



THE FRANCISCAN SCHOOL TIDBITS

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Moses said "...You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever." DT 4

REMINDER: Full Day This Friday, May 25th:

As a reminder, this Friday, May 25th, is a full school day. We will have our normal car pool schedule but will NOT have the Bridges after school program that day in deference to the holiday weekend. Have a great Memorial Day break!

Justice Fair

On Friday, May 25th from 8:30 a.m. – 11:10 a.m., The Franciscan School hosts our annual Justice Fair. There are many speakers who come from various ministries and community organizations to speak to our students about ways to live our faith. Please [click here](#) for ways your family can help.

Special Link for Brown Bag Ministry: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4faba72a1-brown2>

Themed Dress Out Days

In support of the HSA Uniform Sale on June 2nd, we are having themed dress out days on the 30th and 31st of May and June 1st. While the sale is June 2nd, the HSA is accepting uniforms until the afternoon of May 30th for resale. These dress out days are to allow parents to be able to drop off and sell those uniforms that are being outgrown, and to purchase gently used items for the 2018-19 school year now.

May 30th – Mismatch Day –

wear your "color clashing" proudly as we pair stripes and plaids, or whatever other fashion faux pas you can think of!

May 31st – Favorite Team Day –

wear team jerseys/colors from your favorite sports team...we all know it is the Red Sox!!

June 1st – TFS Spirit Day –

Wear school colors, Spirit Shirts, MS Sports team shirts, or whatever else you have to show your T'Wolves Pride!

As always, please assure that the clothes are appropriate for length, fit, and all other dress-out day dress code requirements, so that we can all have a great day!!

Last School-wide Lockdown Drill to be held before the last week of the school year

We want everyone to be aware that will have our 3rd lockdown drill of the year sometime in the next several weeks. We will not announce the specific date and time as per the recommendation of the law enforcement personnel we are working with on the Campus Safety Program. Our faculty and staff are well-versed in the procedures used during the lockdown drill, and are prepared to answer any questions their students may have regarding the drill. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mike Watson (michael.watson@stfrancisraleigh.org). We do not want to raise anxiety in any way, but we do want to assure that we are prepared for all possibilities. That is why we have these drills, as well as fire and severe weather drills, as an integral part of our comprehensive school safety plan.

Yearbooks

There are still some yearbooks left for purchase. They can be purchased for \$26 each at the Thea reception desk.

Service with a Smile

The feeling of giving back is alive and well when serving at Oak City Outreach Center – join us on June 30th. This is a great family activity that truly helps others

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4faba72a1-june1> thanks in advance!

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!

Safe Environment class

Saturday, June 9th from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Founders Room. 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

Note from the Media Center

Inventory of our school library is beginning and all library books must be returned to the media center no later than Friday, May 25th. If you are uncertain if your child has a library book out, please contact Eva Socko at

Eva.Socko@stfrancisraleigh.org

TFS National Junior Honor Society Meeting

The next meeting of the National Junior Honor Society will be on Wednesday, May 30th after school in the chapel. This meeting will be for current NJHS members who are rising 8th graders as well as all newly inducted members of NJHS. Attendance at all monthly meetings is mandatory. 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.

Community Safety Day

The Franciscan School and the St. Francis Pre-School will sponsor the 2nd Annual Community Safety Day on Saturday, June 2nd, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Bring the family & learn more as we provide our community with important safety information to keep you & your children safe!

- Safe Kids of Wake County will be here providing summer & pool safety
 - Wake County Sheriff's Department deputies will be onsite with K-9 unit, patrol car, patrol boat, & an armored vehicle
 - Durham Highway Fire Department will be here with a fire truck & have information on fire safety
 - The Life Flight helicopter from Duke will be landing here, too!
 - Enjoy food trucks and much more!
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Cross Country

We are looking for new and returning team members for our 2018 TFS Cross Country team! Cross country is not just a sport in and of itself, it provides an excellent base for any other sport your child may play at TFS. We focus not only on running, but building strength, endurance, speed, power, and self-discipline. Please attend our interest meeting on Tuesday, May 29th immediately after dismissal in (classroom) to learn more about our sport, our practices, our expectations, and how best to prepare for the season.

Volleyball Head Coach

TFS is in need for a girls' volleyball head coach for this upcoming fall; please contact Doug Cottle, Athletic Director at TFS. Thank you so much, Stephanie Helms, for coaching the girls this past fall season!

Contact info: tfsad@franciscanschool.org
(919) 793-8394

Please prayerfully consider this extremely rewarding opportunity to work with our wonderful TFS middle school girls! Go T'Wolves!!

Girls Tennis Coach

We are also in need of a girl's tennis club coach/coordinator for next year. If you are interested, please contact the faculty coordinator for the tennis club, LeAnne Allen, at leanne.allen@stfrancisraleigh.org

Thanks for helping us continue a great Girls Tennis club at TFS!

HSA

Welcome to the HSA

All TFS parents are considered members of the HSA – you don't need to sign up or pay any dues! The HSA is led by a Board of volunteers that coordinate Fundraising efforts, and many events including Field Day, the Father-Daughter Dance, the Advent Pancake Breakfast, 8th Grade Graduation Reception and many more. We encourage all parents to volunteer their time, talent, and treasure – keep an eye out in Tidbits and on Facebook for opportunities to support TFS.

TFS HSA Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/308136653044208/>

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>

HSA Event Chairs Needed

We are also looking for volunteers to Chair several events in the 2018/19 school year. Please see the Sign Up Genius here: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/904094EADA92F4-tfshsa

Lost and Found

Many hoodies, sweaters, jackets and other items have found their way to the lost and found with the unusually warm weather. Please check for your lost items as the lost and found will be cleaned out the Friday before Memorial Day, May 25th. Any uniform items will be donated to the uniform sale and any other items will be donated to Goodwill.

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 a.m. 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

Box Tops

Box Top Reminder: Please send in Box Tops! Please clip each box top and make sure it is not expired. Box Tops can be turned into the office or your home room teacher. Please keep collecting Box Tops this summer too!

Introducing The TFS Innovation Grants

Does your student have an innovative idea that will improve the TFS school or community experience?

Teacher Grants remain as one of the priorities for our annual fundraising efforts. In the last 2 years, your generosity has funded Grants that include the water filling stations, STEM programs, the leveled reading room, guidance programs, the 4th grade flexible seating pilot, and many more.

Beginning this Spring, students and staff may submit ideas for consideration using the link below. Student requests require a faculty sponsor. Deadline for is 5/28 for Spring Grants requests.

[Spring 2018 TFS Innovation Grant Request](#)

Parish Faith Formation and Camps

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!

Men's 18+ Summer Basketball League

Registration is now open for the 7th season of the Men's 18+ Summer Basketball League at St. Francis. Season runs June through end of July. Saturday games, no practices. Teams must register together.

<https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/community-life-summer-adult-mens-basketball-league-over-18/>

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 22 nd	Commencement activities (8 th Grade Awards)
May 23 rd	8 th Grade Commencement and Baccalaureate Mass
May 25 th	Justice Fair and Step-Up Day Note: This is a full day of school But there will not be Bridges After School Care
May 28 th	Memorial Day – No School
May 29 th	School Resumes
May 30 th – June 1 st	Themed Dress Out Days (Wed-Fri.)
June 1 st	Last day for hot lunch is Friday, June 1, 2018.
June 2 nd	Uniform Sale 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Jacoba (Cafeteria)
June 2 nd	Safety Day 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. TFS Parking Lot
June 6 th	Early Release and celebration for last day of school (K-7)!
June 7 & 8	Teacher Work Days