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OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

SFA will hold our annual Open House for prospective students and parents on Sunday, November 13th, at 3:00 p.m. Please share this information with your family and friends who might be interested in making SFA their school family!

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Mrs. Beth York, Principal
Mrs. Vicki Boyd, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Mary Annette Keating, Assistant Principal

Calendar of Upcoming Events

November, 2011

- 1 **All Saint's Day – NO SCHOOL**
- 3 *Boosterthon Pledge Money Due*
- 5 *Mr. Vaziri's Choir sings at 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass*
- 7 **Missoula Children's Theatre Auditions, Grades K-8, 3:15pm Gym**
- 8 *Home & School Meeting- 12:00pm Lunch; 12:30pm Meeting*
- 15 *CiCi's Pizza Night*
- 17 **Beta Club Inductions following Mass**
- 18 *Donation Out of Uniform Day*
- 21 *Spelling Bee 8:30a.m. Gym, grades 4-8*
- 23-25 **Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL**
- 30 *Christian Witness Awards following 8:15am Mass, Grades 1-5*

December, 2011

- 1 *Christian Witness Awards following 8:15am Mass, Grades 6-8;
Religious Goods Sale, 7:30am-3:30pm, MPR*
 - 8 **Feast of the Immaculate Conception – NO SCHOOL**
 - 11 *1st-4th Grade Basketball & 5th – 8th Grade Baseball/Softball
Registration deadline – 1:30pm-3:00pm PLC*
- December 19-January 2 – Christmas Break**

Save the Date!

Grandparents/Special Friend's Dinner & Open House February 2, 2012

For those of you who are new to our school, this is a tradition at St. Francis that is enjoyed by all! The students invite their grandparents and/or anyone who is an important part of their life, such as, Godparents, aunts, uncles, coaches, neighbors, etc.

The evening includes dinner, open house, book fair, touring the school and meeting teachers. More detailed information to follow.

Simply send us your student's grandparent and/or special friend's COMPLETE mailing address and
WE WILL SEND THE INVITATION FOR YOU!

Send Addresses to tina.sosnowski@sfaschool.cdom.org or to the school office. You may invite as many grandparents & special friends as you like!
Invitations will be mailed in December.

Congratulations to the following Honor Roll Recipients for the 1st Quarter:

Principal's Honor Roll

8th Grade: Lindsay Arvin, Ashley Buckingham, Harley Chapman, Leah Cluck, Will Dearman, Kate Dudek, David Fryt, Jake Griesmer, Bryant Grove, Katie Hieatt, Emily Houston, Ben Jones, Dominic Keilty, Jackson Lewis, Sarah McMahon, Monika Milczek, Dale Pitawanakwat, Carter Pruett, Lance Sanderson, Luigi Siligato, Daniel Smith, Gregory Sun, Sarah Turner, Lawson Tyrone, and Allison Weske.

7th Grade: Caroline Allen, Sam Banks, Baylor Bearden, Sydney Bloodworth, Ricky Carrasco, Stella Cea, Fischer Clarke, Jake Coppedge, Lexie Fletcher, Isabella Giddens, Abby Grantham, Avery Graziosi, Lauren Michele Harrell, Sam Incardona, Hayden Jones, Yuzuka Karube, Elie Kiameh, James McGregor, Nick Morris, Jessica Morrison, Megan Morrison, Lauren Neuhoff, Caroline O'Looney, Connor Sheeks, Allie Sorette, Andrew Sweatt, Sarah Webster, Brianna Williams, Becca Williams, and Zachary Yancy.

6th Grade: Andrew Barczak, Jack Brannon, Mark Brouwer, Allie Carr, Catalina Carrasco, Mac Clark, Catherine Crowe, Jo Dearman, Carlo Guinocor, Parker Heavener, Mia Lawson, Rayanne Lelis, Madeline Matheson, Caroline McClure, Emily McCulley, Joseph Orgeron, Sophie Scoggins, Michelle Shah, AJ Von Bergen, and Noelle Ybos.

5th Grade: Lauren Capocaccia, Quincy Card, Adam Cummings, Hunter Filsinger, Garret Grove, Nathan Hoang, Evan Kubick, Gabrielle Lomasney, Jayden Marzolf, Adrian Pabalate, Evan Pham, J.C. Pratt, Christopher Price, Mary Wilson Screws, Abby Simpson, Emma Sorette, Matthew Starinshak, Alex Turner, Owen Tyrone, Vishnu Vedala, and Abigail Williams.

First Honor Roll

8th Grade: Kenzie Baird, Matthew Barczak, Sophie Bougeois, Maggie Callahan, Blake Criswell, Tyler Griffis, Ashley Hammond, Will Hecht, Gina Iovinelli, Amanda Magusiak, Ethan McCrory, Fielding Quarles, Margaret Sell, Jake Stark, Cheyanne Sudduth, Jacob Timmins, and Erin Yoser.

7th Grade: Nick Ashker, Megan Brown, Robert Campbell, John Barry Clark, Kara Drago, Rebecca Elliott, Anikka Ferro, Lizzy Free, Raphael Guimera, Olivia Hall, Lauren King, Rachel King, Baker Mitchell, Erin O'Brien, Spencer Ridgway, Anna Schuman, Emily Sosnowski, Olivia Stewart, Grace Sweat, Meghan Tuttle, Nick Vaught, Egan Webster, Ashley Wieties, Jacob Williamson, and Austin Wise.

6th Grade: Lee Arnold, Erin Bargiachi, Ellie Barrow, Cara Bascom, Jamie Brannon, Kyle Buckingham, Lorenz Cabe, Indie Caldwell, Patrick Callahan, Ryan Casiple, Emily Cea, Sam Chafin, Camille Cipriano, Ashely Clemente, Conner Cremerius, Caleb Criswell, Sean Dolan, Katherine Farler, Kristina Ferris, Ashley Herbers, Emily Hieatt, Juliette Hirsch, Mckinley Hollis, Drake Holloway, Sarah Hovanec, Will Huber, John Iovinelli, Celia Kaplan, Andrew Lewis, Kiko Martinez, Macey McCoy, Alex Miller, Hayden Moyes, Emily Odom, Patrick O'Looney, Johnathan Radcliff, Maude Renshaw, Tyler Richards, Christina Rochette, Ruth Simon, Somer Smith, Margo Valadie, Sarah Waddell, and Andrew Williams.

5th Grade: Chandler Alexander, Ashley Anderson, Tori Cappadona, Halle Childers, Matthew Covington, Lauren DeVine, Gabriel Douba, Hannah Dugan, Jacob Dunham, Wyatt Ellis, Connor Evano, Aubrey Greer, Grace Henry, Jesse Hollingsworth, Nathan King, Jordan Kleber, Niki Lewis, Ashley Magusiak, Parker Massa, Samantha Massey, Madison Mayhall, Anna Nash, Hannah Pallera, Marc Piadade, Grayson Raulston, Spencer Raulston, Elio Rodriguez, Mason Rojas, Zachary Ryan, Kylie Schaumburg, Anna Schmidle, Bryan Seaman, Alex Sejas, Will Thomas, Cade Throckmorton, Emma Twele, Annie Wadovick, Joey Walsh, Darrison Wharton and Katherine Wilbanks.

Honor Roll Continued...

Second Honor Roll

8th Grade: *John David Aeschliman, Bryana Clancy, Reid Cumings, Kristina East, Mary Elizabeth Hagan, Abby Leathers, Emily Reber, Kyrie Shaner, Jaret Thomas, and John Truitt.*

7th Grade: *Jack Dyles, Matthew Hammond and Maggie Van deVuurst.*

6th Grade: *Lily Gleneck, Sarah Henson, Nicole Huber, Ben Montgomery, Alexis Rexroat and Kelsey Sanderson.*

5th Grade: *MaryClaire Casaccia, Joseph Short, Maggie Smith and Garth Webster.*

Congratulations to the following Christian Witness Award recipients this Quarter:

8th Grade: *Ben Jones, Curtis Scott, Reid Cummings, Leah Cluck, Emmy Houston and Katie Hieatt*

7th Grade: *Sam Banks, Cameron Strafuss, Austin Wise, Cameron Booth, Isabella Giddens and Jessica Morrison*

6th Grade: *John Iovinelli, Kiko Martinez, Joseph Orgeron, Catherine Crowe, Emily Cea, and Michelle Shah*

5th Grade: *Quincy Card, Aubrey Greer, Halle Childers, Garth Webster and Abigail Williams*

4th Grade: *Thad Ryan, Shane Davey, Maggie Carkeet, Zachary Person, and Phillip Dominguez*

3rd Grade: *Juliet Rhea, Cooper Wilson, Anna Henson, Catherine McCulley and Austin DeVine*

2nd Grade: *Haydn Anderson, Seamas Carrasco, Geno Siano, Rachel Tolbert, and C.J. Dunehew*

1st Grade: *Roberto Guimeras, Lily Demilio and Isabelle Hirsch*

Congratulations to the following **SFA Faculty Members** who received Special Awards at the **Diocese of Memphis Professional Educators Conference**, held at Christian Brothers High School on October 7th:

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**

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. Sally Hilburn**

Good Samaritan Award - The recipient of this award is a person who has emulated the compassion and caring nature of the Good Samaritan in the Gospel of Luke by assisting his/her neighbor in the Catholic Schools. This award was presented to **Ms. Terry Bradley**

St. Sebastian Exemplary Coaching Award – The recipient of this award consistently exhibits in words and actions an attitude of Christian sportsmanship and maintains high expectations for Christian behavior from players. This Award was presented to **Mrs. Kareen Baird**

St. John Bosco Award for Total Christian Formation of Students – The recipient of this award consistently exhibits the Salesian-charism and the ability to interconnect the spiritual, academic, physical and social education of students. This award was presented to **Mrs. Wendy Stewart**.

20 Years of Service Awards were presented to **Mrs. Dea Taylor and Ms. Valorie Valle!**

40 Years of Service Award was presented to **Mrs. Terry Bradley!**

*Special recognition also went to 8th grader **Sophie Bougeois** who received the **Ambassador of Peace Award!***

SPORTS NEWS....from the desk of Karen Baird, Athletic Director



PEE WEE BASKETBALL WALK UP REGISTRATION for 4, 5, and 6 year olds

(Preschool – Kindergarten and Participants must be 4 years old by January 1st, 2012) BOYS and GIRLS will be held SUNDAY, November 20th from 1:30pm – 3:00pm in the Parish Life Center at St. Francis Church. Games will be played on Saturday beginning Jan. 7th
Coaches needed!

\$50.00 participation fee is due at registration. REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN And available through the St. Francis Church office, through the Athletic Director's office or Online Visit

http://www.cdom.org/Web_Sites/StFrancis/YouthAthletics/YouthAthletics.htm. A printable form can be found at <http://www.sfawolves.org/athletics.htm>.

Questions?? Call Karen at 381-2569
DEADLINE for registration is November 20th
Late registrations will only be accepted if space is available.

As our Fall season comes to a close, we want to say "great job" to all athletes. Special recognition goes to the following teams:

- 6th Grade Girls Volleyball – 2nd place in PAA Tournament
- 8th Grade Girls Volleyball - PAA League & PAA Tournament Champions
- 7th/8th Grade Boys Cross Country - PAA League Champions & 1st Place in the PAA Championship Meet. 1st Place in the Shelby 78 League
- 7th / 8th Grade Girls Cross Country – 2nd Place in the PAA Championship Meet
- 5th / 6th Grade Girls Cross Country – 2nd Place in the PAA Championship Meet
- 7th/8th Grade Cheerleaders – 1st Place in PAA Championship
- 7th/8th Grade Boys Golf – 2nd Place in the PAA league and in the PAA Tournament
- 5th/6th Grade Boys Soccer – 2nd place in the PAA league

Go Wolves!

SFA Home and School Association News

Home and School's silent auction tent at the SFA Fall Fest was a great success. The baskets from each grade level raised just over \$4,000 for our school!

Thanks to all who participated in the Boosterthon Fun Run fundraiser. Look for more information to come in the near future with the amount of money raised for our school. The money earned will go towards the installation of covered walkways between lower and middle schools. As an added bonus, the students had a great time!

Next Meeting! Please plan to join us on November 8th for our bi-monthly meeting. Lunch is served at 12:00pm and the meeting begins at 12:30pm in the Parish Life Center. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



MISSOULA THEATRE and the "Little Red Truck" are returning to SFA November 7th for casting and production of *The Tortoise v. The Hare*
Auditions are Monday, November 7th at 3:15pm in the school gym.

Performances:

November 11th at 7:00pm &
November 12th at 1:30pm in the
St. Benedict Theater

Tickets are available for \$12 for adults and \$5 for students through the school office or at the door. Call 388-7321 for more information.

St. Francis Feast Day!

As always, St. Francis Feast Day was a day to remember for our students! The morning began with a wonderful Mass- a BIG thanks to Father Patrick for making it so special! The Middle School Choir was very impressive! The Pet Blessing was fun, as always...how about those police horses? Field Day was phenomenal! Thanks to the P.E. department and all the parent volunteers for their hard work. Here are some highlights from the day...

- 5th grade made about 350 sandwiches for *St. Vincent de Paul Food Mission*
- 6th - 8th grades made close to 1,000 sandwiches for *St. Mary's Soup Kitchen*
- JrK, K and 6th grade made treat bags for our school staff
- 2nd & 8th graders made bird houses for our fine feathered friends!
- 3rd grade made place mats for *Ave Maria Home*
- 4th grade made tray favors for area nursing homes
- 3rd - 8th grade made thank-you cards for our school and Parish staff
- We collected hundreds of pet items for the *St. Francis Animal Rescue!*
- 1st & 7th grade collected school supplies and packaged them for *Holy Names Catholic School*

What a wonderful tribute to our Patron, St. Francis!

News from the SFA Extended Care Office...

The holiday season is approaching and Extended Care would like to wish everyone a happy holiday time as we go into the months of November and December. It is truly a special time of the year!

The following reminders and dates will allow you to make plans for your children who attend Extended Care.

Thanksgiving week only has two school days, Monday the 21st and Tuesday the 22nd. Drop In fees (\$15 per day) apply to everyone in Extended Care for those two days. If your child attends both days, \$30 per child is the total payment for that week. Extended Care is closed November 23rd – 25th.

School is closed on December 8th (Feast of the Immaculate Conception). Extended Care will be open if we have 20 registered students who sign up and prepay by the deadline. Should we not have 20 students, we will refund the money to those who prepaid. Remember, if we are open, there is no refund for a student who is signed up and does not attend.

Extended Care will now provide lunch for students attending when school dismissal time is 11:15. (December 16th is a half day; 11:15 dismissal) You must, however, sign up for lunch to be provided and add \$2.00 to your weekly fee.

Also, there are no payments due during the two weeks of Christmas Break (December 19th – December 30th). Weekly payments will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2011 - December 2011

November 1 – All Saint's Day - NO SCHOOL – Extended Care CLOSED

November 23 – 25 – Thanksgiving Holiday & Break - NO SCHOOL – Extended Care CLOSED

December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception - NO SCHOOL - Extended Care OPEN (if 20 sign up & prepay)

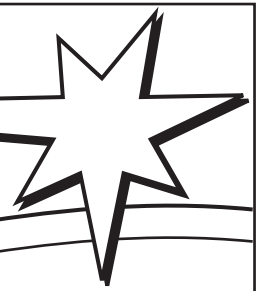
December 14 – 16 – Exams 6th – 8th – 11:15 Dismissal for 6th – 8th Extended Care OPEN

December 16 – Last Day before Christmas Break - 11:15 Dismissal ALL Students -Extended Care OPEN

December 19 – January 2, 2012 – Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL – Extended Care CLOSED

January 16, 2012 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL – Extended Care CLOSED

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November 2011

St. Francis of Assisi Parish



Thoughtful Moments

A new year begins

Each year the Church begins a new liturgical year on the Sunday closest to the feast of the apostle Andrew (November 30). This year the first Sunday of Advent is November 27th. We begin Year B in the liturgical cycle.



A family meal

After-school activities and work schedules can render family dinners a thing of the past. Yet, coming together over a meal several times a week is the best way to stay connected, and reinforce family values. If dinner time isn't practical, try substituting family breakfasts or bedtime snacks. The important thing is to do it regularly and as a family.

All Saints Day

In the early Church, parishes often celebrated a different saint or martyr each day. Persecution of the Church led to more saints and martyrs than days of the calendar, so Pope Gregory IV initiated Nov. 1st as All Saints Day. It is a holy day of obligation.



Let the saints put your children on the right path

Cardinal Virtues are four virtues the Church has identified that will help us get to Heaven. When we teach our children to live by these virtues, we put them on the right path. Try explaining these virtues using saints as examples.

Temperance –

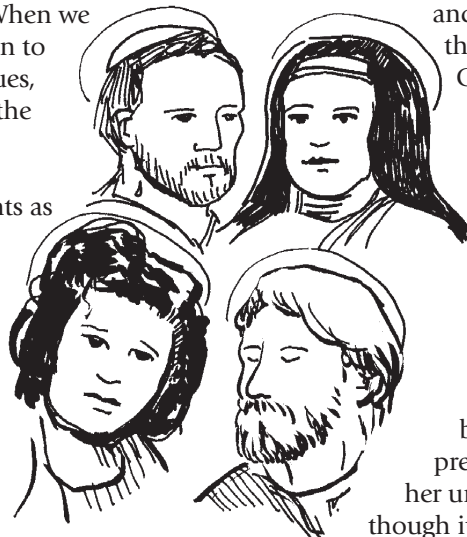
This virtue teaches moderation and self-discipline. St. Therese of Liseieux got everything she wanted as a child. Through temperance, she gave up her selfish ways and put her trust in Jesus. She is known for doing little things with great love.

Justice – Justice teaches us to respect the rights of others. St. Peter Claver used to meet the ships docking in Columbia

burdened with people to be sold as slaves. He brought the passengers food and medicine and assured them of their dignity and God's love. He baptized almost 300,000 slaves.

Fortitude – This virtue gives us the courage to do what is right despite difficult circumstances. St. Gianna Beretta Molla was a pediatrician and mother. When she became ill while pregnant, she refused to end her unborn child's life even though it meant her certain death.

Prudence – St. Joseph, the husband of Mary, demonstrated the virtue of prudence – making the right choices to do good. He followed the instructions of the angel and married Mary, fled to Egypt to protect his family, and was a faithful husband and father.

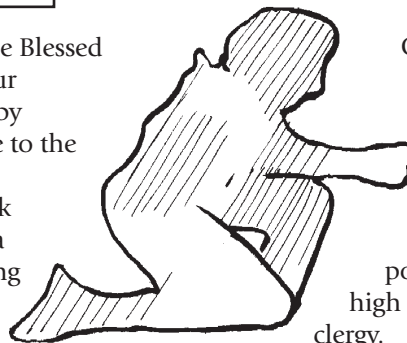


Why Do Catholics Do That ?

Why do we genuflect on the right knee?

In the presence of the Blessed Sacrament we show our respect and reverence by bending the right knee to the floor. The practice of genuflection dates back thousands of years as a sign of respect for a king or emperor.

In the Catholic



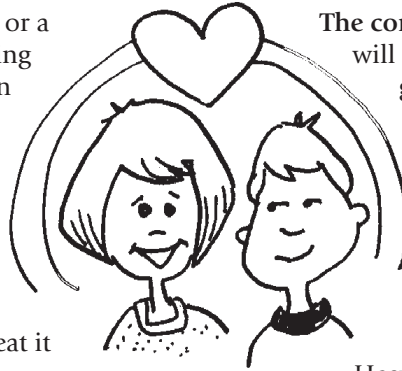
Church, we reserve the right knee for the Blessed Sacrament.

The left knee is used when genuflecting as a formal greeting for a prelate such as a pope, bishop, or other high ranking member of the clergy.

Is Heaven worth the wait?

To many children, a day off from school or a family vacation is heaven in itself. Sacrificing and doing penance to work toward Heaven after death is too abstract a concept to motivate them toward holiness. So how can we help youngsters understand how great Heaven really is?

All good things start there. "Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17). If all good things on earth come from Heaven, imagine how great it is at the source.



The company is best there. When we get there, we will have joyful reunions with beloved grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends who have died before us. Best of all, we get to mingle with the saints, angels, and with Jesus, himself.

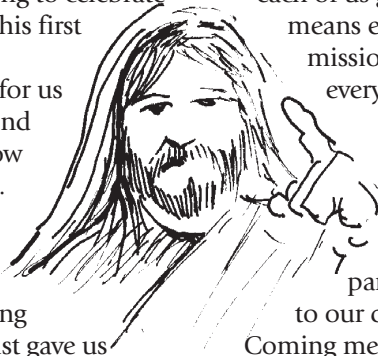
The one who loves us best is there. As much as earthly parents love their children, it's nothing compared to the love God has for each of us. He is the perfect parent – our true Father – and he is waiting for us in Heaven.

Scripture LESSON

**Mark 13:33-37,
Be watchful, be alert**

This gospel is from the first Sunday of Advent. We are preparing to celebrate the birth of Our Lord, his first coming.

But Advent is a time for us to prepare for the Second Coming. We don't know when this will happen. Jesus' message is to be watchful and alert for his coming. To be watchful involves getting our lives in order. Christ gave us the sacraments so we can do this, especially the Sacrament of Penance. Being in a state of grace means we're ready to meet Jesus.



However, this preparation involves each of us gathering the harvest. It means each of us being a missionary in our lives so everyone may come to know and love the Lord when they come face to face with God.

What can a parent do?

This Gospel gives parents a chance to explain to our children what the Second Coming means: that Jesus will come to earth again. This should not be something to fear. Rather, it will be as wonderful as Christmas itself since it means we'll be with God forever.

Parent TALK

Whenever Rachel and I need to talk, we go out to the garden. So it was no surprise to me that we spent countless hours out there this summer after my mother died.



Rachel was having a hard time understanding why God would take her grandmother away and missed her terribly. I, too, was struggling, so it

was hard to make her understand. It wasn't until one day when I was carrying in some cut flowers that I knew what to say.

I told Rachel that Grandma was like a flower God took care of. He made sure that she grew a little each day until she became the person he wanted her to be. That's when she had finally bloomed and he took her to live with him in his house in Heaven.

That made Rachel smile and she finally understood that death on earth meant life in Heaven.

Feasts & Celebrations

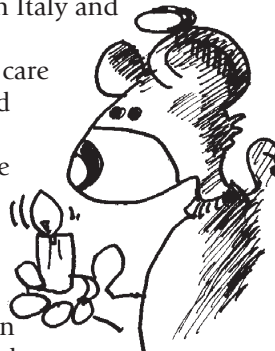
Nov. 10 – Pope St. Leo, the Great (461). Pope St. Leo helped the Church stay united despite attacks from false teachers and warring tribes. He is famous for his explanations of the faith.

Nov. 11 - St. Martin of Tours (397). The patron of soldiers, St. Martin was forced to join the army at the age of 15 but left to become a priest. He founded a monastery near Poitiers, France, and later became bishop of Tours.

Nov. 12 – St. Josaphat (1623). Born in the Ukraine, St. Josaphat converted to Catholicism, became a

Basilian monk, then a priest, and was named Bishop of Vitebsk (now in Russia). He worked for unity in the Church but was martyred.

Nov. 13 – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1917). Mother Cabrini started the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Italy and founded 67 institutions to care for the sick and forgotten in Europe and the Americas. She died in Chicago and was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized.



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