

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Timberwolves Spirit Shop

will be Open on
Tuesdays and Thursdays
before and after school.

SFACS

Mission Statement:

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School seeks the promotion of student personal excellence through maximum spiritual, academic, emotional, social and physical growth.

A Note from the Principal...

Why do we choose to send our children to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School?

When I think back 9 years to when I made the decision to send my oldest child here, I remember why. I envisioned a place where my child would receive an excellent education in a Catholic Christian environment. I wanted a school that offered an array of school day and after school activities where he could develop his talents, stay interested and stay busy. I wanted a place where the teachers and staff would love and take care of him. I wanted him to be happy about coming to school on most any given day. And, most of all I wanted a place where God was forever present, talked about freely and used as a reminder to all that every child and person was created to be unique, special and gifted.

Our school has changed much over the past 9 years -we've added buildings, students, teachers, technology and programs. Yet still those basic principals I searched for then remain strong now! Thank you for sending your children to St. Francis!

Beth York

Upcoming Events

October, 2008

- 3 Celebration for St. Francis Feast Day/All School Mass/Field Day
- 8 School Picture Day (in Uniform) – Jr.k-3rd Grades
- 9 School Picture Day (in Uniform) – 4th – 8th Grades
- 10 Parent –Teacher Conferences - **11:30 a.m. DISMISSAL**
- 10-11 St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Oktoberfest
- 14 Home & School Evening Meeting- 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. PLC
- 15 **End of First Quarter**
- 16 Diocesan Faculty Conferences - **11:30 a.m. DISMISSAL**
- 17 Diocesan Faculty Conferences -**NO SCHOOL**
- 20 Fall Break - **NO SCHOOL**
- 22 Christian Witness Mass (Grades 1-5) – 8:15 a.m. SFACC
- 23 Christian Witness Mass (Grades 6-8) – 8:15 a.m. SFACC
- 24 Honor Roll Mass – 5th Grade – 8:15 a.m. SFACC
- 25 Honor Roll Mass – 6th – 8th Grades – 8:15 a.m. SFACC
- 31 ECC Halloween Parade/ Donation Out of Uniform Day

November, 2008

- 2 Open House for Prospective Parents – 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- 3 Winter Uniform Regulations Begin
- 5 Innisbrook Delivery Day - MPR

St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day Celebration October 3, 2008

Mass 8:15 a.m. for Grades 1-8 followed by a
Blessing of the Pets in the Church Courtyard



Field Day Schedule

All Students Wear PE Uniforms (all Day)

9:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. – 1st & 2nd (Baseball Field)

11:35 a.m. – 1:05 p.m. – 3rd & 4th (Baseball Field)

1:15 p.m. – 2:35 p.m. – 5th & 6th (Baseball Field)

1:00 p.m. – 2:35 p.m. – 7th & 8th (Church Field)

Jr.K & 5K students will participate in a variety of activities including a moon bounce, obstacle course, mad science and music at the Extended Care field throughout the day.

Lunch, provided by SFA School and Home and School, will include **Pizza, Water, Soft Drinks and Popsicles**. (If your child does not like Pizza, please send a sack lunch.)

Lunch Schedule

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – 3rd – 4th grades (Café)

11:10 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. – 5th grade (Café)

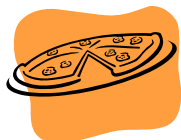
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – 1st – 2nd grades (Café)

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. – Jr.K & 5K (Classrooms)

12:20 a.m. – 12:50 a.m. – 6th grade (Café)

12:00 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. – 7th grade (Café)

12:00 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. – 8th grade (MPR)



CONNECT ED Communications

As we mentioned earlier, SFA will begin utilizing the *Connect-ED Communication System* as a means to contact all of our parents within minutes concerning emergencies or school closings, should the need arise. The system will leave a message if no one is available to answer. You should have already received a “test” call from our superintendent, Dr. Mary McDonald. We will now follow up with two calls from Mrs. York. The calls will come from our main number 388-7321. One will be made on Wednesday (Oct. 1) of this week; another test will come next week. This first week's call & message will go out to the one "primary phone number" that we have in our system for your family, (the same number on which you received Dr. McDonald's message).

The Connect Ed program will notify us if the call is not successful and we will then contact you to correct our records.



SPORTS NEWS....from the desk of Kareen Baird, Athletic Director

5th - 8th Grade Basketball registration will open up on September 15th. The walk up registration will be Sunday, October 5th in the St. Francis Parish Life Center 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. The **DEADLINE** to register will be Sunday, October 5th. The \$50.00 participation fee is due with the registration form.

Basketball Evaluations have been scheduled in the SFA school gym

OCTOBER 24th		OCTOBER 26th	
5th grade boys	5:30 - 7:00	7th grade boys	1:30 - 3:00
6th grade boys	7:00 - 8:30	8th grade boys	3:00 - 5:00
OCTOBER 27th		OCTOBER 28th	
5th grade girls	5:30 - 7:00	7th grade girls	5:30 - 7:00
6th grade girls	7:00 - 8:30	8th grade girls	7:00 - 8:30

All 5th - 8th Grade athletes **MUST** have a physical prior to participation. The orange medical form can be picked up in the church office, main school office, and just outside of the gym in St. John Neumann Hall. The medical form must be on file in order to participate in the evaluations.

To the parents of current 4th graders: If your child plans to play any SFA sports in the 5th grade, please **PLAN AHEAD** and have their physical scheduled after June 1st, 2009. The Parochial Athletic Association (PAA) requires all athletes in the 5th - 8th grade to have a physical. The orange medical form must be on file with the athletic director prior to participation. The orange medical form for the 2009-10 school year will be available in May. Any questions, contact Kareen Baird at 381-2569.

Any questions regarding St. Francis Athletics, contact Kareen Baird at 381-2569



RAINBOWS SUPPORT GROUPS

Support groups for children who have experienced a loss due to a divorce or death in their family. Students in Jr.K - 4th Grade please E-Mail Debbie Brown at debbie.brown@sfaschool.cdom.org for more information. Students in 5th-8th Grade, please contact Lauren Cox at lauren.cox@sfaschool.cdom.org.

~NEWS~

***Jr.K** visited the Agricenter to learn about fruits and vegetables. They also took a hayride and had a picnic.

* **A note from Mrs. Brickhill, Computer Teacher** - Having a hard time motivating your child in learning the weekly spelling words? Go online to spellingcity.com. The computer will read the words, use it in a sentence, test your child, and make games with the words!

* **Muchas Gracias!!!** *The Traffic Lady* would like to express her gratitude for all the kind people who have donated doggie treats for her to give out. It is joy to make your pets happy and it is a joy to serve you in traffic! **Julia Willhite**

ADMISSIONS

....from the desk of Mrs. Susan Fetz

*Applications for students new to SFACS for the 2009-2010 school year are being accepted through December 18, 2008. Siblings of currently enrolled students that would like to be considered for acceptance must complete an application and go through the application process.

*Open House for prospective parents and students will be on **November 2, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.** It will begin in the school gym with an information session, followed by a tour of the campus and classrooms. Reservations are not required. Pass this information on to family members and friends who may be looking for a new school home.

Student Government Association

Congratulations to the elected SGA officers:

SGA President – Anthony Migliaccio

8th Grade Vice President – Sarah-Catherine Donlon

7th Grade Vice President – Henry Evetts

6th Grade Vice President – Madison Bond

Secretary – Sarah Timmins

Treasurer – Nikki Shah

Communication Chairman – Matt Holt

Chaplain – Hunter Scrivener

And the Home Room Reps:

JD Dudek, Lauren Hunter, Claire Morris, Jessica O'Brien, Spencer Smith, John Yarbro, Emily Gillenwater, Laura Anderson, Victoria Wakefield Sam Corcoran, Taylor Weber, Michael Bardos, Hannah King, Kyle Van Hoeck, Chloe Parrish, Gabrielle Salazar, Nick Sosnowski, Jonathan Boulanger, Greer Saller, Adam Woods, Olivia Turner, Meredith Lerma, Natalie DeGruy, Bailey Waterfield, Allison Hurley, Nick Vieau, Brianna Berg, Drew Holt, Gerald Blum, Zach Bardos, Brandon Brown, Jordan Whittington, and Amelia Strickland.

The SGA would like to thank everyone for their generous Spirit Jeans Day donations on Friday, Sept. 19! We raised over \$600! The money raised by SGA benefits the school and students so many thanks to all who participated!

NOTES...from the Home & School Association

- ❖ Thank you to everyone who participated in *Innisbrook*. A special thank you to Cathy Bascom and Sheri Williams for coordinating this year's fundraiser.
- ❖ Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Oktoberfest Baskets. Please invite your friends and relatives to Oktoberfest so they can bid on the baskets.
- ❖ Friday, Oct. 3rd is the St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day Celebration. If you would like to help with any activities, please contact your student's room parent or teacher.
- ❖ Mark your calendar! Oct. 14 - Home & School Evening Meeting beginning at **7:00 p.m.** in the PLC Room 108. Beth York will give a school update and Romy Schaaf & Peggy Callahan will give a Home & School update.
- ❖ If you have not paid your Home & School dues, it is not too late! A registration form is available on the school website at www.sfawolves.org under Registration packet/Home & School Membership Card.

Thanks for supporting SFACS!!



Timberwolves Serving Others

Thanks to all who participated in our donation out of uniform day on September 11th. We raised over \$1,300 for the victims of the recent Hurricanes in Texas and Louisiana!

Thank you for encouraging your students to serve others!

SFACC OKTOBERFEST

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church will hold their Annual Oktoberfest on October 10th & 11th. The fun starts on Friday at 5pm-10pm and Saturday, 11am-9pm.

Get online and check out this year's entertainment line up at www.sfaoktoberfest.org. We will have games, moonwalk, giant slide, arts & crafts, great food, music, youth talent and a 5K run/walk. Come over and enjoy the fun! Questions, call the parish office at 756-1213.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

St. Francis is offering the following extra-curricular activities. **You do not have to attend Extended Care to participate in these after-school activities.**

Bits, Bytes & Bots

Animated Movie Making
Wednesday from 3:15 – 5:15
October 1, 8, 15 & 22 (4 lessons)
Class Size is Limited to 10 Students
2nd Grade and Above
Cost: \$95
Call to register 685-6701

Flip-for-Fun Gymnastics

\$12 Registration fee / \$45 monthly tuition
Monday: 3:15 – 4:00 (4K-5K)
Monday: 4:05 – 4:50 (1st – 3rd)
Wednesday: 3:15 – 4:00 (1st – 3rd)
Wednesday: 4:05 – 4:50 (Tumbling for cheerleading – Ages 8+)
Contact: Carole Wharton @ 485-9143 or Jill Moffitt @ 830-3492

Mad Science Program

Secret Agent Lab
Sept. 30- Nov. 18
Tuesdays 3:30 – 4:30
Grades 1 – 4 Cost \$95
Register online: www.register.madscience.org/midsouth/

SFA Chess Club

Thursdays 3:00 – 4:30
\$110 per semester
Register online: flickmem@aol.com or Call 309-2440

Drawing Made Easy

Sept - Dec / Jan – May
Thursdays 3:15 – 4:00
Kindergarten – 3rd grade
\$30 per month + \$5 registration fee
Register online: joanne.wilson@sfaschool.cdom.org

Cool Crafts

Tuesdays 3:10 – 4:00
\$50 per month
Register online: cool.crafts@hotmail.com or Call 624-5653

Guitar Lessons

30 min. private lessons / \$30 per lesson
Register online: Jeremy@jeremyshradermusic.com
Or Call 218-4695 or 405-1023

Sunshine Generation

Sunbeams 4K – 1st grade
Fridays 3:15 -4:00
Sundance 2nd – 5th grades
Fridays 3:45 - 4:30
\$35 per month + \$35 materials fee
Register online: laura.connolly@sfaschool.cdom.org
Or Call 219-5455

PROGRAMS (Con't)

Bartlett Dance Factory

Ballet, jazz, tap and baton
\$45 per month
Tuesday 3:15 – 4:00 Dance 1 (4K / 5K)
Tuesday 4:00 – 4:45 Dance 2 (5K & 1st grade)
Wednesday 3:15 – 4:00 Baton (5K and up)
Wednesday 3:15 – 4:00 Dance 3 (1st – 5th)
Wednesday 4:00 – 4:45 Dance 4 (2nd – 6th)
Contact Laura Connolly @
Laura.Connolly@sfaschool.cdom.org
Check out website at: www.BartlettDance.com

Taekwondo

M W F 3:00 to 4:00
Boys and Girls
K – 6th grades
Register online: www.cordovamartialarts.org
Or Call 756-0000 (Mr. Connolly)

Just for Kicks

Soccer / small groups
Cost \$45
Wed: 3:30 – 4:30 (1st & 2nd grade Boys & Girls)
4:30 – 5:30 (3rd & 4th grade Boys & Girls)
Contact: Carlos or Rachel Sejas @ 827-0009

St. Francis Extended Care October Dates

- **Friday, Oct. 10th - Ext. Care OPEN**
11:30a.m. – 6:00p.m.
Bring lunch & drink
- **Thurs. Oct. 16th - Ext. Care OPEN**
11:30 a.m. – 6:00p.m.
Bring lunch & drink
- **Friday, Oct. 17th -Ext. Care CLOSED**

****Monday, Oct. 20th – NO SCHOOL**

Must have 30 children sign up by

October 10th to be OPEN

(Sign up sheet on table)

Hours: 7:00a.m. – 6:00p.m.

Bring lunch & drink