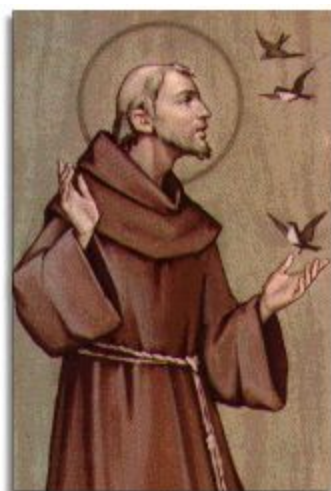


STUDENT OF THE MONTH

This month we are celebrating students who have been working on returning back to school working toward being a diligent learner. The students will be recognized for working on building a strong academic foundation, utilizing critical thinking skills, being actively engaged in their own learning, and demonstrating strong independent study habits. Through their example we are looking at students who model their behavior in word, action and deed! Teachers will be picking Student of the Month at the end of September and we will be celebrating their accomplishments on Friday, October 11, 2019 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School Feast Day Celebrations

As we continue to move through our school year, we always anticipate our St. Francis of Assisi Feast! This is a very exciting time for us since we can learn so much from our beloved patron saint! During religion classes students will be learning about Saint Francis and doing a variety of activities and projects to help us get to know him and love him as a beloved man of God!

School Mass

Friday, October 4

St. Francis Feast Day

9:00 a.m. (8th Grade)

Friday, October 11

9:00 a.m. (1st Grade)

Friday, October 18

9:00 a.m. (7th Grade)

Wednesday, October 23

9:00 a.m. (6th Grade)

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

Friday, November 1

9:00 a.m. (5th Grade)

Sunday All School Mass

Sunday, October 6
11:00 a.m.
6th Grade

***Free dress on Tuesday,**

October 8

For those students who attended Sunday's Mass in Full Dress Uniform.

Rosary

Thursday, October 17

2:30

7th Grade

Saint Francis of Assisi was a great man who loved Christ so much he gave up all he would inherit from his family in order to build God's kingdom. Francis' devotion to God was expressed through his love for all of God's creation. He cared for the poor and sick, he preached sermons to animals, and praised all creatures as brothers and sisters under God. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and ecology and was born in Italy.

Day	Time/Where	Activity	Students Need
Monday, September 30	8:15 under the ramada	St. Francis School wide prayer	Reverent heart
Monday, September 30	2:30 classrooms	St. Francis Craft Day	
Tuesday, October 1	8:15 At the flagpole and around the block	Blessing of the stuffed animals and student pilgrimage	A small stuffed animal to bless
Wednesday, October 2	11:30-12:30 Under the ramada and playground	Home and School and Dads' Club Hot Dog Picnic Lunch	Parents please sign out your children in the front office. Then walk over to the ramada to enjoy your lunch under the ramada or on the playground. You may want to bring a blanket or chairs as the seating under the ramada is limited.
Thursday, October 3	10:15 in the Church	Adoration	Mindful and prayerful hearts
Thursday, October 3	2:30 under the ramada	Pep Assembly	School Spirit
Friday, October 4	9:00 in the church	All School Liturgy	Full Dress Uniform
Friday, October 4	10:00 on basketball court	Donation to Humane Society	Dog or cat food or toys

Adoration

Thursday, October 3

10:15

Reminders

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

Art Club is scheduled for Friday October 11 for 1-8 grade from 12:15-2:30. Please send a lunch!

*November 1st we will celebrate **ALL SAINTS' DAY**. Students are encouraged to learn and dress up as their favorite saint.

Friday, October 4	10:30 Ramada	St. Francis Bread (donuts)	Please and thank yous
----------------------	-----------------	----------------------------------	--------------------------

**ST. FRANCIS FIRST QUARTER MANDATORY
CONFERENCES**

First quarter conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 24 and Friday, October 25 for grades PK-5 grade. Middle school will have an additional day, Wednesday, October 23 from 1:30-4:00. Middle School parents will be meeting with all three teachers in room 8 for a joint conference with parents and students. Students are required to attend conferences as this helps the team come up with a plan to support the student. The conference sheets can be located in the brown envelope, via Facebook, and Mrs. Ochoa will be sending out via email. Conference sheets need to be filled out and sent to Mrs. Alma Lopez via hand delivery or email at alopez@stfrancissuma.com. Conferences are scheduled on a first come first serve basis.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

It's that time again....our Fall Book Fair is right around the corner! We hope you will be able to join us for an exciting fair. During library class, the students will be introduced to several authors and listen to them talk about how they learned to love reading and eventually become authors. Your children will also be coming home with a flyer containing a sampling of the books that will be available for sale at the book fair. Remember that the book fair is about encouraging the love of reading. Nothing makes this message hit home more for children than having their loved ones participate in their reading choices. With that in mind we will be open during the Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences and hope to see you all there!

Dates - October 21 - 30, 2019
Location - School Library
Times - 8:00 - 4:00 Daily (including during Conferences)

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 the Diocesan Volunteer Screening Process Sheet located on our website (About Us, Volunteer/Partnership)..

If you have completed the application and the fingerprint process you will need to call Eve Villegas at the parish office to verify that you have been cleared. If you are still not cleared she will let you know the reasons why you still have not been cleared to volunteer at the school. Here are a few reasons she has listed as to why our families are not cleared. **Please make contact with Eve Villegas, St. Francis compliance officer, to determine if you are cleared to volunteer.**

1. Wrong phone numbers for some of the references listed on the application.
2. References not responding to our calls
3. References not wanting to answer our questions until they clear it first with the applicant.
3. Applicants failed to electronically sign the PTO Form within the 7-day period.
4. Some background checks expired and need to be resubmitted.

Student Council St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

Thank you for showing Servant Leadership and modeling for our community how we take care of those less fortunate! St. Francis Student Council will be hosting a food drive to fill our own parish St. Vincent de Paul pantry. Each class will be bringing in a food item to fill the pantry. The food drive begins Monday, October 14 and ends October 25. Please read the list below to see what each grade level is requested to bring! Thank you for your generosity.

Pre-kinder - Hamburger Helper
Kinder - 2 cans of chicken or tuna
1st Grade - 1 jar of peanut butter
2nd Grade - 1 plastic jar of jelly or jam

3rd Grade - 1 box of pancake mix
4th Grade - 1 bottle of syrup
5th Grade - powdered milk
6th Grade - 1 box of cereal
7th Grade - 1 bag of beans
8th Grade - 1 bag or box of spaghetti pasta
Office - 1 box of Hamburger Helper or a bag of rice

Halloween Dance

Student Council will be hosting a Halloween Dance for grades 5-8 on Friday, October 18 from 7:00-10:00. Entrance to the dance is \$5 per person in costume and \$7 out of costume. Snacks will be sold.

Student Council invites St. Francis Students to participate in the Black, Orange, and Purple Halloween Spirit Day on Tuesday, October 31, 2019. The cost is \$2 per person and \$5 per family of 3 or more. Envelopes will be going out on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 and are due on Wednesday, October 30, 2019.

Candy Grams!

Please support our Student Council Candy Gram sales scheduled for every Monday October 7, 14, 21, and 28. Grams are \$1 and will be delivered on Friday at the end of the day. If you would like to purchase a gram for your child please stop by the office to fill out the forms.

BBQ & CARNIVAL

Our Annual Saint Francis BBQ & Carnival will be Sunday, November 3rd. This year's theme will be "Blue Ribbon County Fair." 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 us the carnival booth fun! If you would like to help with booths, please contact your head Room Parent for your class.

The BBQ Committee also wanted to remind you that each family is asked to work 4 hours at the BBQ. Sign ups will be available Monday, October 7th ONLINE. The sign up link will be posted on the Brown Envelope and sent via email. Initially, you will only be able to sign up for the required 4 hours.

However, 2 weeks before the BBQ, we will open all sign-ups to fill what is left. You will be notified via email when this occurs.

You may also refer to your BBQ packet for other ways to volunteer for the BBQ through donations.

We are still very much in need of sponsors! Sponsor letters and pamphlets are available in the school office or in the Brown Envelope.

- ❖ Booth Sponsors, \$50 (class with most booth sponsors wins a party).
- ❖ Platinum, \$1,000.
- ❖ Gold, \$500-\$999, due 10/6..
- ❖ Silver, \$300-\$499, due 10/6.
- ❖ Bronze, \$100-\$299, due 10/6.
- ❖ In-Kind Sponsors.

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

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	October 14	4:00	Library
Booster Club	October 7	6:00	Patio
Advisory Council	October 10	5:30	Teachers' Lounge
Dads' Club	October 17	6:30	Patio

PRESCHOOL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The St. Francis Advisory Council would like to invite any interested parents to participate in a sub-committee to review our prekindergarten program (est. 2016). The objectives of the Prekindergarten Review Committee will be to review tuition, enrollment, program objectives, and marketing. If you are interested, please contact Nerissa Freeman, nerissafreeman@gmail.com or 602-402-1964.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

- Snack Sales on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:20-12:45, please contact Aryana Esparza.

- 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, Jolly Ranchers, lollipops)
 - 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)

BOOSTER CLUB

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



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.