



St. Francis de Sales – St. Stephen School

Family Memo – Friday, March 29, 2019

*“Remember that the Christian life is one of action;
not one of speech and daydreams.
Let there be few words and many deeds ~ and let them be done well.”*
~St. Vincent Pallotti

A Note about the upcoming NYS Assessments

Next week is ELA testing week in our school and schools across the state. We believe that this testing is one of several important sources of data about our student’s progress in mastering the Diocesan standards, which meet and exceed the NYS Common Core Standards. We do not teach to the test, nor do we use the Common Core *Curriculum* as our primary instruction tool, although some of our teachers do use it as a *part* of the tool kit from which they select instructional materials. We also do not use the test data in any manner to evaluate our teachers or determine student grade placement. Students in grades 3-8 will be taking the test. They have all seen and used practice assessments, just so that they will be familiar with the format of these tests. This is not testing which students can study for, but I ask that you have a conversation with them about taking their time and doing their best. These assessments give our teachers a picture of what our students have mastered and what they need to spend more time on with the students. To prepare for testing, we ask you to ensure that children get a good night’s sleep and have a healthy breakfast before coming to school – as I’m sure you strive to have them do each day. Students in grades 3-8 will NOT have homework the night before the assessments.

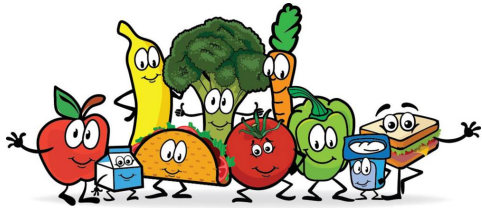
April Calendar

- 4/2-4/4 - NYS ELA Testing Grades 3-8
- Fri. 4/5 - **First Friday Mass** 8:30 a.m. – please join us!
- Sat. 4/6 - Mom to Mom Sale 9:30 to 12:30
- Tues. 4/9 - **Spring Arts Showcase** – see details in this memo
- Thurs. 4/11 - PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m. please join us!
- Fri. 4/12 - Diocesan Conference Day – no school for students
- 4/15-4/19 - Holy Week, Easter Vacation – **Have a Blessed & Joyous Easter!**
- Mon. 4/22 - School resumes
- Wed. 4/24 - **Catholic Schools of the Finger Lakes Band Concert** 7 p.m.



GOOD NEWS

Ms. Chris is scheduled to go home from Monroe County Hospital next week. She still has a long way to go in her rehabilitation process. She will not return to teaching this year, but she is making very good progress. Please continue to hold her in prayer!



Next Week's Lunch Entrée Items (4/1 – 4/5)

Monday – Pasta & Meatballs

Tuesday – Cheese Quesadillas

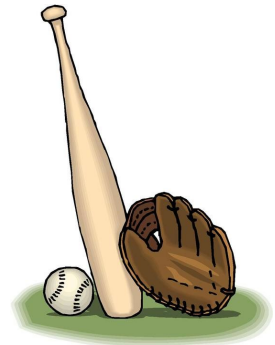
Wednesday – Grilled Cheese and/or Tomato Basil Soup

Thursday – Chicken Tenders

Friday – Cheese or Garlic Pizza

SPRING SPORTS

We have many 5th through 8th grade students interested in playing intramural baseball and softball. We need a couple of parents to coach teams! Interested? Please contact Melissa Godkin at melissa.godkin@yahoo.com



Mom - to - Mom Sale

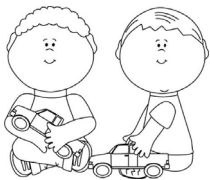
The Mom to Mom Sale will be April 6th from 9:30 am-12:30 pm in the gym! Sell your children's used items for cash! Please see the flyer for more information. Please feel free to share your flyer with your friends, family, and coworkers! If you need more flyers or a copy in Spanish, please email Jessica and Maira at the email below.

Don't have enough items or time to take out a space? Please consider donating your items to the school's booth, a new option this year! We will be accepting gently used baby and children's toys, sports equipment, books, games, etc. We will not be accepting clothes for resale at the school's table.

All proceeds from the school's resale booth will go towards school building maintenance. Small items can be sent into the school anytime during the week before the sale. Larger items may be dropped off during the sale set up on Friday, April 5th from 6-8pm or Saturday, April 6th from 8-9:30 am.

Questions? Email: sfssmomtomomsale@gmail.com

Maira Aguilera & Jessica Ciancaglini Mom to Mom Sale Co-Chairpersons



The Spring Arts Showcase will be April 9th from 6:00 - 7:30pm. This is an opportunity for students to show their individual talents in any performing art and their fine arts work. Students who chose to participate in the performance will be performing their acts in the school cafeteria throughout the night. Parents and guests may walk through the school enjoying the artwork by all students in our school and attend the live performances as they choose. Light refreshments will also be served in the cafeteria.

Please join us to enjoy the talent of our students.





Our Festival Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Greco & Mrs. Booth welcome new members, and they would love to see you there. The Family Fun Festival is a very important fundraising event for our school as well as an event our students, families, and alumni really enjoy.

PLEASE REMEMBER, YOUR \$20.00 CASH RAFFLE TICKETS MUST BE SOLD OR RETURNED. THEY WERE DUE MARCH 8TH, SO PLEASE RETURN YOUR MONEY OR UNSOLD TICKETS IMMEDIATELY. WE MUST ACCOUNT FOR EVERY TICKET!

HAS YOUR CHILD BEEN SICK AT HOME OVER THE WEEKEND? HAVE THEY BEEN SENT HOME FROM SCHOOL WITH FEVER, VOMITING, OR DIARRHEA?

We are still seeing students return to school when they should be kept home. Just a reminder for you and your children:

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...						
I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
Temperature of 100 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching and/or "crusty" drainage from eye.	Hospital stay and/or ER visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...						
Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e. Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash, itching, or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided by the county health office	Evaluated by my doctor and have a note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school



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Our Mardi Gras event that was held at Ventosa Vineyards was a HUGE success! We raised almost \$12,000 for St. Francis – St. Stephen School. We would like to thank ALL those who attended, as well as those who donated to the event. Whether you donated your time, talents, money, basket items, teacher wish list items, or made cookies - we could not have pulled off this night without you! We would like to especially thank *Ventosa Vineyards* for allowing us use of their beautiful ballroom and are happy to announce that next year's Mardi Gras has already been scheduled!

SAVE THE DATE for February 8, 2020!

In addition to thanking Ventosa Vineyards, Lenny & Meg Cecere, RJ Passalacqua and the entire Ventosa staff, we also need to send special thanks to the following people:

The Mardi Gras Committee consisting of Cathy Caster, Kristen DeVaney, Mary Mantelli, Ellie Molina, Amy Moracco, JC O'Connor, and Kathleen Pullano. Thank you for being available at any time for any tasks that needed to be tackled. This dedicated committee is the reason we were able to bring you so many new and exciting additions this year.

Our DJ: Thank you David & Tammy Brockway, AKA DJ Storm Entertainment, for donating their time and talents to this event and for the fun music that kept us dancing the night away.

Our Auctioneer: Thank you Carrie Hessney from Hessney's Auction Company, LTD. for adding such excitement to our event this year. Carrie was our auctioneer for the live auction and paddle raise, where we were able to raise over \$3,000 for plumbing and bathroom upgrades and other general school improvements.

Our cookie bakers: Cathy Caster, Kristen DeVaney, Michelle Ficaglia, Ann Molodetz, and Marie-Ann Scala. Thank you also to Jim and JC O'Connor for ordering us the authentic King Cake's all the way from Louisiana!

Our SFSS Graduates who helped out at the event: Daniel Gallagher (Class of 2015), Nathan Hesler (Class of 2015), Ryan DeVaney (Class of 2016), Madalyn Quigley (Class of 2016), Jake Young (Class of 2016), Madeline Tulloch (Class of 2016), Paige O'Brien (Class of 2016), Matthew Hutteman (Class of 2016) and Ben Talbot (Class of 2016).

Our room parents: Christina Prindle (Pre-K/K), Maira Aguilera & Jessica Ciancaglini (1), Ashley Tapscott (2), Kathryn Scibona & Kristy Garretson (3), Marie-Ann Scala & Michelle Robbins (4), Stephanie Gravitte (5), Kristen DeVaney & Jami Bruno (6), Amy Nearpass (7), and MaryAnn Montemorano & Amy Quigley (8). Thank you for the time and effort that was put into each Live Auction and silent auction classroom project. I can't wait to see what next year brings!

Our event sponsors: Prindle Family Dentistry (Diamond Sponsor); Finger Lakes Partners and Dennis & MaryAnn Bender (Silver Sponsors). Thank you also to our Bronze Sponsors & Donors: Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard, Bella's Sicilian Ristorante, Seneca White Deer, Seneca Sailing Academy, Hobart & William Smith Colleges, DeVaney-Bennett Funeral Home, Anthony Road Wine Company, Fox Run Vineyards, Cheesecake Factory, Kelly's Irish Pub, WeBe Brewing, Gael Brewing Company, Mark's Pizzeria, Wegmans, Buffalo Bills, NY Giants, White Springs Winery, Dr. Rodney Littlejohn, LuLaRoe with Angela Moracco, Mackenzie-Childs, Ports Café, Monica's Pies, Kindred Fare, Halsey's Restaurant, Uncle Joes Pizzeria, Finger Lakes Winery Tours & Fitzgerald Brothers Transportation, Hampton Inn Geneva, Wine Country Fitness, Cathy Caster, Zugibe Vineyards, Law Office of Timothy Buckley, Pam Kehoe & Family, Amy & Pete Moracco, Carol Lambke, The Flowers Family, Paula Burden, The Deluxe Restaurant, Jon George, Kathy Fuchs & Geoffrey Davis, The Ninestine & Rinaldo Family, Joan Karski, Missy Kennedy, The Pullano Family, The Talbot Family, Mo Cunningham, The O'Connor Family, Ron Acquilano, Barrett Marine, Kathleen Caster, & Kevin Powers.

On behalf of our committee and Mary Mantelli (our school principal) we thank you ALL for your continued support of our school. We hope you had a wonderful time and stay tuned for details as we begin preparing for next year!

Wishing you all a blessed Lenten season ahead!

~ Kristen DeVaney (Mardi Gras Committee Chair)