



THE FRANCISCAN SCHOOL TIDBITS

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
NOVEMBER 6, 2018

“The jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry” Kings 17

Remaining Principal Forum Tonight

Principal Mike Watson will host another set of Principal Forums on **Tuesday, November 6th**! We will meet in **the Media Center at 6:30 pm** for the remaining evening session (The morning session has passed). We will use WebEx to allow dial-ins to the sessions, and will send the videos out afterward. Bring your questions or concerns to the forums for Mr. Watson to hear from you and to provide answers. Thanks to John Lagonigro for technical assistance for this event!

Instructions for 6:30 PM Principal Forum

If using a computer so you can see the video and slides if shared:

1. Click this link: <https://cisco.webex.com/cisco/j.php?MTID=m7015d2513053d6b9d8595c58d5c1256f>
2. Webex will open up.
3. Enter the Meeting number (access code): **202 802 366**
4. Enter the Meeting password: **tfsforum** or enter the number **83736786** on your phone
5. If you want to call in using a **phone**, connect to the audio by selecting the "**Call Me**" option. **Enter your phone number**. Then click on the "**Call Me**" button. Webex will call you. You will use your phone to hear the audio during the meeting.
6. If you want to call in using your **computer** and not a cell phone (like you would do with Skype or Google Hangouts), connect to the audio by selecting the "**Call Using Computer**". You will need the volume turned on and the microphone turned on if you want to speak during the meeting.

If you do not have access to a computer but would like to call into the meeting to listen:

1. Dial **+1-408-525-6800** or **+1-866-432-9903**
2. Enter the Meeting number (access code): **202 802 366**
3. Enter the Meeting password: enter the number **83736786** on your phone

Saluting our Servicemen and Servicewomen

We proudly celebrate our TFS families' brave servicemen and women as we remember all those who have so valiantly served our country. Please help us honor those in your families by sending in a picture of your loved one(s), along with their name(s) and any information you wish to share to the school Attn: Rose Rapp, or, please email Rose.rapp@stfrancisraleigh.org by **Wednesday, November 7th, 2018**

We invite all veterans here NEXT Monday, November 12th to be recognized at our **Salute to Veterans at Morning Prayer** with reception to follow sponsored by Mrs. Henehan's class.

Calling all 5th - 8th grade Parents!!

Save the date...Thursday, November 8th [from 6:30-7:30 pm](#) in Jacoba Hall as the HSA brings you a substance abuse expert from the Poe Center to speak with parents of 5th - 8th graders about the perils of vaping...what it is, how it is harmful and how to recognize the often camouflaged tools used by teens. Watch here and the TFS HSA Facebook page for more information!

Attention 7th Grade Parents

The 7th grade will have an all-day retreat on 11/15. Cardinal Gibbons is coming on campus to run a retreat for our 7th graders to focus on the Gifts of the Spirit as well as providing student leadership training in the afternoon. The school will provide lunch that day (pizza and water) for the entire 7th grade and their instructors from CGHS. PLEASE DO NOT ORDER HOT LUNCH ON 11/17! Thanks and we are looking forward to a great experience for your students.

Adaptive Uniform Options from Lands' End

Lands' End recognizes the need to create uniform clothing that truly works for every kid in school. That's why they recently launched the Universal Collection of Adaptive Clothing, an inclusive clothing line in which every piece is designed with unique features for easy dressing and comfort. From innovative magnetic and rip-grip closures to sensory-friendly fabrics, these features make independence part of every student's daily routine.

You can view the items that align with The Franciscan School Uniforms here:

<http://www.landsend.com/pp/SchoolSearch.html?action=landing&selectedSchoolNum=900085705>

The items are called:

- School Uniform Kids Adaptive Long Sleeve Oxford
- School Uniform Boys Adaptive Blend Chino Shorts
- School Uniform Girls Adaptive Blend Chino Skort
- School Uniform Kids Adaptive Short Sleeve
- School Uniform Boys Adaptive Blend Chino Pants

Remember, our school code is: **900085705**

TFS National Junior Honor Society Meeting Tomorrow

The next meeting of the National Junior Honor Society will be on Wednesday, November 7th after school in the chapel. All seventh and eighth graders who are members of NJHS should plan to attend, as attendance at the monthly meetings is one of the requirements of being a member of NJHS. Attendance will be taken at the meeting. 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.

Lunchtime

[Click here](#) to join the fun and see your child during lunchtime!

Reminder: To cancel a lunch order, you must call My Hot Lunch Box (888) 894-8295 before 5:00 p.m. the day before the order is to be delivered.

Remember there is no lunch on Tuesday, November 20th, as it is an Early Release day. Lunch ordering will resume on Tuesday, November 27th, 2018.

Milk Parent Sign Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054fa4a72ca46-november>

Campus Safety

Students should not be dropped off prior to 7:35 a.m. without adult supervision.

Once school begins at 8:00 a.m., thank you for escorting your child safely into the school, to be checked in late or returning, as dropping off your child at the sidewalk is not allowed.

TFS Middle School Basketball Clinic/Workouts

The TFS Basketball Coaches will host two basketball clinic/workouts for all interested TFS 6th-8th graders Saturday October 27th and again Saturday November 10th from 7 pm – 9 pm in the Siena Center gymnasium. Interested students will work through basketball drills and play in scrimmages organized by the coaches.

Important Note: The purpose of the basketball clinic/workouts is to gain interest in TFS Middle School basketball athletics, and is NOT a requirement for participation on the TFS JV or Varsity Teams, nor are they related in any way to the official tryouts for TFS Middle School basketball scheduled for later in November. Questions regarding the clinics can be directed to Coach Keith Briggs at tfsbasketball@gmail.com

Registration for TFS Boys Basketball - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0544A8AD2E5-tfsmiddle>

Registration for TFS Girls Basketball - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0544A8AD2E5-tfsmiddle1>

TFS Boys Lacrosse Preseason Meeting

This Monday, November 12th from 3:15-4:00 we will meet to discuss our upcoming spring lacrosse season.

All returning ball players, and 6th-8th grade boys interested in playing this spring should plan to attend.

Our meeting will be held in Siena classroom 754. Thank you. Bill Bear billbear65@gmail.com

Your Future Awaits at Cardinal Gibbons

Application Assistance Night NOVEMBER 14, 2018, 7 PM

Beginning in the Main Lobby, our parents, students, and educators will share information about teacher recommendations, essays, optional interviews and video submissions for the Class of 2023. We look forward to supporting you on this exciting journey.

www.CGHSNC.ORG/APPLICATIONASSISTANCE

St. Thomas More Academy

An independent, Diocesan approved, Catholic college preparatory school in *Raleigh*, invites all 7th & 8th grade students to an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, November 11th from 2-5pm. St. Thomas More Academy is located at 3109 Spring Forest Road, Raleigh, NC. Applications for the 2019-2020 school year are now being accepted. Parents and students are encouraged to attend this event. In addition to the Open House, "shadowing" is encouraged for all students wishing to experience St. Thomas More Academy first hand. If you have questions or to schedule a visit, please call 919-878-7640 or email admissions@stmacademy.org. For more information visit: www.stmacademy.org.

Fair Trade & Alternative Gift Market – this Friday!

On Friday Nov 9th all TFS students will have the opportunity during the day to shop at the St. Francis Fair Trade & Alternative Gift Market. Parents may shop anytime on Friday until 4:00 pm or anytime on the weekend. So please **send money with your children next week on Friday** so they may purchase beautiful and thoughtful gifts while standing in solidarity with the poor and marginalized, respecting their right to dignified work, helping them lift themselves out of poverty, and most importantly our purchases insist that children go to school rather than work.

Amazing chocolate, coffee, soups, and beautiful crafts, Christmas gifts, baskets, jewelry, ornaments, scarves, toys and more - all for sale on Friday Nov 9!

St. Francis of Assisi – Fellowship Hall

Friday, Nov 9, 8:15 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday, Nov 10, 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm*

Sunday, Nov 11, 8:15 am – 2:00 pm* 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm*

*Closed during Mass

By now you know what the Home & School Association is all about. Thank you, parents, for all that you do. This section of Tidbits informs you of fundraising efforts and awesome TFS events, including opportunities to volunteer. Never miss a beat by also finding/following the TFS HSA Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/308136653044208/>

HSA

Spirit Auction Items

Spirit items from the Franciscan Experience have started to arrive. Woo hoo! TFS Logo Chairs, for example, are now available for pick-up and Terri Layer will check the name/chair purchaser list as you come in the Thea Office.

Purchasers of the chairs have been emailed, but feel free to reach out to Christy or Erica at tfsfundraiser@gmail.com if you don't think you received a heads up. The fundraising chairs will continue to send individual emails to purchasers of other Spirit items which should arrive this week. The really great thing is that all these fantastic items have already been paid for through the auction!

Save the Date – Annual Advent Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendars – the tradition continues! Please join us for a wonderful morning of fun and fellowship as we gather with students and their families to celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas. Delicious food, live music and caroling, crafts, and even a visit from St. Nicholas himself!

The event will be held on **Saturday, December 1st** with seatings at 8:30 am and 10:00 am. The cost is \$20 per family. Please do not wait – buy your tickets now at <http://bidpal.net/tfsadventbreakfast2018>.

Feel free to contact either Melanie Elliott at Melanie.holt@gmail.com or Sandi Corcoran at corcoransandi@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

Coming Soon – Passage Home Food Drive & Staff Christmas Fund

November (scoff!) is upon us. As we approach the holiday season, please start to put a little extra aside for these two initiatives. The Passage Home Food Drive will kick off in a few weeks and last year we had great success identifying the most desired items for a subset of needy families. More to come in a few weeks on how we will take

on this critical food drive with open arms and generous hearts. Also, we will begin collecting donations for the annual Staff Christmas Fund in mid-November. The ease of BidPal will be used again and we thank you in advance for showering our TFS staff with thankfulness and joy! We all define happiness in our own ways, so this cash fund is a great way to let TFS staff define their own 'happy'. More details to come!

Important Dates	
November 6th	Principal Forums in Jacoba (8:30am) and the Media Center (6:30pm)
November 8th	Vaping Information Session 6:30 p.m. Jacoba
November 20th	Early Release for Thanksgiving Break
November 21st – November 26th	Thanksgiving Break
November 27th	School Resumes