

MONDAY MAIL – December 5, 2011

Thursday December 8th Extended Care will be open. Please provide a lunch or send an additional \$2 and lunch will be provided.

Parents, please remember if your students arrive on campus prior to 7:35 you should drop them off at the café doors for Morning Care. If they are dropped somewhere else on campus prior to 7:35 then they need to walk directly to the café doors. Please also let them know that the Germantown doors do not open prior to 7:30. Thank you for your help! Mrs. York

PLANNING AHEAD

Dec 8 – SCHOOL CLOSED - FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Dec 10 – Home & School Father/Daughter Dance 6:30pm SBA

Dec 15 - SODEXO LUNCH MEAL PROGRAM 2ND SEMESTER DUE

Dec 16 – Extended Care open until 6pm

1. TOMORROW (St. Nick Day) IS “BRING A PAIR, WEAR A PAIR”

We are holding the Pajama Day once again and information about the organization as well as guidelines and rules for wearing PJ's to school can be found on the website at www.sfawolves.org. All grades PreK – 8th are welcome to take part! Last year we made the news for 647 pairs of PJ's! Donation is not necessary to participate.

2. MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMIC TEAM

The Middle School Academic Team will participate in the Fall Knowledge Master Open Computer Competition tomorrow, Tuesday Dec. 6th during school from 11:30 to 3:00pm. Team members will need to come to the middle school computer lab at 11:30am in order to go over competition rules and procedures. Pizza will be provided for FREE, but students must either bring a drink from home or money to purchase a drink from the vending machines. Students are responsible for all work they may miss during 5th, 6th or 7th period and MUST check with those teachers prior to leaving for the day. Students will also be allowed to leave the competition for any class period in which they have tests and will be allowed to return once the test is completed. After the competition finishes at 3:00pm, there will be no after school practice that day and no other practices due to exams until following the Christmas Break.

3. SODEXO 2ND SEMESTER MEAL PLAN DUE DECEMBER 12th

Please send in your payment for the semester meal plan. The deadline is December 12th! After December 12th there will be a \$25.00 late fee. You can find a form on our website at www.sfawolves.org

4. CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14th - PLC GYM

PreK/JrK/K 8:45-9:15

1st, 2nd, 3rd 9:30 – 10:15

4th and 5th 10:30 – 11:00

2nd grade only will be wearing pajamas for the program. 2nd grade students are asked to wear warm pajamas with their P.E. shoes.

PreK, JrK, K, 1st, and 3rd are asked to wear festive Christmas attire such as dresses, slacks, sweaters etc. Students may not wear jeans. Parents should take into consideration that the students will be attending lunch and recess in their outfits.

4th and 5th grade boys are to wear polos or oxford shirts that are either white, black or Christmas colors and slacks (no jeans or shorts). They cannot wear tennis shoes.

4th and 5th grade girls can wear skirts, slacks, or dresses that follow the same color guidelines. If they are wearing a dress, they must wear shorts or tights under it. Out of uniform handbook policies should be followed.

5. REGISTRATION FOR THE 2012-2013 FOR NEW STUDENTS

We are accepting applications for siblings of current SFA students for all grades PreK-8, for the 2012-2013 school year. Please turn in your application by December 15, 2011, to be included in entrance testing scheduled next month. For more information or to receive an application, contact Susan Fetz at 381-2548. Current SFA students will re-register in February 2012. All tuition must be paid current in order to re-register your child.

6. MIDDLE SCHOOL EXAM SCHEDULE DEC14, 15, 16

Dismissal for 6th – 8th Grades will be 11:15. Extended Care will be available at 11:15.

Grade 6 – Wed (5th/2nd), Thurs (7th/3rd), Fri (6th/1st)

Grade 7 – Wed (7th/4th), Thurs (6th/3rd), Fri (1st/5th)

Grade 8 – Wed (7th/4th), Thurs (6th/1st), Fri (5th/2nd)

7. COAT COLLECTION THROUGH DECEMBER 15th

As we do each year, we will collect coats for those in need in our community! Please place your gently used Children's and Adult Coats in the collection boxes located in each building through December 15th. Donated coats will be given to Catholic Charities.

8. CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECTS FOR 1ST - 5TH GRADES

Many grade levels are doing service projects for the holidays. Please check your Monday folder or your child's Edline over the next two weeks for more information. Remember that all collections are optional.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT FOR 6TH GRADE

6th Grade is collecting new or gently used books for the Shelby County Juvenile Detention Center. The following books are needed: Young Adult Fiction/Non Fiction, High Interest, low-reading format books, magazines, biography (example sport figures), and career/college material. Send all donations to Ms. Lauren Smith's 6th grade classroom. Remember that all collections are optional.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT FOR 7TH & 8TH GRADES

Our Christmas Service Project for 1st, 7th and 8th grades is "Gifts for God's Children", sponsored by Catholic Charities. Gifts are needed for children ages 0-18 years old and the elderly. Bring your new, unwrapped gift to collection boxes in each school office by Thursday, December 15th. Gift cards should be enclosed in an envelope with the store name and amount printed on the outside. Gift suggestions for children are: Legos, Barbies, cars, action figures, Footballs, Basketballs, Soccer Balls, and dolls. For Teens: anything electronic, purses, perfume, DVD's, watches jackets, gloves and backpacks. For the elderly: slippers, robes, pajamas, blankets, crossword puzzles, hats and gloves. Remember that all collections are optional. Thank you for helping us serve others!

9. DECEMBER SALE AT PARKER UNIFORM

Take advantage of 20% off all in-stock merchandise and free shipping on orders of \$100 or more. www.parkersu.com St. Francis School code ME067103

10. WONDERING WHAT TO WRITE IN YOUR FAMILY'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LETTER?

We have a suggestion for you! As you write your family's annual Christmas letter to mail out with your cards, be sure to mention the success that your child has had with donating Campbell's Labels for Education and Boxtops for Education – and ask your extended family members to help us even more! Consider asking your extended family to save their own, and to give them to you once or twice a year if possible. If every family was able to expand their reach, we could DOUBLE our donations for the year! Remember, these are easy to do, and we recommend a zipie bag in your main kitchen drawer as collection spot. Ask your extended family to continue saving them for you over the summer too! If you need any "wording" for your letter, here's a brief overview of the programs:

Boxtops for Education are the pink cutouts that provide our school with 10 cents for each one redeemed! You'll be amazed at how quickly they add up! Last year alone we earned over \$3,180 for SFA. You can find them on participating products such as Avery, Betty Crocker, Cheerios and most General Mills brand cereals, Hamburger Helper, Hefty, Juicy Juice, Ziploc, Kleenex, Welch's, Bisquick, Totino's Pizzas, Old El Paso, Progresso Soups, Cottonelle, Scott Paper Towels/Napkins, Land O Lakes, Pillsbury, Yoplait, Chex Mix, Fruit Roll-Ups, and Nature Valley granola bars (just to name a few!) For more info, check them out at www.btfe.com. Campbell's Labels for Education is a program that works on a point system. Last year we redeemed points for two digital cameras! Years ago, we needed to submit the entire can's label, but now all we need to submit are the UPC codes (the part that beeps at the grocery checkout). Your help in clipping these out is greatly appreciated! These labels are on participating products such as Bic, Campbell's soups, Dannon yogurts, Franco American products (Spaghetti O's), Pace salsas, Pepperidge Farms, Post cereals, Prego, Swanson, V-8, Wolfgang Puck frozen entrees, Emerald Nuts, Glad storage, and Pop Secret popcorn. You can easily double our earnings by enrolling your Kroger Shopping Card in the online program by going to www.elabelsforeducation.com and linking your card to our school.

11. GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL FRIENDS DINNER & OPEN HOUSE FEBRUARY 2

It's not too late for students to 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.

12. SFA SPORTS From the desk of Karen Baird, Athletic Director

5th – 8th basketball season has now begun! You can find their schedules on the website at <http://sfawolves.org/schedules.html> Good luck to all teams – GO TIMBERWOLVES!!!!

BASKETBALL (1st - 4th grade boys and girls) and BASEBALL & SOFTBALL (5th – 8th grade) registration is NOW OPEN. The walk up registration (Deadline) will be Sunday, December 11th in the PLC from 1:30 - 3:00 pm. A \$50.00 fee is due at registration. Participants must be students at St. Francis School or attending St. Francis PRE. Late registrations will only be accepted if space is available. Coaches needed. A printable registration form can be found at www.sfawolves.org. Early registration is available through the church office, the Athletic Director's office, or online at: http://www.cdom.org/Web_Sites/StFrancis/YouthAthletics/YouthAthletics.htm. Any questions, call Karen @381-2569.

13. JOHN ANGOTTI & FRIENDS FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join us for an unforgettable Christmas event: Extraordinary Love with John Angotti and friends, Sunday, December 18th, 7pm at the Cannon Center. Featuring Kevin and Bethany Paige, MC'd by Joe Birch and opening message from Bishop Terry Steib. Guest choirs include St. Benedict at Auburndale Choir, St. Agnes Academy Ladies First, and Diocesan wide adult chorus. This concert will be a sellout event! Call 901-722-4750 to purchase your tickets today. Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities of West TN and St. Martin DePorres Shrine and Institute. Check out this sneak peak of Extraordinary Love 2011 at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8KI31qOxIkQ>

14. TEACHING MASS RESCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 11

The Teaching Mass for children receiving First Communion this year has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 11 @ 7:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Church Sanctuary. At least one parent should attend.