



THE FRANCISCAN SCHOOL TIDBITS

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
MAY 1, 2018

“Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm. R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.” PS 98

Pizza on Field Day

To order student pizza lunch on Friday, May 4th with Spice Cubed, please click on the “Late Order” Tab. There is no penalty for late orders. Orders can be placed up to 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 4th. The TFS code is: TFS1

Questions, please email Alex Rommel, at alex.rommel@stfrancisraleigh.org

Spring Picture Packets

Packets are coming home with your student early this week. Please look through them with your students to decide if you would like to order the package.

Orders can be placed at www.mylifetouch.com

Picture Day ID: BW017766Q0

If you are not ordering, please return the packet to your student’s homeroom teacher.

Picture Packet returns are due by next Wednesday, May 9. Thanks.

Ties for 8th grade Boys

Another order of the dress ties for 8th grade graduation will be arriving soon. We’ll keep you posted when they arrive.

Payment can be made in the Thea office when you pick up the tie, thanks.

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!

TFS National Junior Honor Society Updates

The next meeting of the National Junior Honor Society will be this Wednesday, May 2nd 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. The induction ceremony for new members (and new officers) will be held on Thursday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Please contact Mrs. Linda Sullivan (linda.sullivan@stfrancisraleigh.org) with any questions regarding NJHS.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be sent home on Friday, May 18th. We do still have some yearbooks available for presale. If you would like to preorder a yearbook, please send in [FORM](#) with your check for \$26 for each yearbook. We will accept orders while we have yearbooks available. No preorders will be accepted after May 11th, and any preorders received after the supply of yearbooks has been depleted will be sent home. If you have any questions, please contact Eva Socko at Eva.Socko@stfrancisraleigh.org.

8th Grade Commencement Reception

Calling all 7th Grade Parents! Following TFS tradition, the HSA and the 7th Grade will host this year's 8th Grade Commencement Reception on Wednesday, May 23rd. More than 500 family and friends are expected to attend! Please sign up to bring in one or more items, make a monetary donation or volunteer your time to help support this very special event. Please contact Liz Mosler (lizmosler4@gmail.com) or Michelle Staub (mstaub2@me.com) with any questions. Many thanks in advance for your generosity and support!

Food/monetary donations: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4aa9ab2d6-8thgrade>

To volunteer: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4aa5a72ba57-tfscommencement/367546>

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.

HSA

FIELD DAY

FRIDAY MAY 4th *Rain or SHINE!

If your child's grade is full for Volunteers, please come to the field at 8am and sign in as a floater for their grade. We will definitely be able to use everyone's help!!

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

**** LAST MINUTE & MOST NEEDED ITEMS!**

1. Middle School Parents - WE NEED YOU! PLEASE sign up to help!!
2. Staff Salads - see link for specifics!
3. Middle School Lunch helpers - PLEASE report to the Labyrinth

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

- . Don't forget SUNSCREEN & WATER BOTTLES!!
- . Kids wear PE uniforms or spirit shirt with PE bottoms.
- . T-shirts have been purchased for middle school students to decorate. We recommend bringing a beach towel and change of clothes.
- . PIZZA for your child(ren) for Field Day, please order through the regular hot lunch program (<https://spice3catering.boonli.com/home>) OR PACK A LUNCH

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

Art Show – May 10

It's time to prepare for the 2018 TFS Student Art Show! Please consider signing up for a 1-hour shift (or two or three shifts!). We have slots available MTWF mornings, but if none of these slots works for you, please

reach out to me directly and I can set up a different time for you. No artistic talent or creativity needed! WE NEED ALL KINDS OF HELP! Thank you so much!

[2018 TFS Student Art Show](#)

Hello TFS families! I can't believe it's almost time for the annual TFS student art show! The art show is where all students get to showcase the artwork they've been creating in Mrs. Cesari's (K-2) and Miss Kaeding's (3-8) art classes. This year, the art show will open on Thursday, May 10.
signupgenius.com

1st Communion Reception

Calling all 1st grade parents. Please see the sign up genius below for items needed for the 1st communion reception being held following the community mass on Wednesday, May 9th.

Any questions, please contact Georgia Carolyn Davis <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4da9a72aa46-first>
www.signupgenius.com

The first grade classes will be hosting the First Communion Reception for the second grade classes on Wednesday, May 9th. This event will take place in Fellowship following the all-school Community Mass at 9:00 a.m. We need lots of help to make this event a success. Please sign up for items to donate, purchase, or help with serving that day. All gift cards should be turned in by May 1st. They can go to Campbell Davis in Mrs. Kirchoff's class OR Addison Lipkin in Mrs. Burdett's class. Items for that day should come to Fellowship Hall by 8:00 a.m. If you have any questions, contact Georgia Carolyn Davis (Campbell's Mom) at gcmdavis@gmail.com
OR Amanda Lipkin (Addison's Mom) amlipkin@gmail.com

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Spring Uniform Sale

Volunteers Needed (including opportunities for Middle School Students!)

The H.S.A Spring Uniform Sale will be held **Saturday, June 2nd** from 9:00 – 11:00 am in Jacoba Hall. Collections of used uniforms will begin in late May - watch Tidbits for more details. But for now, we need volunteers to help us set-up, clean-up and assist during the sale. If you'd like to volunteer (volunteers get to shop early!!), please sign up at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0E44ABA829A7F94-20181. We have several spots for Middle School students to help out - a great way to earn service hour credits and for every hour of volunteering they get to take home one item of clothing in inventory!

Questions? Contact Erica Emerson-Overacre or Susie Erlinger at tfsuniformsale@gmail.com

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.

One Information/Registration Meeting Remaining

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 with Mission Mercy June 25-29

We are in great need of volunteers to assist with meals, as chaperones and drivers for this summer's high school Mission Mercy camp!

The experience will allow youth to deepen their faith by discovering the joy of an encounter and working side by side with low income families who are served. Upon return to campus in the evening, youth will spend time in fellowship, have meaningful prayer experiences, develop relationships with peers, and travel to sites that will open their eyes to our diverse community. For more information, please click [HERE](#)

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!

2018 Parish Athletics Fall Soccer, T-ball and Baseball Registration is Now Open!

Please visit www.parishathleticsnc.org now to register. *please make sure to include all comments (friend requests, coach requests, etc.) in the comments box and please also make sure you note if your child is playing BOTH sports so we make every effort to get them in teams that do not overlap with play.

Registration closed EARLY last time due to reaching our maximum capacity and we are expecting that again this year so please register early!

Youth Volleyball

Registration is open to rising 3rd to 9th graders. Practices either Monday or Wednesday; games every Thursday night. Season runs Mid-May – end of July. <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/community-life-volleyball/>

Camp Francis

Camp Francis offers half day enrichment camps in the areas of Athletics, Enrichment, Sciences, and Arts. There are enrichment opportunities like: engineering and science techniques, drawing and painting, playing the piano, and even learning what it's like to be a Veterinarian. New this year Camp Francis will also be offering a new program called Camp Francis Explorers which is a full day play based camp. We will have 5 weeks of Camp Francis again this summer. Many camps have limited space, so make sure to sign up now. Check our full options and register at <http://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camp-francis>.

Camp Francis Explorers Counselors in Training

Our Counselor In Training Program is designed for mature and enthusiastic teens who are interested in developing leadership skills and working with children. C.I.T.s are expected to willingly and fully participate in camp programs while working with other C.I.T.s and Camp Staff. They are to look at themselves as role models for the campers they will be working with. Applicants that are ages 14-16 (by August 31, 2018) that are interested in volunteering for at least 2 weeks of the Camp Francis Explorers program should contact Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh for more information and the application.

Important Dates	
May 3 rd	Induction ceremony for NJHS Church, 7:00 p.m.
May 4 th	Field Day - Rain or Shine! All Day
May 4 th & 5 th	First Eucharist for some!
May 8 th	Soccer and Baseball Semi-Final Playoff Games!
May 9 th	All Community Mass prepared by 2nd Grade for 1st Eucharist
May 10 th	Art Show Kickoff 6:30- 8:00 Location: Jacoba and surrounding school hallways
May 10 th	TFS Production of The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe Fellowship Hall 7:00-8:00PM
May 10 th	Soccer and Baseball Championship Games at CGHS!