

St. Francis Principal's Newsletter

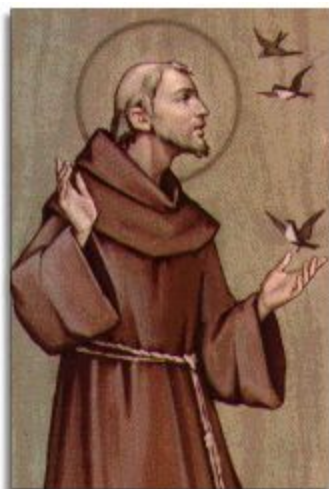
September 2019

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

This month we are celebrating students who have been working on returning back to school and following the "I Promise Prayer". Through their example we are looking at students who model their behavior in word, action and deed! Classroom teachers will be picking Student of the Month at the end of August and we will be celebrating their accomplishments on Friday, September 13, 2019 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

I promise to do my best today
To be Christ-like and accept
Responsibility for all my words, actions, and deeds.
With Jesus as my model,

I will refrain from anything that can be hurtful to my classmates, but
will do will do my best to be kind, courteous, friendly, respectful
And welcoming to everyone I encounter.



School Mass

Friday, September 6
9:00 a.m. (5th Grade)

Friday, September 13
9:00 a.m. (4th Grade)

Friday, September 20
9:00 a.m. (3rd Grade)

Friday, September 27
9:00 a.m. (2nd Grade)

**Don't forget your \$0.25
for the collection.**

**Sunday All School
Mass**

Sunday, September 8
11:00 a.m.
7th Grade

***Free dress on
Tuesday,
September 10th
For those students
who attended
Sunday's Mass in Full
Dress Uniform.**

Rosary

Thursday, September 5
2:30
8th Grade

Confessions

Tuesday, September 3
Grades 3-5

Thursday, September 5

PATRIOT DAY

On September 11, 2001, four planes were hijacked. The hijackers then deliberately flew three of the planes into two important buildings, the Pentagon in Washington DC and the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York. The fourth crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The loss of life and damage that these hijackings caused form the biggest act of terrorism ever on United States soil. Nearly 3000 people died in the attacks and the economic impact was immense.

On the direction of the President, the flag of the United States of America should be displayed on the homes of Americans, the White House and all United States government buildings in the whole world. The flag should be flown at half-staff as a mark of respect to those who died on September 11, 2001. Many people observe a moment of silence at 8:46 AM (Eastern Daylight Time). This marks the time that the first plane flew into the World Trade Center.

St. Francis School will be honoring Patriot's Day on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 with a Flag Raising Ceremony at 8:15. We invite all active and retired military and first responders to our ceremony. Please see the attached flyer.

Grades 6-8

Reminders

September Calendar is now located in Parents Web and in the Brown Envelope and under Calendars tab on our new website.

Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4, 2019.
FULL DRESS UNIFORM

Art Club is scheduled for Friday September 20 for 1-8 grade from 12:15-2:30. Please send a lunch!

Hot lunch order forms will be located in the Brown Envelope and under Calendars tab on our website, but you can view the menu items on Parents Web.



DIOCESEAN COMPLIANCE

In order to be a volunteer at St. Francis School you will need to make sure that you have applied for clearance through the Diocese of Tucson. It is Diocesan Policy that everyone is cleared to work around St. Francis students. If you have not completed the proper paperwork OR your clearance has expired, please see Diocesan Volunteer Screening Process Sheet located on our website (About Us, Volunteer/Partnership). The process can take from 6 to 12 weeks, so please complete as soon as possible in order to volunteer for our biggest fundraiser, the school BBQ on Sunday, November 3, 2019.

ST. FRANCIS AND PARENT COMMUNICATION

It is vitally important to the success of your child that school and home are always communicating regarding academic and behavioral progress. St. Francis School has purchased FACTS, ParentsWeb to do just that! This is the format that the teachers and office use to communicate with our families. The teachers will also use it to post grades in order for you to have access to your child's classroom progress. It is our expectation that all families access ParentsWeb this year. **Please make sure you are logged in and ready to use it to check MID-TERM grades which will be ready by Friday, September 13, 2019 end of day.** Thank you for your cooperation in helping us use ParentsWeb effectively in order to communicate with you throughout the year!

ST. FRANCIS SUNDAY ALL SCHOOL MASS

The Second Sunday of the month, the 11:00 AM Mass, is sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi School. St. Francis of Assisi School is a ministry of St. Francis of Assisi Church and a part of the larger community! Each month a different class is responsible for planning and participating in the Mass (lectors, altar servers, and ushers). All St. Francis Students are highly encouraged to attend this Mass representing our school in their full dress uniform (they also earn a free dress day by wearing their full dress uniform) in thanksgiving to our Parish community in supporting our school! Our September All School Mass is scheduled for Sunday, September 8, 2019 sponsored by the seventh grade class. Free dress passes will be for Tuesday, September 10, 2019 (please follow free dress uniform policy, found in the handbook).

MEASURE OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS (MAP) TESTING

The Diocese of Tucson has adopted the Measure of Academic Progress to help us measure our students' academic progress throughout the year. The test is administered three times a year fall, winter, and spring (test weeks will be announced in the monthly calendar). The students are tested in reading, grammar, and math. Middle school students are assessed in science as well. The tests provide the teacher and school with pertinent data in regards to individual student progress and effectiveness of our curriculum and instruction. We ask that you support us in having your child have a good night's rest, protein rich breakfast (avoid sugary cereals), and avoid scheduling any appointments during that week so your child can complete the entire test and not have to "make it up" at a later date. Your child's teacher will share the first MAP test during the first parent teacher conferences in October.

BBQ & CARNIVAL

Our Annual Saint Francis BBQ & Carnival will be Sunday, November 3rd. This year's theme will be "Blue Ribbon County Fair." The BBQ committee had its first meeting to commence coordination of the events of this fun-filled family day. We would like to thank Amanda Wallace for being this year's BBQ Chair; Brad Harrison for being the Head Grill Master and Coordinator; and all our Room Parents who are working hard to bring the carnival booth fun! If you would like to help with

booths, please contact your head Room Parent for your class. If you would like to be on the BBQ committee, our next meeting is Monday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Also, the BBQ Committee is very much in need of sponsors! Sponsor letters and pamphlets are available in the school office or in the Brown Envelope.

- ❖ Platinum, \$1,000 or more due by September 13th. These are our big sponsors and will be featured on our t-shirts and BBQ promotions.
- ❖ Gold, \$500-\$999, due 10/1.
- ❖ Silver, \$300-\$499, due 10/1.
- ❖ Bronze, \$100-\$299, due 10/1.
- ❖ In-Kind Sponsors.

Please contact Nerissa Freeman if you have any sponsorships. (602) 402-1964 or nerissafreeman@gmail.com.

HEALTH SCREENING

Health Screening is going to be held on Thursday, September 12, 2019 from 8:30-11:30. All of the students will have their vision screened by the Lyon's Club. Pre-Kinder through 2nd grade and all new students will have their hearing screened and 5th through 8th grade, with a signed permission slip, will have Scoliosis Screening. Permission Slips for Scoliosis will be sent home on Tuesday, September 3rd and need to be returned by Friday, September 6th.

Referral forms will be sent home once all of the data has been reviewed.

We appreciate Jean Amon, Health Screening Coordinator and all of our family volunteers for helping and supporting our screening process.

ST. FRANCIS PARENT CLUB MEETINGS

Please join us at any of our meetings and see what we are all about! We always need new and more members. Your attendance can be counted toward your volunteer hours!

Home and School	September 9	4:00	Library
Booster Club	September 9	6:00	Patio

Advisory Council	September 12	5:30	Teachers' Lounge
Dads' Club	September 19	6:30	Patio

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER NEEDS

- Box Tops Coordinator, please contact Mrs. Slater for more information.
- Snack Sales on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:20-12:45, please contact Aryana Esparza.
- Patriot Day, volunteers are needed to assist with purchase and set up of snacks for first responders and service men and women at 7:15am on September 11th. Please contact Chris Lackey, (928) 580-8299.
- EARN volunteer hours by donating the following to help support the 4-8 grade positive behavior reward system. The following are the items that can be donated and counted towards service hours so long as they are worth \$25. When you drop off the items at the office, please fill out a volunteer form and a receipt with the purchases:
 - 1. Bags of fun-size candy (ie. Skittles, Starburst, Snickers, Reese's, Sour Patch)
 - 2. Full-size candy boxes (ie. Skittles, Starburst, Snickers, Reese's, Sour Patch)
 - 3. Box of snack-size (1 oz) chips
 - 4. Box of personal-size (1.25-2 oz) chips
 - 5. Five \$5 gift cards
 - 6. One \$25 gift card(s)
- BBQ tablecloths and centerpieces. A volunteer could work on them at home and bring and setup the morning of the BBQ, Sunday November 3rd. Contact Amanda Wallace, (928) 215-5357.
- The St. Francis Parish Fiesta will be on Sunday, October 6th. We need 2 volunteers per 2-hour block for our Home & School Booth. 8am-10am, 10am-12pm, 12pm-2pm, 2pm-4pm. Contact Nerissa Freeman, (602) 402-1964, nerissafreeman@gmail.com.
- Volunteers needed for St. Francis Feast Week, September 30-October 6th. More information to follow in an email, but please save the dates!
- Our Athletic Director, Israel Valencia, needs assistance with lining fields (football and softball) and other field

maintenance each week. Please contact Coach Valencia if you can volunteer (928) 304-2537.

- The BBQ Committee is in need of someone to make BBQ packets. You will be given copies and asked to make packets, stapling, labeling etc. This can be done at home. Please contact Nerissa Freeman, 602-402-1964 or nerissafreeman@gmail.com.

SCHOLARSHIPS

This year St. Francis school is blessed to offer 2 scholarships. The Delorme Endowment Scholarship and the Grace Martin Scholarship. The scholarships are for students who do not qualify for low-income corporate tax credit assistance. They will be awarded for this year, 2019-2020. Applications can be found in the Brown Envelope and are due by September 20th.

BOOSTER CLUB

Thanks to Booster Club for a fun filled welcome back bowling night! We had approximately 80 bowlers and fun was had by all! It was a great evening for our families.

Booster Club is also hosting the first SPIRIT DAY on Tuesday, September 17, 2019. The cost is \$2 per person or \$5 for a family. Please read the spirit /free dress day code in your handbook AND remember that this is a St. Francis School green and gold colors (avoid variations of our school colors). Envelopes will be going out with your child on Monday, September 9, 2019.

Our Booster Club is also selling SF merchandise (flyer located in brown envelope and lobby sorter. Booster Club's goal is to continue building school spirit by offering our families clothing that represents our school pride. If you have not purchased, please look over the flyer and consider supporting our Booster Club and school spirit.

1. SF Shirt - \$16 (\$5 with name on back)
2. SF Hoodie - \$30
3. SF Hat Flex - \$18
4. SF Hat Snap - \$15



ST. FRANCIS FEAST DAY

St. Francis Feast Day is just around the corner. We have scheduled the following activities. We invite all families to fully participate in any of the activities listed below.

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	Description	LOCATION
9/30	2:30	St. Francis Craft	Students will create a St. Francis Craft	Classroom
10/1	8:15	Blessing of stuffed animals /Pilgrimage	Father will bless stuffed animals and then we will recite the rosary and pilgrimage	Around the school/ Church grounds
10/2	11:30	St. Francis Feast Day Family Lunch	Students and families will be treated to a hotdog lunch!	Ramada/ School Grounds
10/3	2:30	Pep Assembly	Students will participate in an all school pep assembly	Ramada
10/4	9:00 10:30	MASS Donation to Humane Society	Students are asked to donate cat or dog food to school.	Church Ramada

Box Tops App

Send in your **BOX TOPS for Education** labels! When you have collected 25 you are eligible to choose a prize from the Library Treasure Chest. This will be a limited opportunity as clipping Box Tops will soon be a thing of the past!



Donating Box Tops to Saint Francis School will now be easier than ever! Please download the Box Tops App on your Smartphone. Box Tops will be transitioning from the physical Box Tops to digital only. All you will need to do is scan your grocery receipt into the app and all your Box Top donation money will automatically transfer to St. Francis School! If you have any questions, please contact Nerissa Freeman, (602) 402-1964.