

TUESDAY MAIL – Grades 6-8 February 2, 2010

Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday - All School Mass beginning at 8:15

Room Parents will be recognized at mass

Thursday - Book Fair - Open House – Dinner beginning at 5:00

Friday - 11:30 Dismissal – Student Appreciation Day

Spirit Jeans Day – reward for Haiti collection (see pg 60 in Handbook for guidelines)

1. EXTENDED CARE NEWS

All Extended Care Students should be picked up on Thursday (Open House Night) in the GYM. The Extracurricular Activities canceled for this day are: Chess, Cheer/Tumbling & Mad Science.

2. TEACHER APPRECIATION LETTERS

Don't forget to send in your letters for the teachers who have meant so much to you and your child this year. The last day to bring them in will be Wednesday. We will deliver them to the teachers on Thursday. Send letters in to the front office in care of Betty Siano.

3. 8th GRADE TRAVELING ADORATION

Our 8th graders will be traveling to several churches this Friday, February 5th from 7 pm – 10 pm for First Friday Adoration. This is an opportunity for the 8th graders to earn 3 Adoration hours. We will meet at 7:00 pm in the front of school. Parents are to pick up their children at 10:00 pm at the McDonald's on Poplar and Germantown Road.

We still need parent drivers. Please contact Mrs. Lomasney at elizabeth.lomasney@sfaschool.cdom.org if you are available to drive and the number of students you can transport.

Permission slips for Traveling Adoration must be signed and returned by Wednesday, February, 3.

Remember, all 8th grade students, Catholic or not Catholic, need 20 service hours and 8 Adoration hours. For those students who are not Catholic, Adoration hours may include any type of activity that their church sponsors that brings them closer to God.

4. SGA Chicken Biscuits on Friday this week

The SGA will not be selling chicken biscuits this Wednesday due to All School Mass. However, SGA will be selling them on Friday, Feb. 5. And in honor of Student Appreciation Day, they will be offering them at a discounted price of \$2/ea instead of \$2.25!

5. 8th GRADE ENGLISH CLASSES

Because the students did a fabulous job on their debates, we will be watching The Great Debaters in class to wrap up our debate paper. You can find a review from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at <http://www.usccb.org/movies/g/greatdebaters.shtml>

The movie is PG-13 and there will be some material edited out.

6. Scripps Spelling Bee

Saturday, February 6th is the countywide Scripps Spelling Bee sponsored by The Commercial Appeal. Jake McClure, who is in seventh grade, will be representing St. Francis as our school champion. We want to give him our support and wish him every success. Go Jake!

7. 3 YEAR OLD CLASS FOR 2010-2011

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is beginning a new program for 3 year old children for the 2010-2011 school year. This will be a full day program, Monday – Friday from 7:50am – 3:00pm with morning care and extended care available. Children must be three years old by September 30, 2010. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please contact our Admissions Director, Susan Fetz @ 381-2548 or susan.fetz@sfaschool.cdom.org by February 15th.

8. REMINDER TUITION DUE FEB. 1 AND REGISTRATION

This is the last quarterly statement for the current school year. Tuition payments are due by FEBRUARY 1, 2010, unless other arrangements have been made with the Business Office. Diocesan policy requires that families must have fulfilled all financial obligations for the current school year, 2009-2010, before being allowed to re-register for the 2010-2011 school year. If your financial obligations have been met for the current school year, re-registration materials for the 2010-2011 school year will be sent home with your youngest child on Monday, February 8th for grades JrK-5, and mailed for grades 6 and 7,. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Heath at karen.heath@sfaschool.cdom.org.

9. BOOKFAIR FEB 1-4

Mark your calendars! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to St. Francis School! The Book Fair will be open February 1 to February 4 from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Thursday the Fair will be open from 7:30 am to 8:00 pm. Parents can shop with their children during their regularly scheduled library period the week of the Fair. This year's fair will be in the Activity Room located in St. Edward Hall in the northwest corner of the building. We look forward to seeing you at the Scholastic Book Fair!

10. PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL FRIENDS OPEN HOUSE & DINNER

Our annual Open House & Dinner for all of our SFA families and students will be this Thursday, with dinner beginning at 5:00pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Dinner Prices: Adults & Children 11 yrs. & above - \$8.00; Children 4yrs. to 10 yrs. - \$5.00; Children 3yrs. & under – Free. If you need more information, contact tina.sosnowski@sfaschool.cdom.org

11. HOME & SCHOOL NIGHT MEETING

Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7:00 in the Parish Life Center Room 113. Come and learn more about “Organization Skills: Helping Students both at Home and at School” Lauren Cox, our Middle School Counselor will talk about student disorganization which can cause much stress, both at home and at school, and it can create a number of academic challenges. In this presentation, Miss Cox will discuss the factors affecting organization and provide parents with tips to help them strengthen organization at home.

12. BOX TOPS/CAMPBELL'S LABELS CONTEST ENDS FEBRUARY 19

Win a pizza party for your home room! Clip and send in Box Tops and Campbell's Labels by February 19. The homeroom that collects the most per student will win a pizza party! Runners up will get a tasty treat of their choice. Look for the pink box tops on General Mills, Yoplait yogurt, Ziploc, Hefty and Betty Crocker products. The Campbell's labels are on Goldfish, Swanson broths; Spaghetti-O's and Prego products. Please participate – clip, save and win pizza!

13. SBA PROJECT GRADUATION TRIVIA NIGHT SATURDAY FEB. 27

Its Trivia's - "Retro Night" - Hip Hop, Rock N'Roll, and Disco sponsored by Project Graduation. Doors open at 6:30 in the SBA dining Hall. For more information, visit our website under Events – Community News.

14. Eucharistic Adoration with Monsignor will be held tonight at 6.30 in the Church Chapel.