



# THE FRANCISCAN SCHOOL TIDBITS

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THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
APRIL 9, 2019

*“Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” Luke 22*

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## Lenten Thanks

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

This week we would like to thank all those at our Parish, the friars, the parish staff and all those who work with all of the ministries of St. Francis to make this place so special. We all have those stories; stories of how once we came to St. Francis we found it to be a “special place”, a place that was different in a caring way. We all talk about being Franciscan, a catch-all term that can be hard to define specifically in a soundbite. However, we all do know that being Franciscan, whether we can define it specifically or not, means that there is a focus on caring and concern for all God’s creation and all His people that rises above “self”. We are proud, as part of the St. Francis Education Ministry, to share in that Franciscan spirituality as we partner with our Parish to provide an education that emphasizes developing our students’ academic gifts, growth in our Catholic faith, and actions that speak to our dedication to Franciscan values. Thanks to all those who work each day to make St. Francis Parish, and all her ministries, special in our service to all.

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## Spring Student Individual Pictures on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

Please wear your “Sunday Best” on this Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> for Spring Student Picture Day. This is a “**dress up**” day, not a free dress day. Students should wear “nice” clothes that would be appropriate for a picture (no jeans, athletic shorts, etc.), or they can wear their school dress uniform. Orders are optional and can be placed through the vendor once the pictures are sent home.

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## Reminder for Next Week

Just a reminder of our schedule for Holy Week at the school. The 15<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup> are “normal” school days, if there are such things. Holy Thursday we will have our morning prayer in the Church at 9:00am with the parish staff and all our parishioners who are interested in attending. We will release on an early release schedule on Holy Thursday for our celebration of Easter and break on the following schedule:

**In-Office Pickup** within Thea & Siena Hall: no later than 11:20 a.m. please.

**Carpool #1** – Dismissal of Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Holy Thursday.

We hope you and your family have a great Easter break and come back on April 29<sup>th</sup> rested and ready for the final weeks of the school year!

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## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral

We have a special opportunity this year for our 8th grade class to travel to the Holy Name Cathedral and share a Graduation Mass with all of the other 8th graders in the Diocese. While many schools have a long trip, we are fortunate to be so close to the Cathedral. We want to thank our HSA for sponsoring the trip by paying for transportation, which allows the buses to be free of cost to the school and to you. The students will be provided with a pizza lunch at the Cathedral that day, and so please do not choose a hot lunch that day, April 30<sup>th</sup>, for your 8<sup>th</sup> grade student. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade will leave between 9:30 and 9:50am that day and will return to school, we anticipate, before car pool in the afternoon. Students should wear their dress uniforms, **no PE uniforms** that day.

What a great opportunity for our 8th graders to meet their peers from all of the Catholic Schools in the Diocese in celebration of their accomplishments in Catholic education.

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## Yearbooks

If you haven't ordered your yearbook yet, it may not be too late for pre-ordering. The guarantee date was March 1<sup>st</sup>, so all yearbook orders received after that date will be filled on a first come, first served basis. [Form is here](#). Not sure if you ordered yours? Contact Eva Socko at [Eva.Socko@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Eva.Socko@stfrancisraleigh.org).

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## Photos Needed

Photos are needed on a consistent basis for the TFS Website. If you have photos of class activities where students are in TFS uniforms, sporting events, field trips, or other activities, we would love to incorporate those on the website. Photos must be of high resolution to be used. E-mail photos to [sami.burnette@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:sami.burnette@stfrancisraleigh.org).

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## Youth Volleyball League

Registration is now open! The 9<sup>th</sup> season is open to boys and girls of all skill levels that are rising 3<sup>rd</sup> graders through rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Teams will have an hour practice on either Monday or Wednesday between 5:30-8:30 PM. All Games will be held on Thursday nights. There is a mandatory skills assessment on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> between 1:00-4:00 PM to help determine which team you will be placed on. The cost is \$70 for parishioners; \$90 for non-parishioners. For more information and to register: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/community-life-volleyball/>

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## Youth Volleyball Clinics

Registration now open! Get your body, mind and game in shape! Two clinics for rising 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade boys & girls. Two Sessions; Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> & May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Beginners: 1:00-2:30 PM  
Intermediate/Advanced: 3:00-4:30 PM  
Cost is \$25 per child/per clinic  
Register: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/youthvolleyball-clinic/>

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## H.S.A.

### Field Day – Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> \*Rain or Shine!

The coolest day at school is almost here!! Mark your calendar & do not miss this!! Lots of ways to help, even if you can't attend!!! Thanks in advance!

Items Needed and Set-up Volunteers: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4EA5AF23A13-2017](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4EA5AF23A13-2017)

K - 3rd Grade Volunteers: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4EA5AF23A13-20171](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4EA5AF23A13-20171)

4th – 5th Grade Volunteers: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4EA5AF23A13-20172](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4EA5AF23A13-20172)

6th – 8th Grade Volunteers: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4EA5AF23A13-20173](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4EA5AF23A13-20173)

For more info contact chairs: Cathy Cury, [catherinecury2@hotmail.com](mailto:catherinecury2@hotmail.com) Jenn Lopez [Jenniferlopezrph@gmail.com](mailto:Jenniferlopezrph@gmail.com)

This year pizza is provided by your awesome H.S.A.!! \*\*Please pack a lunch, if preferred!!

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### Final 2018/19 General Meeting – This Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

Please join us this Wednesday April 10th for the last HSA meeting of this school year in Jacoba Hall from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. **Principal Mike Watson** will provide an administrative update, followed by a brief overview of the Home and School Association. Our guest speakers for the evening will include **Colette Dziadul and Laureen Wacenske**, who will present on Parenting Styles – the 4 styles of parenting, outcomes and tips for communication. Special guest speaker, **Fr. Jim**, will also join us to share his reflections on the past year and a half as a member of our community, including what he finds about the Franciscan School that fulfills our mission as a school, a ministry of the Parish and an institution of education forming our children!

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### Need Art Show Preparation Help

Hello TFS parents! The annual TFS Student Art Show will open on **Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** More information is coming, but right now we need some parent volunteers to start getting the artwork ready to hang. If you're available, we could use your help on Tuesdays and Fridays during the school day. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca4ad2ea7f94-2018>

Questions? Contact Beth Nackashi at [beth.nackashi@icloud.com](mailto:beth.nackashi@icloud.com). Thank you for volunteering!

<b>Important Dates</b>	
<b>April 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>HSA General Meeting at 6:30 PM in Jacoba</b>
<b>April 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Spring Individual Picture Day "Sunday Best"</b>
<b>April 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>"Morning Prayer" at 9:00 in the Church with School and Parish Staff – all are welcome.</b>
<b>April 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Thursday ER Day for Easter Break NO BRIDGES afterschool care.</b>
<b>April 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Resumes</b>
<b>April 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral</b>