

## **MONDAY MAIL – December 12, 2011**

The faculty and staff at St Francis of Assisi Catholic School would like to wish you a safe and Happy Holiday Season!!!

### **PLANNING AHEAD**

Dec 15 - SODEXO LUNCH MEAL PROGRAM 2ND SEMESTER DUE

Dec 16 – Christmas Break begins – 11:15 dismissal All Students - Extended Care open until 6pm

Dec 16 – Jan 2 CHRISTMAS BREAK

Tuesday, Jan 3 – Classes Resume – report cards emailed or sent home in Monday Folders

Check for activities happening when we return from break on the website calendar

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

### **1. 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

(Please, no drinks in the PLC gym)

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.

### **2. CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DVD's**

Stay Green Productions will make a DVD of the PreK – 5th grade Christmas Program on December 14th. You may pre-order at the table in the back of the gym on Wednesday for \$15 each. The DVD's will be ready for pick-up Monday, Dec 19th in the church office. For more information, contact Matt Dolan at 901-751-1385.

### **3. MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPUTER LAB WILL NOT BE OPEN AFTER SCHOOL THIS WEEK!**

### **4. CHRISTMAS SPECIAL – FOR SALE - SFA TERVIS TUMBLER!!!**

\$14 for a 16oz and \$16 for a 24oz – includes a free lid. Tumblers can be purchased at the spirit shop or the front office.

## **5. REGISTRATION FOR THE 2012-2013 FOR NEW STUDENTS – DECEMBER 15th**

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 THURSDAY**

This is the last week for our coat collection. Catholic Charities will pick up all gently used adult and children's coats Thursday morning. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Please check your Monday folder or your child's Edline today for details about grade level service projects. All items will be picked up this week.

## **9. 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.

## **10. 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!

## **11. 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](http://www.parkersu.com) St. Francis School code ME067103

## **12. 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 labels and boxtops, 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 ziploc 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](http://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](http://www.elabelsforeducation.com) and linking your card to our school.

## **13. 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](mailto: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.

## **14. 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>

## **15. 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.