



THE FRANCISCAN SCHOOL TIDBITS

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
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"I am the Alpha and the Omega, " says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty." RV 1

Happy Thanksgiving!

All of the Franciscan School faculty and staff wish all of our families a happy, safe, and pleasant Thanksgiving break with friends and family. Have a great time giving thanks for all we are fortunate to have, and for all those magnificent people with which we get to spend our lives. Have a restful break and come back ready for the start to a wonderful Advent Season!!

Reminder for Today Tuesday, November 20th

Next Tuesday we will have an early release for the start of the Thanksgiving holiday. The car pool times will be:

Carpool #1 – Dismissal of Kindergarten and 1st Grade Only. Arrival time is no earlier than 11:30 and not later than 11:45.

Carpool #2 – Dismissal at 11:50 PM. Grades 2-4 (and siblings/carpoolers from K and 1st grades.)

Carpool #3 – Dismissal at 12:05 PM Grades 5-8 (and siblings/carpoolers from K-4)

Remember as well that we will have **NO BRIDGES afterschool program** on this day.

Please have a joyous and safe Thanksgiving Holiday with family and friends!!

Middle School 2nd Trimester Electives

All Middle School students have been assigned their 2nd Trimester elective. This information can be found by logging into RenWeb and locating your student's schedule. Please make sure you are viewing the T2 under Term.

Tab Tops from Cans Collection

Thomas Higgins, TFS student is going to be cooking brunch at the Ronald McDonald House on December 9th. Please collect the tab tops from cans, as Ronald McDonald House receives 10 cents a tab and use the money to supply staples in the house for families. Please send in no later than Friday, December 7th, thanks.

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, as late or returning, dropping off your child at the sidewalk is not allowed.

Health Room Reminder

Cold and Flu season is upon us, please remember our 24-hour rule. Your child must be fever free for 24 hours without the aid of Tylenol and/or ibuprofen before returning to school. Same rule applies for vomiting, no vomiting for 24 hours. Thanks so much.

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 today, 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>

TFS National Junior Honor Society Meeting

The next meeting of the National Junior Honor Society will be on Wednesday, December 5th 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.

Gubbio Tryouts - Our Fearless T'Wolf!

Hey Middle Schoolers - it's time to see if you have what it takes to be our mighty, silent mascot!

The cheer coaches want to meet with you [from 3-4:15p, this Tuesday, Nov 27](#) (meet the coaches in the Middle School breezeway). Wear something comfortable and bring only your infectious personality!

You will learn a T'Wolves cheer (obviously not the words) and then you'll show off your "improve" skills while you perform the cheer.

You will even get a chance to try on the Gubbio suit!

The goal of the tryouts is to find a couple of students who have the moves and enthusiasm to be Gubbio at home games and other campus events.

Tryouts are open to students in 6th - 8th grade.

The Book Fair is Coming To Town!

The book fair will be here from December 3rd – December 6th from 7:40-3:30 in the Media Center. There is a special family event on Saturday, December 1st, from 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. in the Media Center during the Advent Pancake Breakfast. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Eva Socko at Eva.Socko@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Auditions for the Winter Musical, *Peter Pan Jr.*

These auditions will be taking place in a few short weeks! As in years past, the musical will be held at Cardinal Gibbons High School in the Studio Theater. The musical will rehearse at TFS until the final rehearsal week, when rehearsals will then take place at Cardinal Gibbons. Auditions are open to any 1st -8th grade students. You can find dates for auditions, rehearsals, and performances below.

A signup sheet can be found here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4AA4AE2AA5FE3-peter>

Important Dates

December 5th, 6th: *Peter Pan Jr.* Auditions

Saturday, December 8th: *Peter Pan Jr.* Callbacks

January 3rd - February 1st: *Peter Pan Jr.* Rehearsals at TFS

February 4th - 7th: *Peter Pan Jr.* Rehearsals at Cardinal Gibbons

February 8th, 9th at 7:00PM and February 10th at 2:30PM: *Peter Pan Jr.* Performances at will be held at Cardinal Gibbons Studio Theater

HSA

What's Fluffy and Sweet and Makes Us All Smile...

The Annual Advent Pancake Breakfast, of course! Mounds of prepared-with-love pancakes, rivers of syrup, fellowship and fun... JOY for the body and soul! This event is right around the twinkling, tinsel corner – **Saturday, December 1st**. Please secure your preferred seating here: <http://bidpal.net/tfsadventbreakfast2018> Options are 8:30am and 10:30am. And just \$20 per family!

What's better than attending the event? Attending AND helping! We have lots of volunteer opportunities during the breakfast and would appreciate the extra hands. This is also a great way for middle school students to earn community service credits. Please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544aae29a02-2017

Questions? Reach out to Melanie Elliott at Melanie.holt@gmail.com or Sandi Corcoran at corcoransandi@gmail.com.

Food is Love – Passage Home Food Drive

Folks, Passage Home needs us. As Franciscans, it is our calling to dedicate ourselves to service of those who are in need. Let's make the Passage Home families feel JOY this year through the fulfilling reach that is thanksgiving. Warm hearts, full tummies, a bit of peace. Are you new to Passage Home? It is an amazing organization that takes children and families in need, and gives them a fresh start.

As we prepare for our annual TFS Passage Home Food Drive, please consider signing up for turkeys, hams, boxes and/or volunteer opportunities that will allow for us to meet the need presented to us. It takes a village, and we call on our TFS families to raise that village. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

Passage Home Food Drive: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4AA8AB23A13-passage>

Should you have questions, please email Sarah Lotchin at sarahkristine@yahoo.com.

TFS Staff Christmas Fund

'Tis the season to be thankful for our TFS staff! At this special time of year, please consider contributing funds to our all-in staff collection.

Please go here: <http://bidpal.net/2018staffchristmasfund> to make online donations in any amount. All information about collections will be confidential. Donations will be spread among the TFS staff to show our thankfulness and desire to wish them a Merry Christmas! This is a great way to acknowledge all our fabulous staff in one fell swoop.

We will be collecting credit card donations via BidPal from November 13th through December 8th. If preferred, we will also accept checks made out to TFS with 'Staff Christmas Fund' noted on the memo line. Thank you in advance for giving our fantastic staff a little extra merry for the holidays!

And the Theme Continues...Annual Cookie Exchange!

Bakers – unite! Boxers/organizers/mission controllers – unite! Join us in showering our teachers with appreciation for all that they do.

The Annual Staff Appreciation Cookie Exchange will take place on **Tuesday, December 18th** in the Teacher's Lounge in Thea Hall. The exchange runs from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success for our teachers and staff! There are ways to help – either by using your talents to bake, or by assisting with the table set-up, collection/organization/box prep of the cookies on the morning of December 18th.

A sign-up to make this exchange a success will be available next week. Aspiring bakers, the suggested quantity is 3 dozen!

HSA General Meeting – January 16th, 6:30pm

Join us in Jacoba Hall where Mr. Watson will provide a "State of the School" update, followed by a brief update from the HSA Board on our Franciscan Experience results and how we are putting all your hard earned \$ to great use! Finally, and most importantly we have the pleasure of welcoming Mitch Printstein, author of *Popular: The Power of Likability in a Status-Obsessed World*. Mitch is the John Van Seters Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, and Director of Clinical Psychology UNC-Chapel Hill. Mitch's research uses a developmental psychopathology framework to understand how adolescents' interpersonal experiences, particularly among peers, are associated with depression, self-injury, and health risk behaviors.

Important Dates	
November 20 th	Early Release for Thanksgiving Break
November 21 st – November 26 th	Thanksgiving Break
November 27 th	School Resumes
December 1 st	Advent Pancake Breakfast in Jacoba, with Father Jim as Saint Nicholas
December 1 st through the 6 th	TFS Book Fair (Special 9-11AM time on Sat. Dec.1)
December 3 rd	Start of the Annual TFS Passage Home Food Drive
December 5 th	Community Mass Prepared by the 3 rd Grade 9:00 AM in the Church