



Saint Francis of Assisi School

Notes from the Office

March 1st, 2010

<http://www.sfacatholic.org>

<http://www.gradelink.com> - School Number 402

Snow Closing Number 391 (KYW)

I would like to congratulate Megan Horst in 4th Grade who recently won 2nd Place in the National Arts Program sponsored by the City of Philadelphia. Her drawing was one of an antique doll and was titled "Antique Bessie". The National Arts Program provides artists with an opportunity to exhibit their works publicly and compete for cash awards. The exhibit is judged by professional artists. Megan's drawing is currently hanging in Philadelphia's City Hall. Megan had the honor of meeting Philadelphia's Mayor Michael Nutter. Congratulations Megan! We are very proud of you!

This is our 20th Family Communication Envelope for the 2009 – 2010 academic year. Please carefully review all information and return the requested forms by the specified due date. **Envelopes should also be returned to school in a timely manner (by Wednesday of each week) so they may be used throughout the school year.** Thank you!



What you will find in this week's envelope:

- **Census Family Letter**
- **Chick-fil-A Spirit Night Flyer**
- **Family Survey**

Activity Fee/Lunch Fee – For the 2009 – 2010 academic year, there is a \$60.00 Activity Fee per child. In addition, there is a \$45.00 Lunch fee per family. These fees were due in early November. **Please send these fees into school ASAP or contact the Main Office to make payment arrangements. Report Cards were not distributed to any family that has not paid either the Activity or Lunch Fee or is delinquent with CARES payments. Once these fees are paid, then your child's Report Card will be sent home.** Thank you for your cooperation!

Joe Corbi Fundraiser – Please consider selling some items in order to help benefit SFA. All orders are due on Tuesday, March 2nd. The items will be delivered to school on Friday, March 19th. Thank you for your support!

Dress Down Day – On Friday, March 5th, we will have a Dress Down Day. Please bring in a donation of 50 cents or \$1.00 in order to benefit 8th Grade Graduation. Thank you!

Family Survey – All families **MUST complete the enclosed survey and return to school by Friday, March 5th, 2010.** All responses are kept confidential. Your response is critical since these family survey totals determine services that SFA will receive from federal programs. Thank you for your cooperation!

Recycling – Please remember to collect ACME receipts, Box Tops, Capri Sun Juice Pouches, & Ink Cartridges. Our school recycles these items. Please send in your contributions today. Let's GO GREEN!

Re-Registration Packet – Plans are being made for the 2010 – 2011 academic year at St. Francis of Assisi School. Last week, you received a Re-Registration Packet in addition to the regular Family Communication Envelope. Please carefully read the contents of the package. I highly encourage all families to consider applying for BLOCS. Please let the Main Office know if you have any questions.

School Store – Our School Store is open every Wednesday that school is in session. If your child wishes to purchase items from the School store, please send money in a labeled envelope.



March Calendar – This can be accessed on our school's website. Here are a few highlights:

Mar. 2nd – Spelling Bee for 4th – 6th Grades @ 9:00 A.M. in the Gym; Joe Corbi Fundraiser Ends; School Advancement Committee Meeting @ 7:00 P.M. in the Library
Mar. 3rd – Practice In-View Test for 3rd – 7th Grades; 5th Grade Penn Liberty Bank Lesson @ 10:00 A.M.; Stations of the Cross @ 12:45 P.M.
Mar. 4th – In-View Testing for 3rd – 7th Grades; Terra Nova Practice Test for Kindergarten – 2nd Grades; SFA Chick-fil-A Night (Audubon)
Mar. 5th – Dress Down Day (50 cents or \$1.00 Donation to benefit 8th Grade Graduation); Terra Nova Practice Test for 3rd – 7th Grades
Mar. 6th – Cheerleading Competition at Kennedy Kenrick High School
Mar. 7th – 3rd Week of Lent
Mar. 8th – 12th – Terra Nova Testing for Kindergarten – 7th Grades
Mar. 10th – Stations of the Cross @ 12:45 P.M.
Mar. 11th – MCIU Math & Reading Night @ 7:00 P.M.
Mar. 12th – 2nd Trimester Ends; 8th Grade visits Cabrini College with the Teen Motivators; Internet Safety Presentation for 3rd – 5th Grades @ 1:00 P.M.
Mar. 14th – 4th Week of Lent
Mar. 15th – 3rd Trimester Begins; Confessions for 2nd – 8th Grades
Mar. 16th – 6th Grade Penn Liberty Bank Lesson @ 10:35 A.M.
Mar. 17th – St. Patrick's Day (Free Green Dress Down Day); Stations of the Cross @ 12:45 P.M.
Mar. 19th – Liturgy @ 10:00 A.M. – Please join us! 7th Grade visits Cabrini College with the Teen Motivators; Movie Night from 6:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Mar. 21st – 5th Week of Lent; Family Mass @ 9:30 A.M. Mass
Mar. 22nd – Mar. 26th – Art Goes to School
Mar. 22nd – Report Cards
Mar. 24th – Stations of the Cross @ 12:45 P.M.
Mar. 26th – Cabrini College Teen Motivators visit the 7th & 8th Grades
Mar. 28th – Palm Sunday
Mar. 29th – 2nd Trimester Awards Assembly @ 9:00 A.M.
Mar. 30th – Character Development Assembly @ 8:30 A.M.
Mar. 31st – Full Day of School (Snow Make-up Day); Stations of the Cross @ 12:45 P.M.

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SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS

Thus far, St. Francis of Assisi School has had to close school for 3 days due to inclement weather. In the state of Pennsylvania, students are required to attend school for 180 academic days. This year, the PA legislature, may forgive one of the snow days which means that the day will not have to be made up. At this time, that decision has not been made. In order to meet that requirement of 180 days, I have rescheduled 2 days on our academic calendar. A 3rd day may be added depending on the ruling of the legislature. School WILL BE OPEN on the following days:

1. Wednesday, March 31st, 2010
FULL DAY
2. Friday, May 14th, 2010
FULL DAY

We have contacted the local school districts and busing will be provided for our students on those days. Hot lunch will also be available for purchase on those days. If you have any questions, please contact the SFA Main Office.

Thank you for your cooperation!



TERRA NOVA TESTING

Next week, we will have Terra Nova Standardized Testing for Kindergarten through 7th Grades. **Breakfast will be provided free of charge for all students in those grades.** Here are a few reminders for testing:

- Eat a healthy breakfast each morning. A hungry child is a tired child! All testing will be conducted in the morning.
- Get plenty of sleep each night. A tired child cannot focus!
- **Bring 2 snacks to school. Testing can make a child very hungry!**
- Have 5 sharpened #2 pencils ready. The pencil must say #2 on it.
- Relax and have a positive attitude! The students have been working very hard and are anxious to show what they have learned!

