

St. Francis School Newsletter

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Dear Families of Saint Francis School:

Where does the time go? It is truly amazing how fast things happen in the world we live in today. We completed a very successful first semester of the 2015-2016 school year! There were many wonderful, memorable, and holy moments experienced by our school children. We don't like to brag, but the truth is that we are proud of our students and our school. We have never claimed to be perfect, but we work at trying to be the best school we can be. Catholic Schools Week was Jan. 31st-Feb. 6th. I might suggest that this is the best week of our school year. There is an excitement for all of us associated with the school; we are conscious of the Holy Spirit and this presence makes for a beautiful week. We enjoy the blessings God gives us, and we have fun during the whole week.

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10th. We observe Silence in the Hallways on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. Also, we attend Stations of the Cross in church on Fridays, usually right after lunch about 12 noon. Feel free to join us for Stations of the Cross.

Whenever we get to the mid-point of our year, we have to begin preparations for next year. This is part of the cycle that schools and school families go through. We had a Middle School Information Night on Feb. 9th for parents of 5th graders. We will have our Pre-K, Developmental Kindergarten and Kindergarten Round-Up on April 21st. Please know that even though we begin preparations for next fall, our main focus continues to be this current school year and our second semester. Please continue to pray for our school.

Yours In Christ,

James Kanine, Principal

DROP OFF AND PICK UP REMINDERS

For safety reasons we would like to remind parents to not stop their vehicles in the middle of Michigan St. while dropping off or picking up their students as it is dangerous. Also, parents parking across Michigan St. by the florist shop to drop off or pick up their children should be walking with their children across Michigan. We have had several near misses as of late as children are darting behind cars that are pulling away from the school.

MUSIC INFORMANCES

Julie Laur, SFX Music Teacher, will be holding music informances in March for parents to come see their students in action during music class. A schedule for the informances will be coming home in a future Friday folder.



STUDENT OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to our students of the quarter who were nominated by SFX staff for displaying kindness, citizenship, respect, manners and strength of character.

K-2nd- Josephine Bielaczyc

3rd-5th- Payton Beckering

Middle School- Lia Iacoangeli

5th GRADE USED BOOK SALE

Our 5th grade students will be having a gently used book sale March 14th -March 17th before school, during lunch and after school. If you have books to donate to the cause please bring to Kathy Meier's classroom. This is also a great opportunity to get some new books for your students. All proceeds go towards the 5th grade overnight trip to Fort Michilimackinac in May.

AUCTION UPDATE

Save the date: March 16, 2016 "Raffle Ticket Telethon". More details will follow, but we will have a session from 11am to 2pm and in the evening from 7-9pm. This is an attempt to sell as many raffle tickets as possible. We realize this has been said before, but if we sell all 1500 raffle tickets our Gala could simply be a celebration of our great school with classroom projects and a very limited silent auction. Let's make our 25th Auction and Gala one to remember. If you need tips on how to sell your raffle tickets feel free to email Katie Tarachas at katietarachas@gmail.com. If you are interested in selling tickets after mass let the school office know. Additionally, if you have a good or service to donate to the auction, now is the time to let us know. Look for volunteer sign-up sheets to be posted at the school early next week.

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OPTIONAL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Your child's teacher will be contacting you if they feel a conference is needed. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child you are always welcome to contact your child's teacher to schedule an appointment.

FUNDRAISER-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Student Council ran a fundraiser where classes competed to see who could collect the most pennies for the "Sew a Dream" project. The project provides support for the needy people of the Calicut District, India. SFX students raised \$324.78 towards the fundraiser.

ARELY FUND

Thank you to all the students and staff that donated money to the Arelly fund. Our collection in Feb. was \$183.66 bringing our total for the school year to \$223.25. We need \$325.00 to sponsor Arelly each year so keep saving your change for the next collection.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

Just a friendly reminder that **students are released from school at 3:05 to parents**. We have had several incidences of parents being late and we cannot leave your children on the playground unattended. **As always, childcare is available after school at CDC if needed.**

PLAYGROUND HOURS

Just a reminder that there are only 61 more days of school left! Have you completed your 4 hours of lunch duty? If not please schedule your hours as soon as possible by calling (347-3651) or stopping by the school office.

HONOR ROLL

We are pleased to announce the Honor Roll for the Second Quarter. Gold: Ashley Lamb, Hailey Tanis and Elizabeth Waldvogel (8th), William Gagnon (7th), Claire Hoffman (6th) Silver: Jack Izzard and Mamie Scholl (8th), Hammond Law (7th), Lia Iacoangeli, (6th) Bronze: Colleen Cesario and Sophie Waldvogel (8th), Patrick Coveyou, Alexis Glaser, Vinicius Miranda and William Pizzuti (7th), Matthew Brown, Mary Fran Forton and Charles Pizzuti (6th).

REGIONAL SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to all of our spelling bee participants: Sophie Waldvogel (8th), Seamus Nolan (8th), William Gagnon (7th), Ella Bacigalupi (7th), Lily Tarachas (6th) and Aiden Mailloux (5th) who traveled to Harbor Springs on Feb. 9th for the regional bee. We were proud that you represented St. Francis.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of the parent volunteers who helped chaperone the K-3rd students at the Winter Sports Park during Catholic Schools Week and the 4th-8th grade students at Boyne Highlands. The kids had an awesome time sledding, skating, skiing and snowboarding and appreciated all the parents that made the days a success!

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

The following students had perfect attendance for the second semester. K-William Daniel, Anna Dobrowolski, Isaac Fate, Brock Jeffers, Luke Licata, Lukas Nemek, Tate Russell, Roanna Salmon, Cooper Sober, Ava Somers and Grace Sullivan. 1st- Anya Peck and Rocarla Salmon. 2A- Jerome Fate and Leah Sulitis 2B-Ethan Fettig, Simon Licata and Samuel Myers 3A-Khaiana Manthei, Samuel Spence and Korbin Sulitis. 3B- Shannon Ledig 4A-Payton Beckering, Kirstin Holzschu and Audrey Smock 4B-Victoria Kavanaugh and Andrew Licata 5th-Sofia Bacigalupi, James Connaughton, Amelia Holzschu, Rett Krug, Mark Ledig and Katelyn Winter 6th- Grant Gietzen and Claire Hoffman 7th-Gabriella Bacigalupi, William Gagnon and Ashley Nguyen.

LOOKING AHEAD

3/4	Silence in the halls-Stations of the Cross
3/9	Reconciliation for 3 rd -5 th
3/10	Maturation program for 5 th grade students and parents-5:30pm
3/11	Student Council pop can drive, Silence in the halls-Stations of the Cross
3/14-17	5 th Grade Used Book Sale to fund trip to Fort Michimackinac
3/14	3 rd and 8 th grade music informance
3/16	1 st , 2 nd and 5 th grade music informance, 8 th at Career Day
3/17	2nd Grade Raffle- All School Non-uniform day (Sports Day), Reconciliation for 6 th -8 th
3/18	4 th grade music informance. Silence in the halls-Stations of the Cross
3/24	3 rd Quarter Ends-No Petoskey busing, band and computers
3/25	No School-Good Friday
3/27	Easter
3/31	Report Cards go home
4/1-4/11	Spring Break