



THE FRANCISCAN SCHOOL TIDBITS

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
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“The Lord is my light and my salvation.” PS 27

Lenten Thanks

One of our “Lenten Activities” is to be more thankful for all we have here at The Franciscan School.

In an all too brief appreciation, please know we are thankful for all the families who choose our school for their children’s education. We know what a financial sacrifice it is for many families to send their child to a Catholic School, but that they do it willingly. We value that sacrifice and recognize that we are here to provide your child with an excellent education in a faith-filled and loving environment; we endeavor to do just that every day to the best of our ability. We appreciate your choice of TFS as your partner in education!

Trot and Trivia Weekend Fun

We had a great time at the Wolf Dash run Saturday morning and then at Trivia Night that evening! If you missed either one this year, don’t worry; just plan on being there next year! We will announce the winners of our 1 mile and 5K races on Wednesday morning at Morning Prayer, so come by and see our speedy students receive their awards!!

Hot Lunch Meatless Options

During Lent, Fridays are days of Catholics abstaining from eating meat. Take a look at Moe’s limited menu for some great options on Fridays. As always please contact Alex Rommel with any questions.

Wearing O’ The Green

Since everybody’s Irish around St. Patrick’s Day, all faculty and students please join the fun and wear your green attire next Monday, March 18th in observance of the Feast Day of St. Patrick as we celebrate the luck of the Irish. As always, please adhere to the dress out guidelines as outlined in the Community Handbook.

Book Fair

The Buy One Get One Free Book Fair will be here the first week in April! The Book Fair will run from Monday, April 1st – Thursday, April 4th. We need helpers to help set up the book fair on Friday, March 29th. If you would like to help, please contact Eva Socko at Eva.Socko@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Earth Week (not just a day) for 2019!

Earth Week will be the week of 4/1. It will be a bit different from recent years but still with the same intention to educate our students about our environment. Each day will have an associated theme such as Ecology or Recycling and most activities will be class based. We will also be incorporating a service project that will make dog toys out of our old school uniforms. Check back for more information next week and remember...Reuse, Reduce, Recycle.

Earth Day Art Contest

The Earth Day Committee and the TFS Student Council are very happy to announce our Annual Art Contest. The theme is The Lorax, (if you haven’t read it recently, this is a great time to pick it up again)! Students can draw, paint, make a video, create, or write anything of their choosing with The Lorax as their inspiration. There will be an Elementary division and a Middle School division. Submissions should be turned into the office by April 3rd. Winners will be announced at Morning Prayer on Friday, April 5th. Please let us know if you have any questions, Jennifer Coggburn, jkros@yahoo.com, or Valerie MacNabb, vmacnabb@hotmail.com

Morning Car Pool

We ask everyone dropping off along the covered walkway in the mornings to be extra cautious. We have had some instances of near misses when cars have pulled out of line on the left to pass those in front of them along the

walkway. Please enjoy your favorite song/podcast/live stream in the car a little longer, and allow those in front a little extra time to drop off and safely move forward. Thank you!

Bricks 4 Kidz

A STEM-based after school enrichment program that provides your child with an intellectually engaging and fun after school experience by teaching conceptualization and problem solving. Using LEGO® Bricks and Technic® Elements as well as batteries and motors, students will be building working models and exploring the science behind them. Not only is a Bricks 4 Kidz class exciting, but it helps students improve their fine motor skills, reinforce STEM principles, explore their creativity and most importantly, teaches engineering skills to prepare the next generation for the future. Students will explore themes across myriad fields in the Natural and Life Sciences, Energy, Space Exploration, Inventions and Contraptions and many others! All sessions include our Mini Figure Factory in which your child designs and takes home his or her own Lego® Mini Figure at the end of the session. [Click here](#) for more information.

Cardinal Gibbons High School

CGHS music department is offering a free strings and chamber concert on Wednesday, March 13. [Click here](#) for more.

Summer 2019 Programs Registration is now open for CGHS. [Click here](#) for more information.

Youth Confirmation Preparation 2019-21

Prayerfully discerning celebrating Confirmation?

Thinking about completing your Christian Initiation?

Interested youth who are currently in 7th grade through high school and at least one parent must attend one of the offered information/registration meetings below. Confirmation preparation is a two-year long journey, can start as early as 8th grade and will culminate with the celebration of Confirmation in the fall of 2021.

Information/Registration Meetings

Thursday, 4/25/2019 7:00pm in Founders Room

Sunday, 4/28/2019 3:45pm in Founders Room

Wednesday, 5/1/2019 7:00pm in Founders Room

If your family is planning on participating in the 2019-21 Confirmation preparation process (**including current TFS and Cardinal Gibbons students**), you MUST register at one of these meetings! This includes.

Please understand that due to the program starting in October, we will not be able to facilitate any meetings in the fall.

RSVP online: <https://form.jotform.com/60824762171152>

Questions? Please contact:

Martina Dumberger (919) 847-8205 ext. 264 / martina.dumberger@stfrancisraleigh.org

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus

The American Red Cross is in need of blood donations, especially O negative!!

Date: Saturday, March 16, 2019

Time: 8:00AM—2:00 PM

Location: Clare Fellowship Hall

To SCHEDULE an APPOINTMENT: Please sign up on line at www.redcrossblood.org

Enter Sponsor Code: St. Francis

For more information, contact SFA Coordinator: Bryan Kozak at: bryan.c.kozak@gmail.com

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2019/20 HSA Board Interest

We are looking for 2019/20 Board Members, Event Chairs, and Committee Members. If you are interested, please email current president Liz Michel (Elizabeth.s.michel@gsk.com). This is an amazing opportunity to serve the TFS community and work with some truly inspiring and creative individuals. If you are on the fence and need more info, do reach out. Don't miss the chance to try

something new and share your talents. As TFS parents, we all volunteer or contribute in our own ways. Some like to be in the classroom, some like to take on the big events, some like to be behind the scenes. The great thing about the HSA Board is that everyone brings something to the table. All strengths and talents are welcome.

Important Dates	
March 12th	Third Grade Concert 6:00 p.m., Fellowship
March 13th	Daily Mass prepared by 8th grade in the CHAPEL 9:00 AM
March 20th	Daily Mass by 6th grade in the Chapel
March 27th	Daily Mass by 2nd grade in the Chapel
April 4th	Middle School Dance and Pizza 5:30-8:30PM Fellowship Hall
April 5th	Early Release Day and NO BRIDGES for St. Francis Parish Staff Recognition Luncheon