

St. Francis School Newsletter

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Dear St. Francis School Families,

*Just a reminder with Halloween coming next week that students are encouraged to show their creativity in their costumes. Remember that images of violence are **NOT** allowed. This includes weapons or depictions of blood and gore. It is our intention to make this a pleasant and delightful experience for our students as the little goblins parade through the school and enjoy their class parties. Our 8th grade students will be running their annual "Haunted House" with proceeds to benefit Brother Dan's Food Pantry. Should you have any concerns, please contact me at school.*

Yours in Christ,

James Kanine

AUCTION UPDATE

Congratulations to Casey Parker our October Early bird \$1000.00 raffle winner. As of October 15th we have sold almost 300 raffle tickets. Our goal is to sell 1200 tickets this year, so please get out and sell. If you have already sold all five and would like to sell more, you can pick up more tickets at the parish or school office. Remember, for every five tickets sold, your family is entered in a drawing for free tuition. The Auction Committee is always in need of your help. Please contact Dan Cleary at 231-881-7772.

STUDENT PROGRESS CONFERENCES

Parent teacher conferences are Thursday, November 20th from 3:30pm-8:00pm. If you have not signed up please contact your homeroom teacher to schedule your time. If you can't remember your conference time slot, a reminder note will go home a week before. Middle school and enrichment teachers will meet with parents on a first come basis in their classroom.

SUCCESSFUL FARMRAISER

Thanks to all of the families that participated in the farm raiser fundraiser. Our school families were able to raise \$1,611.50 toward teacher supplies and the staff is very thankful.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Just a reminder to use our school website to access the school calendar, news and events, RenWeb link, FACTS link, NWEA link and Diocese of Gaylord link. The website also has tabs for PTO, Auction and SCRIP. The web address is: school.petoskeyfx.org.

FAMILY SCHOOL SERVICE

All school families are required to provide only 10 hours of service to the school. 4 hours are to be dedicated to the lunchroom/playground. The remaining 6 hours are to be to Auction/PTO events. Remember to log your time in the school office for family credit.

ST. FRANCIS P.T.O. UPDATE

Through a grant proposal last spring, St. Francis School was awarded \$5000 by the Petoskey Youth Advisory Council for library improvements and new books. Also, Ms. McCarthy recently requested and was granted \$380 to purchase new atlases for each student in her 4th grade class. PTO fundraising benefits our students and staff. Please support our upcoming events: Oktoberfest-Friday, October 24th from 5-7 for music, brats, cider and beer. Adult only event. Turkey Bingo-Friday, November 21st from 6-10 for bingo and pizza. Join in for a chance to win turkeys of various sizes and enjoy local "celebrity" callers. Turkey sponsors are needed by individuals and businesses for \$50/\$75/\$100. Sponsor forms will be coming home soon!

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2014 HOME BASKETBALL GAMES

Show your support of SFX athletics by attending some of the upcoming girls and boys home basketball games at the NCMC gym.

Girls:	7 th team 8 th team	Opponent
Weds. Oct 29 th	4:30pm 5:30pm	Inland Lakes
Thursday, Oct. 30 th	4:30pm 5:30pm	Rogers City
Wednesday, Nov. 5 th	4:30pm 5:30pm	Gaylord St. Marys
Monday, Nov. 10 th	4:30pm 5:30pm	Onaway
Wednesday, Nov. 12 th	4:30pm 5:30pm	Pellston

Boys:	7 th team 8 th team	Opponent
Tuesday, Nov. 18 th	4:30pm 5:30pm	Inland Lakes
Thursday, Nov. 20 th	4:30pm 5:30pm	Pellston
Monday, Nov. 24 th	4:30pm 5:30pm	Onaway
Tuesday, Nov. 25 th	4:30pm 5:30pm	Gaylord St. Marys
Monday, Dec. 8 th	4:30pm 5:30pm	Rogers City

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon. On Nov. 18th students will be able to view the books for sale and then on Nov. 19th and 20th students will be able to purchase books, including the evening of the 20th during Parent Teacher Conferences. We receive 40%-60% of the proceeds from sales to purchase books from Scholastic for our school library.

8TH GRADE CAR PARKING

The SFX 8th grade students will be parking cars this evening, Friday October 24th, for the last Northmen Regular Season Home Football Game. Proceeds go towards their 8th grade class trip. Please show your support by parking at the Cygnus Parking lot directly across from Curtis Field.

MCLEAN AND EAKIN

Please don't forget to mention SFX when making purchases at McLean and Eakin, as 10% of the sale goes back to SFX in a check which is used to purchase new books for our school library.

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found bucket by the Kindergarten door is overflowing. Please check to see if your student is missing any items. Please label your students clothes, lunchboxes, etc so we are able to return them to your students before items land in the lost and found.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

As the rainy days of October head toward the icy days of November we remind parents to have your students dressed for the weather. We will be outside each day unless it is raining or the wind chill drops below 10 degrees.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

11/2	National Vocations Week
11/5	No Band-No Petoskey Busing
11/7	1 st Marking Period Ends
11/13	4 th Grade Raffle-All school out of uniform day
11/14	Report cards go home
11/19-21	Scholastic Book Fair
11/20	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30pm-8:00pm-Contact your homeroom teacher to set up an appointment.
11/26-28	Thanksgiving Break
12/3	7 th and 8 th grade Band Concert
12/4	SFX Christmas Concert