



THE FRANCISCAN SCHOOL TIDBITS

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
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“Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.” Acts 13

Summer Office Hours

The Thea Office (K-5 building) will be open for visitors dropping off an item or to pick something up this summer anytime from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday each week. However, we will be closed the week of 4th of July, Monday, July 2nd – Friday, July 6th. Enjoy your summer!

Summer Tidbits Dates

We will be sending Tidbits out during the summer on the following schedule:

June 19th

July 10th

July 24th

July 31st

After July 31st, we will be back on the regular weekly schedule of sending one out each Tuesday.

Have fun this summer, and make sure you look at Tidbits for timely updates this summer and throughout the year!!

Hot Lunch for Next Year

We will be partnering with a different provider for hot lunch next year. The sign-ups and ordering will be done electronically as has been done in the past, but more choices and portion sizes will be available with the My Hot Lunch program, [here](#). More information will be provided as we progress through the summer!!

Parent Survey

Please look for our summer parent survey to be sent out sometime this summer, probably in July. This is an opportunity for you to give us your thoughts and feedback on the 2017-18 school year. We are always looking for ways to make TFS an even greater experience for all, and we value what our parents have to offer! Thanks, in advance, for your help.

Principal Forums

Our Principal Forums will be on Monday, July 16th. You may choose to attend the morning session at 8:00 a.m. or in the evening at 6:00 p.m. As was said above with the parent surveys, we value what our parents have to offer and the forums allow us to have more of a dialogue around any concerns or to provide clarification. It also allows us to discuss your ideas on how to make TFS better! We look forward to seeing you at the Forum!

Summer Packets

As a reminder, we will be sending out the summer packets after July 4th week. These packets are designed to help students review for a short time daily (<~1 hr.) over the last 4-5 weeks of summer to be better prepared to start the year well. We do not send these out earlier because we do not want to turn this into “summer school” or a continuation of the year. We do want to allow the students, of course, to have a well-deserved break, and for you to be able to plan around later summer vacations. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Service with a Smile--Great Need

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

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/>

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](#)

HSA Survey

2018-2019 Fundraising Survey - watch your email later this summer (sometime in late June or early July) for a brief survey around the HSA fundraising priorities for the upcoming school year. We greatly appreciate and take into consideration all feedback!

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!

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>.

Important Dates	
July 16 th , 2018	Principal's Forum 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Jacoba Hall
August 4 th , 2018	New Family Playdate TFS Playground 10AM-12PM
August 4 th , 2018	"Shop the Shed" Uniform Sale Athletic Trailer 9:00-10:30AM
August 13 th , 2018	KinderKamp and New Student Orientations Please see TFS Calendar for details
August 14 th , 2018	Meet and Greet 4:00-6:30PM
August 16 th , 2018	First Day of School!