Dee Dee Morreo at 381-2562 for all the details.

Attention 8th Graders Washington D.C. Trip Deadline

The registration deadline for students to travel with their 8th grade class and teachers is rapidly approaching. Please register on the website by September 30th if you plan to send your student on this class trip to Washington, D.C. If you have any questions please email Sandra.chando@sfaschool.cdom.org

Online Trip Registration Information:

www.worldstrides.org

Trip I.D. # 53839

Call World Strides Customer Service (1-800-468-5899) and speak with them about applying for a partial scholarship through the FLAG program. Many families will qualify for some assistance through the Future Leaders of America Grants. They can let you know immediately if you qualify for some scholarship money.

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Come and Join your Home & School Committee for the first Meeting of this school year
Tuesday, September 14th
12:00 Lunch; 12:30 Meeting

We will be discussing Fundraising Proceeds, and new Social Events – All are welcome! ***Please join us!!!***

Fundraising Deadlines:

Innisbrook - September 8th

City Saver books – September 30th

SFA Extended Care News ...from the desk of Dena Chavez

WELCOME to a new school year! The Extended Care program provides your children with a quality program in a safe, nurturing and enriching environment. Registered students will be able to participate in a variety of activities such as enrichment classes, recreational activities and *supervised homework rooms*.

We are blessed to have such an experienced and talented staff that will work with the children. We also attempt to employ St. Francis faculty and staff to add continuity to the program and we are equally blessed by those SFA faculty members who are willing to add their expertise. For more information visit our website or contact Dena at dena.chavez@sfaschool.cdom.org

****Can you help??** Extended care is looking for gently used toys, games & books, as well as school supplies (pencils, pens, paper, etc) for our homework area**

LOST & FOUND

For your convenience, ***Lost & Found*** bins are located in the School Gym and in the Multi-Purpose Room

Please check these bins often for missing items!

Remember to

LABEL, LABEL, LABEL

ALL ITEMS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL!



Timberwolves Spirit Shop

Did you miss the ***Spirit Shop*** at registration? We are open every

Tuesday and **Thursday** before and after school - located in Maria Hall, Room 319. The Spirit Shop can be accessed from the playground or main entrance.

SFA Extended Care also has a limited number of items available for purchase in the cafeteria after school daily.

Tie-Dye Tee Shirts are IN....stop by and take a look!!

Extra-Curricular Activities

Check our website for more details and registration information...

***Bartlett Dance Factory** (offering Gymnastics, Dance, Baton)

***SFA Chess Club**

***Drawing Made Easy**

***SFA Cheer Club**

***Cool Crafts**

***Master Jim's Tae Kwon Do**

***Guitar Lessons**

***Soccer Shots**

***Playhouse on the Square ASAP**
(After School Acting Program)

SFA SPORTS...

ATTENTION: School attendance is required for extra curricular attendance: Athletes must attend five sequential class periods on the day of a scheduled practice or game. Any student who is absent from school (or checks out early due to illness) on the day of a scheduled practice or game is not eligible to participate in any athletic activity later that evening. Contact Karen Baird at 381-2569 for more information.



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.

***Mrs. Mary Annette Keating,
Assistant Principal***

Safety First...a message from Mr. Mike Bonham, Director of Safety

If while you are home it becomes necessary to vacate your house for an emergency, such as a fire or earthquake, have a location pre-determined for all in the family to meet, such as the front of your yard, so that all can get together to make each other safe. If one or more does not show up at this location, this lets the firemen and other rescue workers know someone is still inside and that there is a need for rescue. Always have a second meeting place location planned if the first location in the plan is unreachable due to downed trees or fallen debris. Let's make all in the family safe!

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM:

Every year we seem to know more and more people that are affected by severe, life-threatening allergies. Many of these allergies are to nuts (such as peanuts, cashews, walnuts, etc) but also we meet people who are allergic to certain fruits such as strawberries or even certain food dyes. Because of these life-threatening allergies I realize that we all try to be conscientious when packing our children's snacks and lunches. At the same time we run out of "creative" foods for our children to eat. Here are some ideas for alternative foods: Sun Chips, Goldfish crackers, Fig Newtons, Fresh Fruit (unless you are aware of a certain fruit allergy), string cheese, pudding cups, air-popped popcorn, or raw veggies.

I will soon be setting up times for our annual flu shots. Please keep watching in Monday and Tuesday mail for dates and times. Thanks so much for all your continued efforts at keeping our kids healthy!
~Nurse Dawn



Students in grades 1st through 5th attended a school performance of The NED Show on Wednesday August 25th. Each year the NED Show motivates and inspires nearly 2 million school children. It has been performed in all 50 states, Canada, Australia and for special events at the White House. NED teaches kids what it takes to become a champion in school and in life: Never give up—Encourage others—Do your best. The NED Show emphasizes the importance of having good character and helping others. Our program also had an anti-bullying theme. Follow-up lessons are being presented in the classrooms and each student in 1st through 5th grade will receive a special NED YoYo and instructions for use. (The students were entertained with YoYo tricks during the presentation) Please emphasize the NED motto with your children at home!

Mrs. Debbie Brown