



THE FRANCISCAN SCHOOL TIDBITS

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
APRIL 10, 2018

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia. CF. LK 24

Trivia Night

Join us for our third annual Trivia Night on Saturday, April 21st, 2018 in Fellowship Hall! Tickets can be purchased on Bidpal at <http://bidpal.net/2018tfstrivianight>. We have sponsorship packages available if you are attending and are also offering corporation sponsor packages this year. For more details please email tfsfundraiser@gmail.com. There are some great sponsorship opportunities.

Join Us in Support of our Friars at Morning Prayer on Monday, April 16th!

We will have a special opportunity at morning prayer on Monday, April 16th as your Friars will be renewing their vows!

On April 16, 1209, Saint Francis of Assisi made his profession into the hands of Pope Innocent III, and received approval for the way of life he wished to live with his brothers. On this day each year it has become tradition in the Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscan Order) to gather and renew this profession. The purpose of this renewal is to recall the origins of the Franciscan Order, and to recall the spirit of St. Francis and his companions as they founded it. For the friars it is also a time to remember why it was that God called us to live joyfully this life, and to once again commit ourselves to living out the ideals begun by St. Francis and the first Franciscans.

The Bishop is Coming!!

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Luis Zarama will be coming to TFS to help us celebrate our Lewis Award winner, Bea Jimenez, on April 18th! We will change the Mass schedule for the 11th and the 18th of April. The 1st grade will have their daily Mass in the chapel on 4/11 and we will have our All Community Mass led by the Kindergarten on the 18th at 10:30 a.m. with the Bishop! Hope to have you join us!!

Openings for Students at TFS for 2018-19

We still have openings in almost every grade for the upcoming school year, and we are looking for more great families to join TFS. Do you know of a family looking for a great education in a caring Catholic environment? A school where a commitment to Faith, Academics, and Service defines and guides the education of their students? Then I think I know a school! Please send any interested families you may know to our Admission Coordinator Lura Tysiac at lura.tysiac@stfrancisraleigh.org. We are always looking for great families like yours to join our community!

Re-enrollment for 2018-19

If you have any questions or concerns about re-enrollment, please contact Sami Burnette at sami.burnette@stfrancisraleigh.org for help with forms or technical questions or Michael Watson at Michael.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org for any questions about next year.

As a reminder, re-enrollment forms were sent electronically by email to all current students on February 16. Please do let us know if you did not receive it!

You still have time to re-enroll, but please do so ASAP so we have time to plan for next year! Thanks

Transitions

Each year we have faculty and staff members who decide, for a variety of reasons, to transition to another position or to retire from TFS. It is sad when we have our TFS family members leave, but we are very supportive of their decisions and appreciate all they have done for us over their years here. These are those faculty and staff members who will not be returning for the 2018-19 school year; they will be missed!

- Cheryl Stevens will be retiring and spending more of her time with her grandchildren. Cheryl was an original faculty member at TFS, and we appreciate all she has done as a teacher for so many of our students over the years. In addition to all she did as a teacher, she also spent a lot of time as the faculty Social Justice and Catholic Social Teaching coordinator in support of our greater mission as a parish. We will miss her as a teacher and for her dedication to our mission!
- Alicia Comeskey will be getting married and wants to spend time with her new husband. She will still be subbing at TFS and working with our educational resource team to provide the best for our students in need. We wish her all the best in her married life and look forward to seeing her still around campus.
- Mike Braga will be joining the team at Magellan Charter School as the 8th grade LA teacher. He is returning as an alumni of the Magellan school to replace his former 8th grade teacher, who is retiring. Best of luck Mike in your new role and congratulations!!
- Kayla Kaeding is getting married next Fall and she and her fiancé have decided as a family to relocate to the Philadelphia area come fall. Best of luck to Kayla in Philly and on her life together with her future husband!
- Jules Weber is moving to Cardinal Gibbons. She has recently been given the opportunity to work at CGHS as a part-time teacher and as a part-time educational leader. She is excited for this next step in her career, and we wish her all the best in her new endeavors.

Ties for 8th grade Boys

The dress ties have arrived for 8th grade graduation! Please purchase one for your son in the Thea building of campus for \$12 cash or check made payable to TFS. The school office is open from 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Running Club for Elementary Students

If your child is interested in joining the Running Club, please fill out this [FORM](#). The club will meet on Thursdays after school from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. We would like to begin on Thursday, April 19, 2018. All skill levels are welcome. We will aim to do some fun runs in the community during the year. Please have your child receive a sports physical to join the club ([form here](#)). Thank you for your interest! Please email tfsruns@gmail.com for more information. We are also looking for parents with C level certification who may be interested in coaching or supporting the club. If you were part of the group last year, we'd love to have you again.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be here next week. If you are able to help with set up on Friday, April 13, please contact Eva Socko at Eva.Socko@stfrancisraleigh.org. We still need lots of helpers! Thank you!

Yearbooks

There are still yearbooks available for presale. If you have not pre-ordered a yearbook and would like to do so, please use the [FORM](#) here and send it in with your check for \$26 per yearbook. If you have questions, contact Eva Socko at Eva.Socko@stfrancisraleigh.org

TFS National Junior Honor Society Updates

The next meeting of the National Junior Honor Society will be on Wednesday, April 11th after school in the chapel. This meeting will be for those seventh and eighth graders who have been members of NJHS during the 2017-2018 school year (not new members). The meeting will conclude by 3:25 P.M., and students should be picked up outside the chapel at that time (or will be taken to their after-school sports practice by a faculty member). Anyone who normally attends Bridges after school will be escorted to Bridges after the

meeting. Please contact Mrs. Linda Sullivan (linda.sullivan@stfrancisraleigh.org) with any questions regarding NJHS.

Safe Environment class

Saturday, April 21st from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Founders Room. You must be a Level C Volunteer to attend all field trips for the 2017-18 school year. **THIS IS THE LAST SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASS BEFORE BLUE JAY POINT AND OLD SALEM FIELD TRIP** In order to become a Level C Volunteer, you must: take a Safe Environment class, submit a Level C Application original and have three written references originals for your file. All employees and those in leadership positions with children and youth, including chaperones, are required to take this free training. It can serve as your initial training or your five-year renewal. To sign up: http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/safe_environment/ If you have any questions please contact Trina Sugrue at trina.sugrue@stfrancisraleigh.org

Milk Parents

We'd love your help with serving milk – once a week or even once a month, it's lots of fun and a great way to visit your child and their friends at lunch time! Pick a date that works for you, set out milk at the kitchen counter and take tickets. Please contact Karen Munroe at kdm822@yahoo.com

Need a summer activity for your rising 3, 4, or 5-year-old?

St. Francis of Assisi Preschool offers summer camps through their Summer Adventures program. Check out [this link](#) for dates and themes of the summer camps. Your child needs to be 3, 4, or 5 by August 31st in order to register for their respective camp. You can register for camp at <https://www.preschoolatstfrancis.com/summercamp/>. If you have questions, you can call the preschool office at 919.847.8205 ext. 262.

Summer Programs 2018

Registration is NOW open for Cardinal Gibbons Summer Programs 2018 with camps in athletics, academics, and the performing arts. For additional information and to register, please visit www.cghsnc.org/summerprograms. For questions, please contact summerprograms@cghsnc.org

Spring Student Individual Pictures this Friday

Get your favorite "Sunday Best" outfit ready for picture day this week on Friday, April 13th, our Student Individual Spring Picture Day.

HSA

****Save the Date - HSA General Meeting - April 18 6:30 p.m.**

Please join us for the final General HSA meeting of the school year. You will hear about what your generous donations from the Franciscan Experience funded, all of the exciting things we have planned for Trivia Night (April 21), and Mike Watson will host a discussion similar to his Principal's forum. Thank you again for all of your support of the HSA this year! As a special last meeting treat, we are having pizza. Please sign up using this link to let us know if you are able to make it:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/9040944AFAA22AB9-hsageneral

Field Day – Friday May 4th

The coolest day at school is almost here!! Mark your calendar and do not miss this!! Lots of ways to help, even if you can't attend!!! Thanks in advance! ☺

Items Needed and Set-up Volunteers: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4EA5AF23A13-2017

K - 3rd Grade Volunteers: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4EA5AF23A13-20171

4th – 5th Grade Volunteers: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4EA5AF23A13-20172

6th – 8th Grade Volunteers: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4EA5AF23A13-20173

For more info contact chairs: Cathy Coury, ccoury@gund.com Jenn Lopez Jenniferlopezrph@gmail.com

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****Save the date! TFS Student Art Show**

The annual TFS Student Art Show will kick off on Thursday May 10th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in Jacoba Hall. We need lots of help before, during, and after opening night! If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Beth Nackashi at beth.nackashi@icloud.com.

Earth Day is almost here, April 27!

Some of our most popular events are back and of course a few new ones for 2018. As you can imagine, this day needs many volunteers to assist in its success. Please consider volunteering your half day (7:45-11:15) with us. All volunteer materials will be provided for you. We truly appreciate your time.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544a8a72b0-earthEarth Day 2018 Volunteer>

Earth Day Art Contest

The Earth Day Committee and the TFS Student Council are very happy to announce our Annual Art Contest. The theme is oceans/water. Students can draw, paint, create, or write anything of their choosing with the ocean as their inspiration. There will be an Elementary division and a Middle School division. Submissions should be turned into the office from April 15th to April 25th. Winners will be announced at Morning Prayer on Friday, April 27th.

Please let us know if you have any questions, Jennifer Cogburn, jkros@yahoo.com, or Valerie MacNabb, vmacnabb@hotmail.com.

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Parish Faith Formation and Camps

Confirmation Preparation

Parents of youth currently in 7th grade through high school: we will soon start the process to register for the 2 year Youth Confirmation Preparation process for the Celebration of Confirmation in 2020.

If your youth is currently registered and already preparing for the celebration of Confirmation 2019, not in the eligible grade level or is already confirmed, this does not pertain to you.

Youth Confirmation Preparation 2018-20

Prayerfully discerning celebrating Confirmation? Thinking about completing your Christian Initiation? Interested youth who are currently in 7th grade through high school and at least one parent must attend one of the offered information/registration meetings below. Confirmation preparation is a two-year long journey, can start as early as 8th grade and will culminate with the celebration of Confirmation in the fall of 2020.

Information/Registration Meetings

Sunday, 4/22/2018 3:45 p.m. in Founders Room

Thursday, 4/26/2018 7:00 p.m. in Founders Room

Wednesday, 5/2/2018 7:00 p.m. in Founders Room

If your family is planning on participating in the 2018-20 Confirmation preparation process, you MUST register at one of these meetings! **Please understand that due to the program starting in October, we will not be able to facilitate any meetings in the fall.** RSVP online: <https://form.jotform.com/60824762171152>

Questions? Please contact: Martina Dumberger (919) 847-8205 ext. 264

martina.dumberger@stfrancisraleigh.org

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Registration Information

If you have a child completing Kindergarten this academic year, please attend one of our First Reconciliation/First Eucharist parent meetings for more information on enrolling your child in sacramental preparation.

All three meetings will be held in the Main Church. Please choose from:

Wednesday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m., or Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 p.m.

RSVP for one of these meetings times at: http://stfrancis2.wpengine.com/ff_first-eucharist/ Please bring with you \$65 cash or check **and** a photocopy of your child's baptism certificate. Questions? Email Sarah.Bowser@stfrancisraleigh.org

Volunteers Needed for VBS!

Looking for a fun way to give back this summer? Consider volunteering at Saint Francis of Assisi's Vacation Bible School!

Adult leaders are needed to co-lead small groups of children, facilitate music, share Bible stories, and more.

Considering sign up? Fill out the link here: <https://form.jotform.com/80024858731154>

Questions? Email sarah.bowser@stfrancisraleigh.org We would love to have you on our Vacation Bible School team!

Camp Francis 2018:

Registration is OPEN! Camp Francis is our popular summer camp, and has lots of cool opportunities in athletics, technologies, arts and various enrichment areas! Camps are half day or full day. For more information, our brochure and all other summer camp offerings, visit our website:

<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camp-francis/>

Important Dates	
April 13 th	Spring Student Individual Pictures (favorite dress up outfit)
April 16 th	Renewal of Order of Friars Minor Vows at Morning Prayer Please join us as our TFS community supports our Franciscan Friars in their dedication to their calling!
April 16 – April 19	Book Fair Buy 1 Get 1 Free
April 18 th	All Community Mass With the Bishop 10:30 a.m. Main Church join us!