



St. Francis de Sales – St. Stephen School

Family Memo – Friday, September 14, 2018

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting."

~ St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



We had an emergency evacuation of our building this morning with the fire alarm pulled by Mrs. Mantelli. Our middle school team detected an odor that was of concern, and we always want to err on the side of caution. The fire department use sensors and inspected outlets and ballasts in the building but found no issues of concern. The odor dissipated, and it may have been an odor that drifted into the building from outdoors, or a result of changing a fluorescent bulb earlier in the morning. In any case, all are safe, and your children are to be commended for the way they exited the building and waited patiently for the firefighters to do their job.

Important Dismissal Reminder

All students that are not dismissed to a bus must be met at the door by a parent or other adult parent designee. Our teachers may not dismiss them without seeing you unless we have received written permission to allow them to meet you at a different door or at your car. Sadly this is not always a nice world, and we are committed to keeping our students safe. If you want to have your child walk home, you must complete and sign a permission slip provided by Mrs. Mantelli. I would not recommend this for students in our elementary grades, however this is at parental discretion.

September Calendar

- Mon. 9/17 - One Hour Early Dismissal per GCSD
- **Walk-aThon Committee Meeting** - New Members Welcome and Encouraged to Attend!
- Wed. 9/19 - Magazine Drive Kickoff
- Thurs. 9/20 - Band registration forms are due
- Fri. 9/21 - Mardi Gras Raffle Tickets due
- Tues. 9/25 - **Mardi Gras Committee Meeting** - New Members Welcome and Encouraged to Attend!
- Fri. 9/28 - **8th Grade Granger Museum Civil War Encampment**



October - Please Save These Dates

- Wed. 10/3 - Open House 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Thurs. 10/4 - **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - Blessing of the Pets** 8:30 a.m.
Fri. 10/5 - No School for Students - Diocesan Conference Day
Fri. 10/12 - **School Mass** 8:30 a.m.
Mon. 10/15 - One Hour Early Dismissal per GCSD
Fri. 10/19 - **Walk-a-Thon**
Tues. 10/23 - Picture Day
Fri/ 10/26 - No School for Students - GCSD Conference Da,
- **Halloween Dance (times TBA)**



Lunch Program News

Please forgive us, as there was an unintentional price change (typo) on the pizza slices. Mrs. Booth will be crediting your accounts accordingly and notifying you.

We are looking forward to beginning our lunch service next week. We are still working out pricing on many of our lunch menu items, but **I promise that once the prices are set they will reflect the true cost of making the lunches.** We are not planning this as a profit-making enterprise, but rather as a service to our families. You will notice some adjustments on the next order, but prices may continue to change for a while until we have been able to calculate our true costs. We are also trying to accommodate your and your children's preferences as indicated by your response to our survey. We will not be able to provide for every request, but we will strive to accommodate the most popular ones. **Our goal is to provide a nutritious and child friendly menu, and we intend to use the most healthful ingredients possible to create meals that will appeal to the students.** We welcome your feedback in the weeks to come.

We STILL Need Your Help!

We still need two people each day to wash a couple of pots & pans and our lunch trays, and clean up the kitchen. Please e-mail Mrs. Mantelli with days available. Hours are noon until finished (about 45 minutes to an hour) for our kitchen helpers. THANK YOU in advance for your help making a healthy, kid friendly lunch available for our students!

BASKETBALL PROGRAM

We will be having an organized open gym for basketball for 5th -8th grade boys and girls. This program will run once a week for one hour to help students work on their basketball skills and determine if they like basketball before the season starts.

START DATE: *Wednesday, September 26th*
TIME: *5pm-6pm*
PLACE: *De Sales Gym*
SIGN UP: *EdNinestine@aol.com*



Please email Ed Ninestine if your child is interested and if any parents are interested in volunteering to help with this program.

The Geneva Family YMCA is offering a babysitting class for students 11 to 15 years of age. The class will take place on Saturday, September 22. For More information call the Y at 315- 789-1616.



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