



Saint Francis of Assisi School

Notes from the Office

January 30th, 2012

<http://www.sfacatholic.org>

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

Snow Closing Number 391 (KYW)



Happy Catholic Schools' Week! This week we celebrate St. Francis of Assisi School as we look at the universal theme: Faith, Academics, & Service. This theme is particularly fitting since it is the Mission Statement of our school. Catholic Schools' Week is the time when we focus on the gifts that your children bring to us and those gifts that they will share with our world in the future. For myself, this week is the time when I thank God that I was blessed to have a Catholic Education and I thank God even more that I have the opportunity to serve at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

I wish to thank you for giving your children the gift of a Catholic Education. You have our pledge to hold sacred the trust you give us. You have our prayers as well that someday your children will look back on their pieces of memorabilia from Catholic School and smile at the memories that flood their hearts reminiscent of their own innocence and wonder. Enjoy this great week!

This is our eighteenth Family Communication Envelope for the 2011 – 2012 academic year. Please carefully review all information and return the requested forms ASAP. **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.** Have a wonderful week!



What you will find in this week's envelope:

- **Buckle Kids Up Correctly Brochure**
- **CYO Biddy Basketball Forms**
K to 4th Grade – Given to students by their teachers
- **CYO Spring Sports Flyer/Registration**
5th – 8th Grades – Given to students by their teachers
- **Friendly's Spirit Night Coupons**
- **Montgomery County Public Library February Flyer**
- **Reading Connection (English/Spanish Version)**
- **Recipes for Success (English/Spanish Version)**

Activity & Lunch Fees - For the 2011 – 2012 academic year, there is a \$60.00 Activity Fee per child. In addition, there is a \$45.00 Lunch Fee per family. Please choose one of these payment options for the fees:

1. Pay one of the fees ASAP and the remaining fee(s) by Friday, March 2nd, 2012. Thank you for your cooperation!

Arrival Times – The school day at Saint Francis of Assisi School begins promptly at **7:55 A.M.** Students can be dropped off as early as 7:40 A.M. in the morning. Different classes attend the 8:00 A.M. Mass each day which helps build your child(ren)'s faith and moral formation. The following is the class Mass schedule:

- Monday – 3rd Grade
- Tuesday – 5th Grade
- Wednesday – 2nd Grade & 4th Grade
- Thursday – 1st Grade & 6th Grade
- Friday – 7th Grade & 8th Grade

On days that your child(ren) will attend Mass, students should be here by **7:50 A.M.** so they may walk over to Church with their class.

Every effort should be made by families to drop off children in a timely manner. Frequent tardiness does not help your child(ren) learn responsibility. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Car Line Morning Drop Off – SFA families are reminded to drop children off at school in the morning before 7:55 A.M. If your student(s) is arriving by car, please enter the parking lot by the Rectory (Hamilton Street) and proceed to the school car line. Once your student(s) is dropped off, please exit onto Oak Street. **Cars should not be pulling into the Bus Lane or double parking on Oak Street or Buttonwood Street.** Thank you for your cooperation!

Chick-fil-A – On Thursday, February 2nd, 2012 our entire school will be treated to a free lunch from Chick-fil-A. Students have ordered either a pack of chicken nuggets or a chicken sandwich. SFA will provide the students with juice as well as a bag of chips. If you wish your child(ren) to have anything else for lunch that day, please send those items with your child(ren) on 2/2/12. Thank you, Chick-fil-A!

CYO Announcements – Registration for Biddy Basketball and Spring Sports are now available. Please read below for more information:

- **Biddy Basketball** – Registration is open for all students in Kindergarten through 4th Grades. **The success of our CYO Program depends on parent(s)/guardian(s) willingness to volunteer. If your child is going to play Biddy Basketball, every family should have a parent/guardian help coach or work the Snack Stand.** Please complete the form and return to school by Monday, February 6th, 2012.
- **Spring Sports** - Students in 5th – 8th Grades are eligible to play baseball and softball. Please complete the Registration form and return it to school by Wednesday, February 15th, 2012. Additional information can be found on the school website at <http://www.sfacatholic.org> under the CYO link.

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Friendly's Spirit Night – On Thursday, February 23rd, 2012 please join us for breakfast, lunch, or dinner at Friendly's Restaurant. A portion of the entire day's dining proceeds will be donated to our school's Technology Fund. Please bring your red coupon and distribute to family and friends. We hope to see you at Friendly's!

Mission Kids – 5th & 8th Grades are collecting new books and Teddy Bears for Mission Kids. The collection will take place from Monday, January 30th – Friday, February 17th, 2012. Please send in your donations. Thank you for supporting Mission Kids!

Progress Reports - Today, students in 1st – 8th Grades received their Progress Reports for the 2nd Trimester. Please take time to review this Progress Report with your child noting strengths and areas of improvement. Signed Progress Reports should be returned to school no later than Friday, February 3rd, 2012. Academic progress and attendance information can be checked on a regular basis using GRADELINK at <http://www.gradelink.com>. Each student has a User Name and Password. Please contact the Main Office if you need another copy of your student's information for GRADELINK.

Recycling - Please remember to collect Bottle Caps, Box Tops, Campbell's Labels for Education, Capri Sun Juice Pouches, Cell Phones, Pop Tabs, & Ink Cartridges. Our school recycles these items. Please send in your contributions today. Let's GO GREEN!

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

Student Council

Candy Grams - For Valentine's Day, Student Council is selling Candy Grams. Cost is 50 cents each or 3 for a \$1.00. Please complete the enclosed order form by Tuesday, February 7th, 2012. Candy Grams will be delivered to students on Monday, February 13th, 2012.



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

Jan. 29th – Feb. 4th – Catholic Schools' Week
Jan. 30th – Progress Reports; Mission Kids Service Project Kick-off;
Band Lessons for 4th – 8th Grades; Confessions for 3rd – 8th Grades;
Academic Bowl @ 10:00 A.M.; FUN Program for Pre-K @ 11:00 A.M.
Jan. 31st – NO SCHOOL

Feb. 1st – Pastor Appreciation Day; 8th Grade Pizza Day
Feb. 2nd – Student Appreciation Day (Free Dress Down Day for all students); Chick-fil-A Lunch; Student Council Dance from 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. in the Gym
Feb. 3rd – Teacher Appreciation Day; First Friday Liturgy @ 10:00 A.M. – All are welcome to attend!; 7th Grade visits Cabrini College with the Teen Motivators
Feb. 5th – Children's Liturgy of the Word during the Noon Mass
Feb. 6th – Band Lessons for 4th – 8th Grades; FUN Program for Pre-K @ 11:00 A.M.
Feb. 7th – 1st Grade Dental Health Lesson @ 9:15 A.M.
Feb. 9th – Band Lessons for 4th – 8th Grades; 8th Grade Parent/Guardian Meeting @ 6:30 P.M.
Feb. 10th – Philadelphia Phillies Dress Down Day (\$1.00 Donation to support Mission Kids); Phillie Phanatic visits SFA @ 1:30 P.M.
Feb. 13th – Band Lessons for 4th – 8th Grades; FUN Program visits Pre-K @ 11:00 A.M.; Classroom Valentine's Day Celebrations
Feb. 14th – Valentine's Day; NO SCHOOL (Faculty Professional Development Day)

Feb. 16th – School Advancement Committee (SAC) Meeting @ 7:00 P.M. in the Library
Feb. 17th – 8th Grade Pretzel Orders due; 7th Grade visits Cabrini College with the Teen Motivators
Feb. 19th – Children's Liturgy of the Word during the Noon Mass
Feb. 20th – Presidents' Day (NO SCHOOL)
Feb. 21st – 8th Grade Pretzel Day
Feb. 22nd – Ash Wednesday Liturgy @ 10:00 A.M.
Feb. 23rd – SFA Spirit Night @ Friendly's Restaurant
Feb. 24th – 8th Grade Pizza Orders due; 8th Grade visits Cabrini College with the Teen Motivators
Feb. 26th – 1st Week of Lent; Family Mass @ 9:30 A.M.
Feb. 27th – Band Lessons for 4th – 8th Grades; Confessions for 3rd – 8th Grades; FUN Program for Pre-K @ 11:00 A.M.
Feb. 28th – Open House from 8:30 – 11:00 A.M. & 12:45 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Feb. 29th – In-View Practice Test for 3rd – 7th Grades; 8th Grade Pizza Day



1st Trimester Honor Roll 4th – 8th Grades

First Honors

4th Grade

Alejandra Montero

Luna Moskal

Pablo Osorio

Adrianna Wright

5th Grade

Tyler Murray

Angelica Palmore

Abigail Riehman

Maeve Riehman

6th Grade

Catalina Barroso

Athaniel Cogle

Megan Horst

Rasha Jalel

7th Grade

Brianna DeGrazio

Madelyn Riehman

8th Grade

Hannah Olafsen

Andrew Zarrilli

Second Honors

4th Grade

Halley Bauer

Sophia Flores

5th Grade

Samuel Anders

Maria Montanez

7th Grade

AnaMarie Antunes

Julianne Burns

Christopher Klecko

Jennifer Villegas

8th Grade

Ellen Anders

Caitlin Coogan

Monica DiTomassi

Nicholas Whitley

Congratulations!