

TUESDAY MAIL – Grades 6 - 8
Tuesday, March 24, 2009

1. Calendar Notes:

March 23 – SPRING UNIFORM REGULATIONS BEGIN – Check Handbook for Guidelines!
March 25 – Christian Witness Awards following 8:15 am Mass for Grades 1-5
March 26 – Christian Witness Awards following 8:15 am Mass for Grades 6-8
April 1 – Spring Pictures; 5th Grade Honor Roll following 8:15 am Mass
April 2 - 6th – 8th Grade Honor Roll following 8:15 am Mass

2. Spring ITBS – please see attached

3. CLASS PICTURE ORDERS

All class picture orders are due NO LATER THAN Wednesday, March 25th.

4. HoneyBaked Ham Fundraiser

Just mention St. Francis School when you check out at the HoneyBaked Ham store in Cordova and we will receive 10% of your purchase from Monday, April 6th through Saturday, April 11th. Any purchase from a cookie, a ham, or box lunches for an office will earn money for our school. Tell your family and friends!

5. All 8th Grade Students

Each 8th grade student needs to bring in 12 plastic Easter eggs, stuffed with candy, for the Easter Egg Hunt. Candy stuffed eggs are due to Mrs. Odom by Thursday, March 26. We have several students with peanut allergies. Please avoid using candy that contains any nut products.

6. 8th Grade Field Trip to National Civil Rights Museum

The 8th grade will be going to the National Civil Rights Museum on Friday, March 27th and then to CiCi's Pizza for lunch. The price is \$4/person. Permission slips are due Wednesday, March 25, and if your child did not receive a form; they are located on Edline under Mrs. Rosengarten's History classes.

7. 6th Grade Parents:

You are invited to join us for a "Shadow Vignette Presentation of the Stations of the Cross". Please check for the time slot for your child's class period, sign in at the school office, and join us in the school chapel.

Wednesday, March 25th

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| 9:15 – 9:40 | 2nd Period |
| 10:20 – 10:45 | 3rd Period |
| 11:10-11:35 | 4th Period |
| 12:40 – 1:05 | 5th Period |
| 2:25 – 2:50 | 7th Period |

8. National Junior Honor Society Members:

National Junior Honor Society members will need 5 service hours before the Middle of May in order to stay active members. Please see Mrs. Jones for the availability of tutoring hours as well as Campus Beautification hours.

9. School-Wide Lenten Project

Remember, each Friday during Lent to encourage your students to bring canned goods to help the less fortunate. Especially needed are rice, dried beans, boxed dinners, canned meats and vegetables, and soups. Everything will be donated to Catholic Charities. Let's fill the shelves of our Food Pantry!

10. DONATIONS FOR TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Our Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is fast approaching and we need your donations of gifts, money, gift cards or items from your business to use as door prizes. We appreciate all donations, large or small. Items may be dropped off in the main office at the school. Please contact Margie Smith Margie_2003@bellsouth.net, 759-9470 (home) or 833-6982 (cell) if you have any questions.

11. SUMMER READING/MATH REQUIREMENTS

Summer Reading requirements have been posted on the website at www.sfawolves.org. Reading packets for students entering 5th-8th grades (2009-2010 school year) are also available on the website and will be available in the school office the last week of school.

Math Requirements: Students entering 5th – 8th grades (2009-2010 school year) will be using the internet based math program ALEKS to fulfill their summer Math requirements. ALEKS letters for rising 5th graders, with login and password information, will be sent home in May. All 5th – 8th graders will be required to log in 18 productive hours on ALEKS this summer.

12. SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Summer Refresher classes are available to help with the math and reading requirements -visit the website (Under the Academics tab) or call the school office for more information.

13. LIBRARY INFORMATION

With Easter holidays in a few weeks, I want to make you aware of the voluntary drawing I am having in the library in honor of National Library Week (April 20-24). This early heads up will give you the opportunity to get a public library card in your child's name over the break. Students in grades KK to Fifth who bring in a public library card with their name on it will place their name in a drawing the week of April 20-24. Visiting the public library this summer will give you and your child a wealth of summer reading material. Studies show that summer reading helps reduce educational losses. Mrs. Pallme, Librarian

14. CAMP INVENTION COMING TO SFACS

A summer program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame Foundation is being offered for students entering grades 1-6. For more information, visit www.campinvention.org or call 800-968-4332. Make your check for this camp payable to: Camp Invention. Camp dates are June 22-26 and the cost is \$205 (includes daily snacks and a Camp Invention T-shirt). Early Registration DISCOUNT price offered is \$185 if registered by March 31st. Camp Invention SFACS Director: Wendy Stewart.

15. SFACS EXTENDED CARE SUMMER PROGRAM

SFACS Extended Care Summer Camp 2009! Registration information is now available on our website or stop by the Extended Care office/Cafeteria to pick up materials!

16. SFA SUMMER THEATER CAMP

5th - 8th Grade Students at SFA

WHEN: Two weekly sessions: June 15-19 & June 22-26

TIME: 9:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

COST: \$155 per week; includes snacks (lunch must be brought daily)

Registration Fee: \$ 75 Non-refundable & will be applied to the cost of camp

(Balance to be paid the first day of camp)

Performance: June 26th @ 1:00p.m. - Directed by Mrs. Teri Rickaby

For more information and registration form, visit www.sfawolves.org under News & Events - SFA Summer Programs on the Home page.

Other Opportunities:

1. SFACC Easter Egg Hunt

All are invited to the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th on the SFA Sports Field by the church. Shotgun start at 10am. Golden Eggs will be awarded in each age group. Come join the fun! Sponsored by the St. Francis of Assisi Church Knights of Columbus. For more information contact David Zwissler at (901) 867-2116 or email at zwiss99@yahoo.com

2. Praise and Worship/XLT

Praise and Worship/XLT is offered at the Church Chapel every Tuesday Evening from 6:30 – 8:00. The evening includes praise through song and a time for adoration. Please note that this event will not be offered after April 7th so plan your adoration and faith hours accordingly.

3. Please check our website at www.sfawolves.org for information on summer camps and programs offered throughout our diocese. We will post them as the information becomes available. Go to “News and Events” at the bottom of the home page. Please note that the activities listed here are not affiliated with St. Francis of Assisi School or Parish.

Information currently available:

SBA SPORTS CAMPS

BUBBLE OF FUN Swim Lessons – provided by Janice Skinner