



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER, 2009



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

Dear Parent,

Welcome to the 2009 – 2010 school year!

The beginning of a new school year is a special time for all of us – students, parents, and teachers. A feeling of anticipation is perhaps sparked by new school supplies, new uniforms, new teachers and possibly new classmates. Best of all is the thought, this is a fresh start, that this year will be a success.

I wish to extend a special welcome to the new families who have joined our community. We are pleased to have you as partners in this educational year.

We welcome the following new families....

Bonsall	Downs	Kennedy	Sappington
Campbell	Frantz	McDevitt	Smith
Deweese	Gianakopoulos	O'Donnell	Smith

September 9th:

We begin full day of classes for grades 1– 4. Students are expected to wear the school uniform daily. In this way, we show the pride we have in our school and the unity we hope to achieve as members of this community. Students will need a lunch and beverage unless they wish to buy bottled water or juice. Milk (35 cents) will be available as of September 14th.

September 10th: A full day of classes for grades 5 – 8.

Don't forget your lunches!! Water and Juice will be available for \$1.00

The monthly Home and School Board Meeting will take place this evening at 7:30 p.m. Members of our board are: Helenmarie Kolicus , Carolyn Judge, Gina Washco, Barbara Kerezsi, Pat Scott and Sharlene Bowers. Staff members include: Sr. Mary, Mrs. DiNicola, Mrs. Petragnani and Fr. Colagreco.

Please support the programs and events sponsored by our Home and School Organization. Everything we do benefits the children. ANY VOLUNTEERS? Call the school office if you can help in anyway. WE NEED YOU!!! See our monthly "help wanted" flyer.

September 11th:

**12 NOON DISMISSAL FOR GRADES 1-8
(all School Districts will provide busing at dismissal)**

Stationery will be sold to our students today. Please include the mandatory school list and enclose cash or check (issue check to SFDS) in an envelope. Stationery forms are on the website and in the family folder. Each child should have his/her own form as well as cash or check. Kindergarten students will be instructed by the teacher regarding stationery supplies.

September 14th:

WELCOME KINDERGARTEN !!

Both Kindergarten and Grade 1 will be dismissed at 11:30 this week. All parents are asked to pick up their child/ren by using the driveway behind the school. The teachers will walk the students to this pick up location.

BUS TRANSPORTATION WILL NOT BE PROVIDED AT 11:30.

Milk tokens are sold every Monday morning ... (do not include in the family folder)

- 35 cents per token (mark envelope with child's name and number of tokens - include in student bookbag)
- Tokens maybe purchased for a week / month etc.

Sept 14th: CHILDREN ARE RECEIVING EXTENDED SERVICES

CARES BEGINS TODAY FOR GRADES 2 – 8

St. Francis deSales CARES Program will provide care, supervision, recreation and activities for your child. It serves working families who desire supervised care beyond the scheduled school day, while acting as a continuation of the nurturing environment that the children experience throughout the day.

The CARES Program is offered for enrolled children in grades K – 8 who attend St. Francis deSales School. You must complete a registration form if your child will be attending CARES (registration form is on line). The program will operate during the hours of 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. on days when school is in session. Pick up is no later than 6 p.m. – a \$1.00 late fee per minute that you are late will be attached to your payment voucher the following week. Payment vouchers are sent home on Thursday and must be returned by Monday if your child will be attending CARES. If your child is not a regular at CARES and service of CARES is needed at the last minute, payment is scheduled at time of pickup or the following day. A registration form is required for any child in the CARES program.

- Please note : If your child / ren will be attending CARES on Monday, September 14th, voucher form must be in the office by Monday, September 14th.

• Children in grades K and 1st starting CARES on September 21st, must have voucher form in the office no later than Monday, September 21st.

We cannot “assume” your child is going to CARES, therefore it is important that all forms for the week your child / children are attending CARES be in the office by Monday. Return voucher and payment in an envelope marked “CARES”

September 14th: **First Pretzel Day**

Pretzels snacks begin today. Children can buy (available every Monday and Thursday) at recess for 50 cents each. Pretzels are delivered to school piping hot from Pretzel Boys.

September 15th: **P E Grades K – 4**

Students in grades K – 4 may wear their P E uniforms today for their first gym class with Mrs. Bonaddio, our P E teacher.

BAND DEMONSTRATION (grades 4 – 8)

September 16th: **Parent Band Meeting / cafeteria 7:30 p.m.**

Mrs. Goldberg will hold a parent meeting for parents of our 4th – 8th grade students interested in learning, or continuing to play a musical instrument. Information regarding prices, lessons and instrument rental will be provided this evening.

September 16th, 23rd, 30th and Oct. 7th: **HOT DOG DAYS - Wednesdays**

No form needed for our hot dog lunch. Students buying hot dog (@ \$1.50) will give information to his / her teacher on hot dog day.

September 17th: **P E for Grades 5 – 8 (P E uniforms required)**

September 18th: **10:30 Liturgy**

A liturgy to ask God’s Blessings on our new school year will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Our school liturgies are listed on the calendar so you can worship with us. This month our 7th grade will participate and lead our school family in prayer.

Special Hoagie Lunch (Grades 2 – 8)

Our first Home and School sponsored lunch of the year will be served today. Complete and return in the family folder – one hoagie form per child. Always identify each lunch on the outside of each separate envelope. Enclose cash or check !!!

September 21st: CARES begins today for grades K and 1

(Voucher form due in the office)

September 21st: Market Day Pick Up Field House 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

For all those on Market Day withdrawal – tonight is pickup for the September order. Order is freezer ready for you to pick up. Payment is made at time of pick up unless you pay on line. (On-Line orders welcomed too !).

September 22nd , 29th , and October 6th : PIZZA DAY

We begin our regular Tuesday pizza days. Please be sure your form and money is returned in the Family Folder – we need to get a pizza count in advance. Beverages and dessert are also available (Herr's snacks .35 to .75 / juice / water 1.00/ or milk 35 cents).

PLEASE NOTE: 1 slice of pizza is \$1.50 (form in folder) please “cut 1” slip per child will take care of the 3 days scheduled .

September 22nd: Marketing Committee 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The task of this important committee is to keep the name of our school in the forefront of our local communities . If you can meet with us every 3rd or 4th Tuesday for 1 hour , you are most welcome.

- Do you know anyone who works for a local newspaper?
- Are you able to write little blurbs , or take pictures of the great things we do at St. Francis ?
- Can you assist with pre-school programs (Fall and Spring) for potential Kindergarten students ?
- You can pass on the good things we do to your friends and neighbors.

You too can Market St. Francis School (see Help Wanted)

Please Note: Open House for the future interested families takes place every third Friday from 9 – 10 a.m.

September 23rd to October 7th: Fall Fundraiser

This as well as the spring fundraiser, are 2 required fundraisers for our school. With the profit we make, we are able to provide day to day operating expenses, development for our staff, special assemblies for our students, purchase curriculum materials and add to the beauty of our building. Please make an effort to contribute to this school project. Start Christmas shopping early!!! You may also donate funds in place of selling items in the brochure.



September 24th: BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Back To School Night will be at 7:00 p.m. –in the school cafeteria. This includes our first Home and School Meeting and presentation made by the teachers concerning curriculum and classroom procedures. We ask that at least one parent be present to represent each family – both are welcome. We inform you of this date so that you can arrange a sitter for your child / ren.

September 25th: CHICK FIL A LUNCH (form in family folder)

October 1st: ACTIVITY FEE (\$40.00 PER CHILD)

The \$40.00 (per child) activity fee is due today – you may include in the Family Folder if you wish. This money will help cover the cost of computer fees throughout the year. Keep this fee separate from tuition payment.

Beginning Reminders!

Please Note: Family Folders are usually sent home with the “youngest” child in the family. If you have a child in K and a child in the upper grades, we will send home on 9 / 9 or 9/ 10 with sibling so that you can review all information over the weekend.

Payments:

Keep all payments separate... mark envelope with name of student (s) and specify what payment is for.

- Pizza / Hoagie lunch order / Chick Fil A lunch order
- Food store gift cards
- Activity fee (\$ 40.00 per child)
- Tuition

***** We have plenty of scrap envelopes – if you need, just ask and we will send home.

Save Labels...

We are still saving Campbell UPC code (not the front label), Acme store receipts - please lay flat when sending into the office – Acme will not give us credit if they are rolled / Box Tops for Education .

Absent or Late...

- Call office before 9 so that we know that your child is safe and accounted for.
- All homework should be requested by 10 a.m.

- **When student returns pre-printed absent / late card (enclosed in the Family Folder) is to be presented to his / her teacher**

Mark all clothing (sweaters, sweat shirts, lunch carriers) with your child's name. If a sweater or gym shirt etc. is lost, we can only identify if there is a "name" (no initials) marked on the inside.

Grocery Store Certificates:

Food certificates will be sent home on Monday. If needed before that day, just ask and we will send home ASAP. Checks due into the office by Thursday.

..... And so we begin a new year:

Parents always have extra homework during the first week of a new school year – and we wouldn't want to break a long tradition.

We pray that during these days in St. Francis our children will experience the gentle, reliable and mysterious love of God in their lives.

Your child and your family are a welcomed part of our school family and as always, we depend on GOD's BLESSINGS.

Sister Mary and Staff