

MONDAY MAIL – August 29, 2011

School Website: [www.sfawolves.org](http://www.sfawolves.org)

School Calendar: <http://sfawolves.org/calendar.html>

Church Website: <http://stfrancismemphis.org/>

#### 1. TRAFFIC NOTES

We are actually seeing an improvement in our morning and afternoon traffic – thank you for your patience and cooperation! A few things we have noticed that may help---If possible, try to have your child's backpack near them when it is time for them to exit the car; children getting out of cars to retrieve backpacks out of the trunk slows down traffic and is sometimes dangerous. Please make use of both drop-off lanes in the center of campus. The one nearest the gym is empty some mornings. When driving south on Germantown Parkway, circling through the apartments across from the school to come through the light at Chimneyrock just causes a longer back-up for our parents turning left off of Germantown Parkway. Please refrain from doing this.

#### 2. FIRST QUARTER DONATION JEANS DAY THIS FRIDAY

We will have our first donation jeans day this Friday, September 2nd. Our 8th grade students have asked for our school to collect money for Catholic Relief Services, an agency that will be providing disaster relief to those along the east coast affected by Hurricane Irene. Please use the following guidelines for dress on our donation jeans day (Parent/Student handbook, page 63). Students may wear jeans, khaki or cargo pants, skirts or dresses as long as they are not torn, ripped or frayed (no skin showing). Capris must be at least mid-calf length. No costumes of any kind are allowed. PK-5th may wear nice shorts, the length of school shorts. 6th – 8th may NOT wear shorts or jeggings (jean leggings). No inappropriate language and/or graphics on clothing. No backless, strapless or spaghetti strap dresses or tops. Flip-flop shoes are NOT permitted.

#### 3. \*\*\*SPIRIT SHOP OPEN TUES & THURS BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL\*\*\*

#### 4. ROSARY CLUB

The Rosary Club will meet Wednesday in Mrs. Lenahan's room JNH 111 from 3:05 – 3:40. 7th/8th graders can receive 30 minutes of Adoration Hours. Bring your rosary—extras will be available.

#### 5. IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

Any and all medication (including over the counter) must be prescribed by a medical doctor and must be delivered by a parent or guardian to the school nurse. All medications must be in the original container. Students may never carry medications on school grounds. This includes ibuprofen, Tylenol, and cough drops. Thank you for your cooperation!

#### 6. FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

A note from Bill McGregor, our First Friday Coordinator for Home and School: At our school, our children have the opportunity every First Friday to spend time with our Lord. A monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament is placed in our school's Chapel so that our students may spend time in Adoration. In order to manage classes coming in and out of the Chapel, and to ensure that our Lord is not left alone in the Chapel, one parent remains in the chapel with the Blessed Sacrament at certain times. If you have never spent time in adoration, please consider trying it. It is a way to

pray that is special to the Catholic Church, but you do not need to be Catholic to participate. There is no "right way" to spend time with our Lord. You can feel free to bring a prayer book, a book of meditations, a rosary, i-pod, or anything else that helps draw you closer to our Lord. Or, just spend 15 minutes in blissful silence, allowing His presence to lead your thoughts as He sees fit.

Would you consider signing up to spend some time with our Lord in Adoration? If you have any questions, please call Bill McGregor at 901-754-4617, or e-mail me at [wlmcgregor@comcast.net](mailto:wlmcgregor@comcast.net). If you signed up at registration, please let Bill know – the sign-up sheet was lost. Each month, we will contact you and see if you are available to "remain here and keep watch with me".

#### 7. 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS

If you were unable to attend Meet the Teacher Night and would like information about the 7th Grade Field Trip to Nashville in the spring please contact [merilyn.orendorff@sfaschool.cdom.org](mailto:merilyn.orendorff@sfaschool.cdom.org) for information.

#### 8. 2ND & 8TH GRADE PRAYER PARTNER PICNIC

Prayer Partner Picnic will be Wednesday, August 31 from 11:00am TO 12:15pm on the St. Francis soccer fields. All 8th and 2nd graders need to bring a sack lunch and a drink. 8th graders please bring in a blanket to picnic on and some items to play with following lunch (i.e. soft balls, side walk chalk, Frisbee, and bubbles).

#### 9. STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

(SGA) will announce its OFFICER Candidate winners from the August 29 election day on Tuesday during morning announcements. Immediately following the announcements, the HOMEROOM Representative elections will take place during Homeroom and the winners will be informed then. SGA will hold its first meeting Wednesday, August 31 immediately after school until 4:00. The topic for discussion is Homecoming, so all new Officers and Homeroom Reps should plan to attend.

#### 10. SFA SWIM TEAM

Any 6th – 8th grade student interested in participating on the swim team should contact Mrs. Baird to pick up a registration form.

#### 11. SFA FALL FEST (formerly Oktoberfest)

This year's event will take place on Friday September 30th and Saturday October 1st. We are always looking for SFA Parishioners that would like to volunteer during the event to assist in making it a success. We are also looking for sponsors and this year it will include the ability to sponsor the "corn hole contest". We are currently taking applications in the church office for the BBQ Teams and the Corn Hole Teams. If you are interested, please stop by the church office or contact Chris Lomasney at [candelomasney@comcast.net](mailto:candelomasney@comcast.net) or 901-756-6822. You can also friend us on Facebook [sfafallfest](https://www.facebook.com/sfafallfest) or visit the official website for forms and updated information. <http://sfafallfest.org/>