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Key Dates for the 2011-2012 School Year

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| Aug 10 | First Day of School-11:30am Dismissal |
| Aug 15 | Assumption – No School |
| Sept 5 | Labor Day – No School |
| Oct 7 | Diocesan Prof Day – No School |
| Nov 1 | All Saint's Day – No School |
| Nov 23-25 | Thanksgiving Break – No School |
| Dec 8 | Feast Immaculate Conception – No School |
| Dec 16 | 11:15am Dismissal - Begin Christmas Break |
| Dec 16 -Jan 2 | Christmas Break |
| Jan 3 | Classes Resume |
| Jan 16 | Dr. Martin Luther King Day – No School |
| Mar 12-16 | Spring Break |
| Apr 5-9 | Easter Break |
| Apr 10 | Classes Resume |
| May 25 | Last Day of Classes-11:15am Dismissal |

2011-2012 Registration Day

Mark your Calendars
SFA REGISTRATION

August 8, 2011

8:30a-11:30a & 5:00p-6:30p

The 2011-2012 School Year Registration Packet will be available on our website in mid-July.

You will be notified by e-mail when the packet of information is available!



*Have a Safe and Happy
Summer!*

Summer Office Hours:

June 1st - August 5th

8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

School Office & Extended Care Closed:

July 5th – 9th

Congratulations to the HONOR ROLL RECIPIENTS in the 4th Quarter:

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

8th Grade: *Mallory Barbier, Michael Bardos, Katie Barkley, Collin Beer, Madison Bond, Meghan Brino, Melanie Chando, Tia Clorina, Ryan Cobb, JD Dudek, Jack Fletcher, Emily Gillenwater, JR Jamora, Ben June, Sarah Kutas, Jake McClure, Clare Morris, Bradley Reber, and Kirkland Schuler.*

7th Grade: *Lindsay Arvin, Harley Chapman, Leah Cluck, Kate Dudek, David Fryt, Jake Griesmer, Monika Milczek, Dale Pitawanakwat, Carter Pruett, Luigi Siligato, Sarah Turner, Lawson Tyrone, Allison Weske and Erin Yoser.*

6th Grade: *Caroline Allen, Nick Ashker, Baylor Bearden, Sydney Bloodworth, Ricky Carrasco, Stella Cea, Lexie Fletcher, Isabella Giddens, Avery Graziosi, Raphael Guimera, Olivia Hall, Lauren Michele Harrell, Sam Incardona, Yuzuka Karube, Elie Kiameh, Caitlin McCrory, James McGregor, Nicholas Morris, Jessica Morrison, Megan Morrison, Lauren Neuhoff, Anna Schuman, Lucy Shoemaker, Allison Sorette, Sarah Webster, Rebecca Williams and Jacob Williamson.*

5th Grade: *Erin Bargiachi, Mark Brouwer, Conner Cremerius, Catherine Crowe, Jo Dearman, Sean Dolan, Katherine Farler, Alyssa Frankhouser, Carlo Guinocor, Ashley Herbers, McKinley Hollis, Rayanne Lelis, Andrew Lewis, Kiko Martinez, Madeline Matheson, Emily McCulley, Joseph Orgeron, Johnathan Radcliff, Maude Renshaw, Sophia Scoggins, Michelle Shah, Grace Shoemaker, Margo Valadie, Katherine Vassallo and Sarah Waddell.*

FIRST HONOR ROLL

8th Grade: *Maddie Arnold, Cassandra Carrasco, Matthew Hailey, Matthew Holt, Josh Lea, Raymond Lelis, Katherine Migliaccio, Jessica O'Brien, Chloe Quinn, Adam Ryan, Caroline Siciliano, Makenna Smith, Stephanie Terry, and John Yarbro.*

7th Grade: *John David Aeschliman, Kenzie Baird, Sophie Bougeois, Ashley Buckingham, Elizabeth Bunch, Blake Criswell, Matthew Crowe, Will Dearman, Tyler Griffis, Bryant Grove, Mary Elizabeth Hagan, Ben Jones, Dominic Keilty, Abby Leathers, Jackson Lewis, Sarah McMahan, Fielding Quarles, Caroline Raulston, Margaret Sell, Daniel Smith, Gregory Sun and Braden Welsh.*

6th Grade: *Megan Brown, Nicole Chandonnet, Sam Childers, John Barry Clark, Fischer Clarke, Kara Drago, Jack Dyles, Rebecca Elliott, Anikka Ferro, Shane Gaffney, Matthew Hammond, Hayden Jones, Lauren King, Rachel King, Baker Mitchell, Erin O'Brien, Caroline O'Looney, Jacob Ripberger, Abbigayle Roberts, Connor Sheeks, Grace Sweat, Camille Trice, Meghan Tuttle, Nicholas Vaught, Egan Webster, Brianna Williams and Austin Wise.*

5th Grade: *Madeline Amrein, Andrew Barczak, Ellie Barrow, Cara Bascom, Jamie Brannon, Jack Brannon, Kyle Buckingham, Indie Caldwell, Patrick Callahan, Allison Carr, Catalina Carrasco, Ryan Casiple, Emily Cea, Sam Chafin, Camille Cipriano, Shayla Clancy, Matthew Clark, Caleb Criswell, Katelyn Dabney, Kristina Ferris, Lily Gleneck, William Hagan, Parker Heavener, Sarah Henson, Juliette Hirsch, Sarah Hovanec, Nicole Huber, John Iovinelli, Caroline McClure, Macey McCoy, Robert Miller, Katie Morris, Hayden Moyes, Emily Odom, Patrick O'Looney, Kelsey Sanderson, Hayden Stone, A.J. Von Bergen, Johnny Walker, Ramsey Walker, Andrew Williams and Noelle Ybos.*

SECOND HONOR ROLL

8th Grade: *Jordan Caprio, Hayden Ferrari, Emily Harding, Lauren Hunter, Christian Mantel, Steven Michalski, Samantha Mooneyham, Lexie Schwab, and Samantha Tutor.*

7th Grade: *Matthew Barczak, Amanda Magusiak, Kyrie Shaner and Alex Wadovick*

6th Grade: *Oksana Durkee, Matthew Fehrenbacher, Andy Holtwick, Isaac Simpson, Emily Sosnowski, Cameron Strafuss and Max Thielemier.*

5th Grade: *Benjamin Montgomery*

Congratulations to our 4th Quarter
CHRISTIAN WITNESS AWARD RECIPIENTS

8th Grade: Sam Tutor, Kirkland Schuler, Mallory Barbier, Michael Bardos, Ryan Cobb and Grant King

7th Grade: Ashley Buckingham, Sarah McMahon, Maddie Rose, Will Dearman, Noah Kurtz and Grant Walker

6th Grade: Elie Kiameh, Baylor Bearden, James McGregor, Camille Trice, Abbigayle Roberts and Jennifer Bond

5th Grade: Allie Carr, Andrew Lewis, Katherine Farler, Patrick Callahan, and Grace Shoemaker

4th Grade: Cade Throckmorton, Carlos Medina, Nathan King, Joshua Secord and MJ Hughes

3rd Grade: John Tuttle, Graycie Hogan, Seth Wyne, Ryan Wilbanks and Tara Lea

2nd Grade: Kayleigh Shaner, Jacob Garrido, Lauren Logan, Campbell Holmes and Lexie Davis

1st Grade: Taylor Leigh Trusty, Lucas Ferro, Dylan Fisk and Isabella Webb



SFA 8th Grade Graduation was held May 21st at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Congratulations to the following students who received Special Recognition Awards:

**Optimist Award for Citizenship- Kirkland Schuler*

**John Neumann Leadership Award- John Yarbrow and Maddie Arnold*

**St. Thomas Aquinas Award- Katie Groendyke*

**St. Francis of Assisi Christian Witness Award- Ryan Cobb*

**St. Clare Christian Witness Award- Alexa Von Bergen*

**Outstanding Scholar Athletes Award- Ryan Cobb, Jack Fletcher & Tia Clorina*

**SBA Academic Scholarship Awards- Michael Bardos, Meghan Brino, Ryan Cobb, JD Dudek, JR Jamora, Jake McClure, Clare Morris, and Bradley Reber*

**St. Agnes Academic Scholarship Award- Natavia Mitchell*

**Rotary Club Character Achievement Award- David Brickhill*

Congratulations to All of Our
8th Grade Graduates!
Good Luck in High School!



Summer Reading & Math

Requirements have been posted to the website (webpage links are noted below). Please be sure all required work is completed by the first day of school!

Summer reading requirements (rising grades 2-8)

http://www.sfawolves.org/summer_reading.html

Summer math requirements (rising grades 1-8)

http://www.sfawolves.org/summer_math.html

SFA SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAMS

Summer Academic Programs for students entering grades 1-8 are being offered this summer. These classes are available to assist students in completing the summer reading and math requirements under the guidance of a certified SFA teacher. Visit

<http://www.sfawolves.org/documents/2011SummerRefresherschool2.pdf> for more information and registration form.

STUDENT HANDBOOK & DIRECTORY

A student handbook & directory will be available at registration for all students. Please be sure to update the school office with any changes to your name, address and phone number! All updates must be received by **Thursday, June 30th** for inclusion in the **2011-2012 Student Directory**.

Changes can be sent to tina.sosnowski@sfaschool.cdom.org or dropped off in writing at the school office.

News from the SFA Home & School Association

The Home & School Committee is still looking for a few wonderful parents who would like to get involved and help with some Committee Chairs for next year - including H&S Hospitality, Cafeteria Scheduling, Beautification Committee and Teacher Monthly Luncheon for ECC. If interested in these or getting involved in any event, contact Amy Iovinelli (siovinelli@bellsouth.net) or Jennifer Bougeois (jbougeois@comcast.net).

Our thanks go out to Brenda O'Looney for all the success and hard work that went into all the used uniform sales this school year!!

Volunteers are needed for Registration Day - August 8th let us know if you can help!

Have a great summer!

TIMBERWOLVES HELPING OTHERS

Thank you to the many SFA families who donated food, gift cards and money to join with our efforts to help Catholic Charities aid local flood victims. Their last pick-up from our school included hundreds of items that were greatly needed.

*In the fall, our students participated in the Silver Rose fun run, sponsored by our local Knights of Columbus Council 9317. The purpose of this event is to bring awareness to the value of human life in all its stages. Our 2010 Silver Rose Fun Run was selected as the Tennessee Knights of Columbus **Pro Life Program of the Year** at last month's State Convention! Congratulations to the Knights and thank you for sponsoring this great event for SFA!*

Sports Notice

All incoming 5th – 8th grade athletes planning to participate in any SFA sport this fall or next year must have an orange medical form on file with the Athletic Director by July 29th, 2011. The form can be picked up in the main school office, the church office, or Athletic Director's office.

Each athlete must have a physical dated after June 1st, 2011. Any Questions, contact Kareen Baird at 381-2569. Most fall sports will begin around or after August 1st, 2011.

BASKETBALL OPEN GYM

Basketball open gym will be available (in the School gym) during the months of June and July:

For Incoming 5th - 8th Grade

SFA GIRLS: 5:30pm - 7:00pm on Mondays, June 6, 13, 20, 27, and July 11 & 18. For more information about the girls open gym, contact Mrs.

Sosnowski at

tina.sosnowski@sfaschool.edom.org

For Incoming 5th - 8th Grade

SFA BOYS: 5:30pm - 7:00pm on Thursdays, June 16, 23, 30, and July 14 & 21 as well as 2:30pm - 4:00pm on Sundays, June 19, 26, and July 10, 17, & 24. For more information about the boys open gym, contact M.J.

Barrow at coachbarrow@bellsouth.net

PARKER UNIFORM SHOPPING DAY for SFA and SBA FAMILIES!

On June 18th and 25th, families will receive 15% off their purchase of SFA or SBA items.

On line orders will not apply. Families may call and do phone orders. See the link:

<http://www.sfawolves.org/documents/ParkerUniformandShoes.pdf>

for store hours and contact information.

News from Extended Care...

It has been an outstanding year for St. Francis Extended Care. We would like to thank all the teachers and staff who worked with the children and made it a positive experience for them. We would also like to thank all of our parents for their cooperation throughout the school year. Everyone enjoyed the 'Luau Party' on the last day of school!

Summer is here and Camp Timberwolf 2011 began Tuesday, May 31st, and runs through Friday, July 29th. The summer camp staff is certified in CPR, including defibrillator use, and First Aide. **There will be 8 weeks of fun with NO camp the week of July 4th – 8th. Camp hours are 7:00a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** However, the first rotation for camp activities begins at 8:30a.m. and the last rotation ends at 5:00p.m. Activities include *Art, Sports, Spanish, Games, Imaginarium, Cool Crafts, Computer, Hollywood Video, Music, Fun & Fitness, Kids in the Kitchen* and, of course, every campers favorite.....**THE ARCADE!!** Campers will enjoy 2 big water slides and an obstacle course on Mondays in June and jumpers from Jump 'N' in July. Also, every Tuesday is Ice Cream Day, every Wednesday is Candy Day, every Thursday campers go on a field trip and pizza is offered for lunch on Friday for a small additional charge. Friday is also "Splash Down Water Day".

There are also mini camps that are offered during *Camp Timberwolf* at an additional charge. Please visit the school website for more information on the mini camps.

We look forward to seeing many of you during June and July because**Camp Timberwolf Rocks!!!!!!**



Teachers go to "school" too!

Many of our SFA teachers have had the opportunity to attend various educational conferences this year...

Mrs. Mary Annette Keating attended the *Tennessee Non-Public Schools/State Department of Education Conference*. Legal issues, teacher evaluation, safety codes, teacher licensure, and new teaching techniques were discussed. She also attended the *West Tennessee Special Education Conference* and the *NEO/Alphasmart Conference* discussing this state of the art writing instrument.

Mrs. Sandi Chando attended a conference in November sponsored by the *International Research and Exchange Board (IREX)* at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. The conference focused on internationalizing the U.S. classroom and coincided with the end of the international teacher's six-week study in the United States. The Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program implementers went over the expectations for the U.S. teachers visiting host international schools the spring and summer of 2011. Mrs. Chando will teach English in her host school in Guwahati, India in June!

Mrs. Donna Hosp, Mr. Don Thompson, Ms. Lauren Smith, Mrs. Sally Hilburn, and Mrs. Debbie Zientek attended a conference in March on motivating students and providing coping skills. The conference was held in Memphis and sponsored by *Ideas Unlimited Seminars*.

All of the Kindergarten teachers went to the *Conference for Tennessee Kindergarten Teachers*. Reading Workshop ideas to use in the classroom was a main focus of the conference.

Mrs. Dea Taylor, Ms. Shelley Miller, Mrs. Helen Lenahan and Mrs. Betty Siano attended the *National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) Convention* in New Orleans in April. This gathering of Catholic School teachers from across the country had sessions that explored new curriculum practices, Catholic Identity and the latest in educational products.

Mrs. Amy McDaniel and Mrs. Amy Sobalvarro attended *The Teaching Excellence Conference* at Notre Dame in October. This was an incredible opportunity that motivated them to teach outside of the box and realize that teaching is a true calling!

The entire Third Grade Team along with Mrs. Terry Bradley attended the (TRA) *Tennessee Reading Association 2010 Fall Conference* last November. The theme was "Literacy: Uniting Community, Family, and School". Authors, teachers, administrators, and reading coaches presented interesting, interactive workshops on how to increase reading fluency and comprehension.

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

June 2011

St. Francis of Assisi Parish



Thoughtful Moments

Afraid of mistakes?

Sometimes we get overwhelmed by the weight of our job as parents. We worry that our mistakes will have lasting negative consequences. *"Your every act should be done with love"* (1 Corinthians 16:14). Remember that if all you do is done with love, based in love, and out of true love, you will be in harmony with God's will.



Breathe

All parents have days when we forget to be slow to anger and steadfast in love. When we run late, something spills or breaks, or life fails to go according to plan, remember to start breathing deeply. Picture God's breath washing over you as it did when Jesus breathed on his disciples (John 20:22). The Holy Spirit will help you control your passions.

For fathers

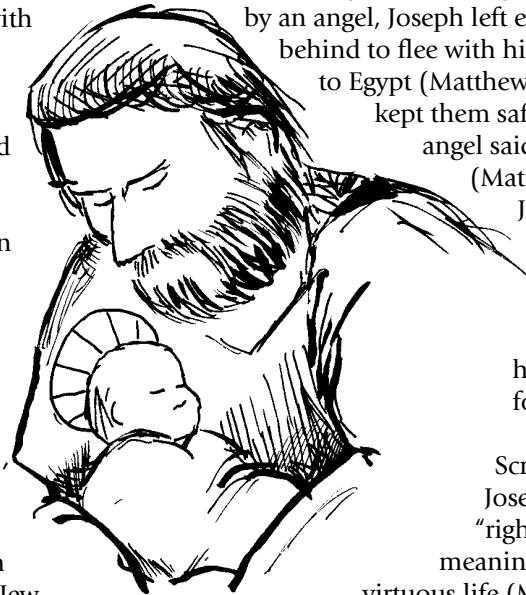
"In word and deed honor your father that his blessing may come upon you; For a father's blessing gives a family firm roots" (Sirach 3:7-9).



The ultimate earthly father

Scripture doesn't tell us much about St. Joseph. We have no reason to believe he was born with special graces, yet he was chosen to raise God's Son. The Bible doesn't say that he had a gift of prophecy, yet Joseph never doubted God's word. He was an ordinary man who lived an extraordinary life.

Ever faithful. It would have been hard for any man to believe his fiancé was pregnant by the Holy Spirit, let alone to listen to an angel in a dream. As a faithful Jew, though, Joseph knew that God sometimes sent angels with important messages, and he knew what was written about the birth of the Savior. So Joseph's devotion to God's Word helped



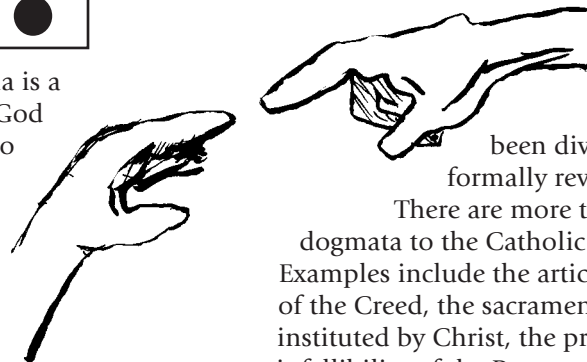
him to be ready to do God's will. **Steady provider.** Again, prompted by an angel, Joseph left everything behind to flee with his new family to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15). He kept them safe until the angel said to move back (Matthew 2:20-23). Joseph's hard work and skill helped provide for his family in a foreign land. **Good man.** Scripture calls St. Joseph, a "righteous man," meaning he lived a virtuous life (Matthew 1:19).

We also know he was compassionate by his treatment of Mary. Who better to raise the Son of God and care for his Mother than the ultimate earthly father?

Why Do Catholics Do That ?

What is dogma?

A Catholic dogma is a truth, revealed by God and passed down to us through Scripture or Tradition and accepted as fact by the Church and her faithful. It is a teaching that the Church has found to have

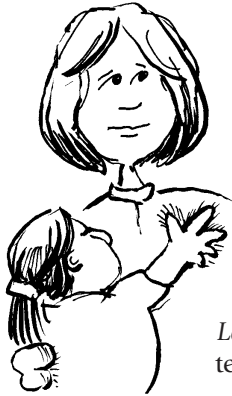


been divinely and formally revealed. There are more than 250 dogmata to the Catholic faith. Examples include the articles of faith of the Creed, the sacraments instituted by Christ, the primacy and infallibility of the Pope, and the existence of Original Sin.

Parenting lessons from Scripture

Children don't come with owners' manuals but sage advice from the Bible can help in three key areas:

Patience – In Jesus' story of the Prodigal son, the father let his son experience the consequences of his choices, as painful as they were, and the son learned valuable lessons as a result. We, too, must be patient enough to let our children experience the occasional negative consequence in order to learn valuable lessons. Sometimes that's the best way to learn.



Sacrifice – As Mother of God, Mary could have expected an easy life, yet it was one of heartache and suffering. Simeon predicted that when he first held the infant Savior, *"and you yourself a sword will pierce"* (Luke 2:35). Yet Mary put her family and her desire to serve God before herself. As Catholic parents, we are prepared to do the same.

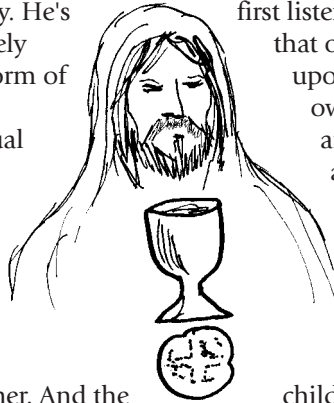
Respect – *"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up with the training and instruction of the Lord"* (Ephesians 6:4). Modeling respect is the best way to teach it.

Scripture LESSON

John 6:51-58, The most holy Body and Blood of Christ

Jesus is present in the Eucharist but not in a merely passive way. He's dynamically present, actively present. He is present in form of bread and wine, offering himself to us as our spiritual food and drink: "My flesh," he assures us, "is real food ... my blood is real drink." He explains that when we share in this sacred meal we draw life from him just as he draws life from the Father. And the life is eternal.

This was a shocking message for Jesus' audience. To eat flesh and drink blood



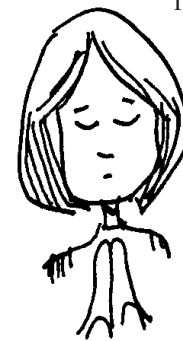
probably sounded cannibalistic to his first listeners. But Jesus was saying that our salvation depends upon his life becoming our own. When we eat his flesh and drink his blood, we accept Christ into our lives and become united with him.

What can a parent do? The Eucharist is our nourishment.

Nourish your children by talking with them about Jesus and by taking them every Sunday to Mass for their share of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Parent TALK

I watched painfully one Sunday as my nine year old daughter sauntered back from receiving Communion waving at friends and munching on the host like a cookie.



Instead of behaving as if she had just received the Body and Blood of Christ, she acted like she was finishing lunch at the school cafeteria.

After Mass was over, we stayed behind and practiced

making reverent bows as we approached the altar before pretending to receive the host, standing before the Eucharistic Minister (me) with hands cupped, and walking back to the pew with hands folded in prayer. It took several tries but eventually each of the children remembered how to behave reverently in church.

The following Sunday I was pleased to see that our "refresher course" paid off and all three children showed increased reverence. I admit, I even focused more fully. A periodic refresher is a pretty good idea.

Feasts & Celebrations

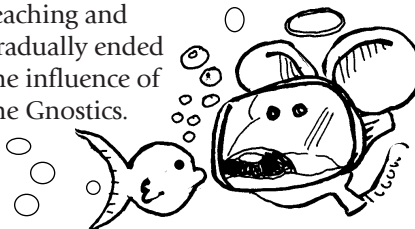
June 12 – Pentecost (1st century). After the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, the Holy Spirit was given to the Church at the first Pentecost. When the apostles received the Holy Spirit, the "new age" of the Church was born.

June 20 – Immaculate Heart of Mary. In response to the request made by Our Lady of Fatima, Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to Mary's gentle and devout Immaculate Heart in 1942, and initiated this feast in 1945.

June 21 – St. Aloysius Gonzaga (1591). St. Aloysius prayed vigorously and fasted from age 7. Upon joining

the Society of Jesus, he was ordered to cut back in order to study and spend time with the other students. He died while nursing the sick.

June 28 – St. Irenaeus (220). As bishop of Lyons, Irenaeus investigated and disproved assertions of the Gnostics who claimed secret knowledge imparted by Jesus to select disciples. In great service to the Church, Irenaeus clarified Church teaching and gradually ended the influence of the Gnostics.



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