



# THE FRANCISCAN SCHOOL TIDBITS

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OCTOBER 9, 2018

*Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! Psalm 90:14*

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## Thank You!!

The Fall Franciscan Experience Fundraiser was a tremendous success thanks to all of you!! We had the largest percentage of families participating that we have ever had, and a lot of that was due to the great variety of auction items available! We had 357 unique bidders on the huge variety of amazing experiences available, and we thank all of those faculty and staff who offered to provide experiences for our students and their families, all of our local business sponsors who donated, and to all of the H.S.A. volunteers, in particular Christy Rayle and Erica Emerson, who worked so hard to make this a success. Most of all though, we thank all of our families for contributing to our fundraiser in support of our Home and School Association and all they do for TFS throughout the year!

YOU ARE AWESOME!!

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## Fall Open House

Mark your calendars! Our Fall Open House is coming up on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 PM until 2:30 PM, to begin in Fellowship Hall. We invite you to help us spread the word and invite your friends or anyone you might know who is interested in learning more about our school to attend our open house. Tours will be given around our beautiful campus and facilities and prospective students and families will have the opportunity to talk with faculty and staff, current parents and students, ask questions and learn more about the curriculum and opportunities available for our students. If you have friends or prospective families that would like to register to attend our Open House, they can go here: <https://www.franciscanschool.org/open-house-sign-up/>

**TFS Alumni & Parent Volunteers Needed to Help with Open House:** If your child is a graduate of TFS and would like to join us for Open House to help as an alumni, we would love to have them! We are also in need of parent volunteers to help, too! There are many ways to help, especially as a parent or alumni placed in tour groups with student ambassadors, touring prospective families around the school. It is fun and easy! If you are interested in signing up, please click on the SignUpGenius link below to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084daeae28aaf94-fall2>

For questions, please contact Lura Tysiac at [lura.tysiac@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:lura.tysiac@stfrancisraleigh.org) or call 919.847.8205, ext. 469

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## Childcare Available During Parent/Teacher Conferences This Week

The Bridges Staff will be offering childcare for families during Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. To sign up, please use the link below and indicate the names of the children who will be under our care. Drop off and pick-up will be in Jacoba Hall. Childcare is available to families **only** during scheduled conference times. We are happy to provide this service free of charge. Please contact Joey Bradshaw with any questions [joseph.bradshaw@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:joseph.bradshaw@stfrancisraleigh.org).

Please click to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c49aba72fa75-childcare1>

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## Picture Make Up Day

Pictures that were taken on Wednesday 09/19 will be distributed in a few weeks. Once pictures come in, if you decide to have a retake, send the picture package back in with your child on Thursday, 10/18/2018 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. when Strawbridge Studios will be here for Student Individual Picture Make Up Day. **Again, all make up picture students are asked to bring the picture package that they are returning. Please wear full dress uniform for pictures, even if you have PE on Thursday, 10/18; thanks.**

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## Fall Concert

The Cardinal Gibbons High School Choral Department is excited to invite you to its Fall Concert on Friday, October 12, starting at 7:00 PM. The FREE concert will take place in the main lobby of the school, which is located at 1401 Edwards Mill Road in Raleigh. We hope you will be able to join us for this evening of music and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Choral Director Martha Zaldivar at [mzaldivar@cghsnc.org](mailto:mzaldivar@cghsnc.org)

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## Yearbook Cover Contest

We are looking for student artwork for our school yearbook. All submitted artwork will be considered for the front, back, or inside covers of the yearbook. All entries are considered. If a design is not chosen for one of the covers, there are still opportunities for the design to be included within the pages of the yearbook, so everyone is encouraged to enter!

All entries should be original ARTWORK ONLY— just pictures, no words or numbers. It should be on a piece of white paper that is 8-1/2 X 11". You should turn your entries into your homeroom teachers or to Mrs. Socko no later than Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. All the information for the contest will be in Tidbits next week and on RenWeb ParentsWeb If you have questions, contact Mrs. Socko at [Eva.Socko@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Eva.Socko@stfrancisraleigh.org). Thank you and Good Luck!

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## Sign Language Class After School

Starting on October 22nd through December 17th, every Monday after school, American Sign Language will be taught here on campus for 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

Class will run from 3:05 p.m. – 4:05 p.m., for more information, please contact Jess Kelly at [info@signsoflearning.com](mailto:info@signsoflearning.com) or call/text Jess at (919) 469-5244.

To register click here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4da5ad2aaa8-american>

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## Odyssey of the Mind

TFS is actively seeking caring adults to volunteer as coaches for the Odyssey of the Mind program. This is an international, creative, problem-solving program that incorporates theater, instruction, and design. The students work from early in the school year to develop and perform a solution to a complex, long-term problem. Odyssey teaches students to see problems as opportunities and develops divergent thinking, cooperation, and team work. If you have an interest in volunteering for this program, please email your name and your contact information to

[Audrey.harrington@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Audrey.harrington@stfrancisraleigh.org)

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## Sports Action Photos

Attention Fall Sports Teams! The yearbook is in need of our fall TFS athletes' pictures in action. If you have any photos of the Volleyball, Soccer, or Cross Country teams in action, we would love to have them! Please send them – one or two at a time so we do not overload our server – to Eva Socko at [Eva.Socko@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Eva.Socko@stfrancisraleigh.org).

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## Middle School Volunteers STILL Needed for FrancisFest 2018

All are invited to the annual St. Francis of Assisi parish celebration. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.** There will be a food truck rodeo, carnival alley, inflatable zone, game truck, Catholic Culture Exchange, and live music and entertainment throughout the day.

**Back by popular demand**, we will have a Franciscan Tasting Room supporting fair trade and local markets with One World Market, NC Vineyards, and local Breweries. Hundreds of volunteers needed. Adults and Youth needed. **TFS Middle School volunteers get a free dress out pass OR volunteer credit hours!** Don't forget to preorder your Youth Wristbands and Adult Tasting Room (21+) Wristbands to save \$\$!!

<http://stfrancisraleigh.org/francisfest/>

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## TFS Cheer Clinics

The TFS Cheer Coaches Kim Duda and Belinda Briggs will host a cheer clinic for all interested 6th-8th grade girls Friday Oct 19<sup>th</sup> immediately after school in Fellowship Hall until 5:00p.m. Please bring comfortable athletic clothing and shoes to change into. The students will meet the coaches outside Sienna at the end of the school day and they will proceed as a group to Fellowship Hall. There will also be a stunting clinic at Wake Gymnastics Saturday Oct. 20th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and for this clinic there is a cost of \$15 per athlete and a medical waiver will need to be completed.

**Note:** Participation is optional and does not guarantee or provide any advantage to being placed on the 2018-19 TFS Cheer team. For more information and details feel free to contact Kim Duda at [kimberlys.duda@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlys.duda@gmail.com) or Belinda Briggs at [blbriggs67@gmail.com](mailto:blbriggs67@gmail.com).

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## Harvest Moon Youth Volunteers 2018

We are looking for student volunteers from TFS middle school and Faith Formation classes to provide coverage for our Harvest Moon games. This year's Harvest Moon is taking place on Sunday, November 4 from 12:15-2:15.

As parent or guardian, you can sign up your child(ren) for a one-hour shift and your child(ren) will be assigned to a game for that time. There will be adult volunteers on hand to provide additional help and support during the event. TFS Students will receive a free dress out pass!! Please e-mail Kathleen Loos ([krl@nc.rr.com](mailto:krl@nc.rr.com)) with any questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C45ABAB2CA2F58-harvest13>

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## RenWeb Web Forms – Please read and take action as needed

We have implemented web forms for ease of communication of demographics, medical needs, transportation, emergency contacts, grandparent information, and custodial information, and your help is needed to ensure that we have the information that we need for your children. All of the forms below are included in the TFS Family Demographic Form. Thank you for your attention to make sure that we have this important information correct in our database.

### Student Medical – Action Needed

If you were a TFS family in 2017-18 and before, you most likely gave us a list of medical conditions, allergies, epi-pen information, etc. for each of your children. The student medical information needs to be updated in RenWeb. This information can be seen by our school nurse, Joanne Sullivan. Please note if your child has an Epi-Pen at TFS in the Note sections for the condition/allergy that is to be treated by the Epi-Pen. To update, click on **Web Forms** under School Information. Click on **TFS Family Demographic Form**. Choose sub form **Student Medical**. Once information has been entered, click **Save**.

### Photo Permission – Action Needed if No Permission for Photos

If you prefer that your child's photograph not be in TFS publications of any kind, we must have a no permission form from you. Please update your preference on RenWeb if you **do not** wish to have your child's photo included in TFS publications. To update, click on **Web Forms** under School Information. Click on **TFS Family Demographic Form**. Choose sub form **Photo/Video Permission**. Choose **No Permission** from the drop-down list if you do not wish for your child to be photographed. Click **Save**.

### Authorized Pick-up and Emergency Contacts – Action Needed

Please check your list on RenWeb to make sure all persons allowed to pick up your child and/or to be called in case of an emergency are listed. To check and update, click on **Web Forms** under School Information. Click on **TFS Family Demographic Form**. Choose sub form **Transportation**. Add/change/delete persons to and from the list. *Please be sure to list the person's first name and last name.* If pick-up persons are also emergency contacts, also add them to the **Emergency Contacts** sub form as well. **BE SURE** to click **Save** at the bottom of each form.

### Other Forms – Review of Information Needed

Other forms available for review and/or changes include:

- **Enrolled Students** sub form where you can make changes to student demographics, including address and phone changes
  - **Custodial Parents** sub form where you can make changes to parent/guardian demographics, including address, phone, email changes
  - **Grandparents** sub form where you can enter grandparent information if you wish to do so
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## HSA

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### 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, 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Find the TFS HSA Facebook Group here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/308136653044208/>

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### Box Tops for Education – Fall Submission

If you haven't already, remember to send in your Box Tops next week in preparation for the Fall Submission. This is a great way for TFS to get something back for all those mac & cheese sides, bowls of cereal, mountains of granola bars and boxes of tissue you go through. TFS gets 10 cents for every box top. If 200 families give 25 tops, we'll earn \$500. If 300 families give 50 tops, we'll earn

\$1,500. Help our Box Top coordinator by trimming all Box Tops and checking that they haven't expired (a trusty magnifying glass helps). Box Tops can be sent into your homeroom teacher or turned into the office. Please send in by **October 16<sup>th</sup>**! Curious Georges can learn more about this great program here: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>

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### **Fall Uniform Sale Donation Information**

We are currently accepting donations for the Fall Uniform Sale now through October 17th (including the conference days). Please drop off your clean, outgrown, gently-worn uniforms in Thea Hall. Don't forget to include a completed [Seller Form](#) with your bag. Please read the [Uniform Sale FAQs](#) for details.

Come shop with us **Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** in Jacoba Hall from 9:00 – 11:00 am. We still need volunteers to assist with sorting, set-up and cleaning before and after the sale (volunteers will have the opportunity to shop early!). Visit <https://bit.ly/2MM37rz> to view the open opportunities. Please contact Bijal Galloway or Karen Sterling at [tfsuniformsale@gmail.com](mailto:tfsuniformsale@gmail.com) with questions.

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### **Winners of the Art Contest!**

The HSA recently sponsored an art contest to find two winners (elementary and middle school) to provide the design for this year's TFS Staff Christmas Card. We had an excellent response and variety of designs. Turns out students can creatively channel the Christmas spirit way in advance of the season. Let's hope they didn't start wish lists while caught up in the moment.

The students' art work will be featured on the two Christmas Cards that we will send out to teachers and staff later this year. Congratulations to them, and a big thank you to all who submitted an entry!

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<b>Important Dates</b>	
October 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences – No School for students, but conferences for parents
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Student Individual Picture Make Up Day – wear full dress
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Uniform Sale
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	NO SCHOOL – Employee Service Day
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Open House 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.