

St. Francis deSales October, 2009 Newsletter



Dear Parent,

Within this month, the green of summer blends into the brilliant color of fall. These brilliant colors fade and are replaced by the drab grayness of winter. October is a month of many teachable moments.

Let's look at some of them:

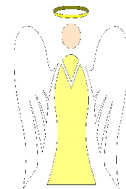
October 1st:

Activity Fee (if payment has not been made) is due - \$40.00 per child . This fee helps to maintain our technology curriculum . You may include in the Family Folder. Please note: this fee is in addition to the \$40.00 K stationery fee.

October 2nd:

Feast of the Guardian Angel

This may be a good time to renew each family member's consciousness of the care of our guardian angel. Do all of you remember the prayer?



ANGEL OF GOD

Angel of God, My guardian dear,
To whom God's love entrusts me here
Ever this day be at my side
To light and guard, to rule and guide. AMEN.

October 2nd:

First Friday Mass

10:30 Mass planned and lead by out 4th grade students

October 4th:

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Today we celebrate the Saint who spoke with the sun, with the moon, and with all creatures. Because he so intently knew his God, Francis saw God in all that was around him. Franciscans all over the



world share the wonders and values of this special saint. Father Colagreco will bless “all animals” at 1:30 in the upper parking lot.

October 5th: Picture Day (all grades)

Form is in the Family Folder. Return money and form on Picture Day.
One form per child ! Issue all checks to Tipping School Pictures.

October 6th: Boscov’s “Friends Helping Friends” Day

Throughout the school year the Home and School offers various activities in which our families may participate. Special lunches, family nights at various restaurants, food certificates, etc. Well, we have to eat !

Today we offer a discount shopping trip to Boscov’s. Most of us like to shop, especially if it is worth our while with a discount. With your purchase of a \$5.00 ticket (through school or contact Cyndy Pilla 558-8180) , our kids get the \$5.00 and you receive the discount.

October 7th: Fall Fundraiser Ends

Did you know that you can go on line for your Thanksgiving dessert? Delivery will be directly to your home. Our password is SFDS. I hope you were able to taste the samples at back to School Night.

- Return envelope with payment and top (2) order forms (do not include tax)
- Make all checks payable to SFDS
- Thanks for your support !

October 9th – 10th: Kids’ clothing Sale

Our Field House becomes a kids / teenage department store filled with uniforms, winter clothes, toys, boots, baby items and more. It’s a great idea since the children are in those “growing stages”. If interested in consigning (selling your child’s clothes), please contact Helenmarie Kolicus 610-891-1483.

- Consignment – Thursday, Oct 8th 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. (consignors may shop)
- Sale Dates and Times: Friday, October 9 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. / 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 10th 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

SPECIAL LUNCHES:

- October 8th: Salad and Breadstick Lunch
- October 16th: Zac’s Lunch

- October 19th Soup Lunch
- October 29th Wendy's lunch

Return the bottom portion with payment then provide a special place on your refrigerator for the top portion as a reminder.
(separate envelope for each lunch – if more than one child is ordering the same , you may include in (1) envelope)

October 9th: Shelter in Place Snack Bag Due (see handout)

As you prepared an emergency food bag last year for your child / ren, we will once again ask for your cooperation to gather some snacks in the event the students would be detained here beyond our regular dismissal.

Please do the following by October 9th

- Use “one gallon” zip lock bag – include child’s name and grade with a permanent marker.
- Include –(1) bottled water , (2) paper towels, non-perishable food (cereal, fruit snacks, crackers, granola bar etc.)
- **Remember:** Bag must close and not bigger than “one” gallon size.

October 14th: Science Explorers / After School Club

During our after school Science Club (Science Explorers), our kids will travel back in time to discover the mysteries of the Earth ! The students will take part in a dinosaur dig and unravel the stories that fossils tell. They will enter the hidden world of the geode and build and erupt volcanoes. This club pan for genuine gemstones and learn where precious minerals are mined around the globe. As we examine rocks and minerals from near and far our kids are sure to discover what a rockin’ place our world can be! Look for our flyer for the upcoming after school dates. You’re child will not want to miss it! (see www.scienceexplorers.com)

Sixth Grade Parent Confirmation Meeting / 7 P.M. School Cafeteria

We know that you want to participate in the preparation of your child’s sacrament. This meeting will be educational and in turn, enable you to reach and reinforce your child’s spiritual development at home.

Oasis Family Fun Night

No cooking tonight and no school tomorrow. Bring the family to a fun filled night at “OASIS” located in Glen Mills. PA. Just like all other family fun and dinner nights, we receive a percentage of this evening’s income. Support our Home and School! You’ve got to eat!

October 16th: Open House 9 – 10 For “Future Families”

We advertise and set aside every third Friday to accommodate interested future families. We are all responsible for marketing this Gold Mine of ours. Can you pass the word?

October 17th: 5 P. M. Mass for Confirmation Candidates

During the 5p.m. parish liturgy, St. Francis deSales 6th grade school students and CCD students will present themselves to the St. Francis deSales Parish Community. At this time they will express their desire to continue their faith journey in the Catholic Church. Confirmation is at 10 A.M. on Saturday, November 21st. Celebrant will be Bishop Robert McGinnis.

October 19th: Mid – Trimester Week

I’m sure by now you are all in the pattern of effective homework procedures. Setting aside a nightly block provides time to work with, check up on, and converse about your child’s/ren’s classroom performance.

6th Grade Confirmation Retreat

Our parish Confirmation Candidates will gather for a special retreat day in preparation for this sacrament. Mrs. Paciente and Mrs. DiNicola will direct this day of prayer and reflection being held in the Franciscan Spiritual Center at Our Lady of Angels Convent (next to Neumann College) from 8:45 – 2:45.

October 19th : Market Day Pick Up 5:30 – 6:30 in the Field House

October 21st: Safe Environment Class for Children

Article 12 of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People calls for all dioceses to establish “Safe Environment” Programs. Our Archdiocese is called upon to cooperate with parents, civil authorities, educators and community organizations to provide education and training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators, and others about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children.

Our parish elementary will provide ongoing education to the students under their care around the issues of respect for one’s self and body as well as assisting our children in realizing what constitutes the many aspects of a safe environment.

Parents / Guardians can see more information into this Instructional Program by going to <http://www.catholicschoold-phl.org>. Click on “Our Schools” & “ Safe Environment”

October 22nd: Safe Environment Class for Adults

So that St. Francis keeps within the Archdiocese mandated guidelines, I invite you to join us at St. Francis deSales Cafeteria on October 22nd at 7 p.m. for a workshop conducted by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. I would like to have as many of our school volunteers / parents present as possible. Even if you plan to be a school chaperone on your child's field trip, it is recommended that you attend.

The workshop is approximately 2.5 hours in length. Visit www.virtus.org for more information. Register on this web site. If you have already attended this session, your documentation should be on file here in the rectory office.

October 28th: Auntie Anne Assembly – Grades K – 4

Today the children become V I P s ... Very Important pretzels- lovers. Intergrating the subjects of Social Studies, Math and Science, this assembly will not only be a good learning experience but tasty and fun.

October 30th: 8th Grade Haunted House

Today our students have the opportunity to walk through our annual 8th grade haunted house. Using our cafeteria, the students will use their creativity to help the children celebrate the season.

October 31st:



Student Spotlight

“Gotcha”

Yes, this is what the teachers are saying to the students at St. Francis. “Gotcha” is when a child is seen doing something over and above what is expected. Each Friday a name is pulled and that person is the “Gotcha Kid” for the week.

September Gotcha Kids:

Dominick Pilla

Amber Shifflett

Katelyn Judge

Ciara Kain

Student Government:

Leadership is recognized and fostered among our students through Student Government. These students have been chosen from among their peers to strive to promote school spirit and a sense of Community. Congratulations!

President: Joey Buoni Vice President: Amanda Culin
Secretary: John Stanaitis Treasurer: Katty Gusler
Spirit Committee: Taylor Shifflett Service Committee: Jeff Mills
Outreach Committee: Samantha Amicone

7th Grade Class Rep: Jeff Pilla and Joy Kolicius
6th Grade Class Rep: Cecilia Conmy and Evan Williams
5th Grade Class Rep: Giana Buoni and Phillip Marrone

F.Y.I. **FOR YOUR INFORMATION** F.Y.I.

Family Bingo Night: Friday, November 6, 2009 (Information in folder)

We are still collecting:

Acme register tapes (when sending in please lay flat), please cut **only UPC** code from Campbell products. We are also collecting Box tops for education (not Betty Crocker points).

Food Store certificates are sent home every Monday – check the book bag!!!
Monthly certificates will be sent home in the family folder. If you need certificates before the due date, call the school office – we always have an inventory on hand.

Medication:

Medication is not given during school. When a child is in need of any, the doctor can adjust the dosage so that it does not have to be given during school hours. Only for special cases will the nurse or office personnel administer a prescription medication.

- Medication must be accompanied by a physician's written request which includes student's name, medication, diagnosis and date.
- Medication must be in the original labeled pharmacy container with student's name, medication, diagnosis and date.
- All medication must be in the original labeled pharmacy container with student's name, medication, dosage and date.

RETURN CHECK FEE: We are careful to deposit checks based on the date of the check. If for any reason a check is return, you will be responsible for the \$15 fee. Please be careful when issuing checks.

CHANGE IN DISMISSAL: Please provide a written note to your child's teacher if there is a change in transportation at dismissal. (especially grades K – 4)

FIELD TRIP POLICY: Students returning from a field trip “near dismissal” may be dismissed with his / her parent. Siblings in other grades are to remain until dismissal.

We are still recycling 8 ½ x 11 paper....

If your place of business only prints on one side of paper and then throws away ... think of us. Most of our children's worksheets can be printed on the blank side. This is a way we can contribute to preserving our environment, not to mention the money we save. Maybe your business is changing its letterhead and needs to dispose of the former stationery. This is perfect. Save a tree!!

Bakers: Peanut Butter / Nuts (due to allergies)

We are requesting that no peanut butter cookies / snacks or any baked goods **containing nuts** (including pistachios /cashews) be sent into school. Also, pop corn prepared in peanut oil. Thank you for your consideration to this request.

School Asbestos Inspection:

The 6th month asbestos inspection has been completed. Once again we meet the regulations of a “safe environment”. Anyone wishing to read the report may make arrangements through the school office.

THANK YOU

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- Sunday Certificate Sellers
- Families who designate a % of their purchases at TARGET – Take Charge of Education

The years of childhood go by so swiftly. Don't let the time slip by. Take time to listen. Take time to share activities. Take time to shower your love and support – to see God.



Blessings,

Sister Mary and Staff