



ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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St. Francis Principal's Newsletter

January 2020

St. Francis Families,

As we return from our Christmas break we bring in the new year of 2020! Our prayer for all of our families is that God be with you through this year and that you continue to listen and hear His voice in your hearts! We pray His blessings and graces be upon your family.

School Mass

Friday, January 10
9:00 a.m. (5th Grade)

Friday, January 17
9:00 a.m. (4th Grade)

Friday, January 24
9:00 a.m. (3rd Grade)

Friday, January 31
9:00 a.m. (Kinder)

Sunday All School Mass Catholic Schools Week

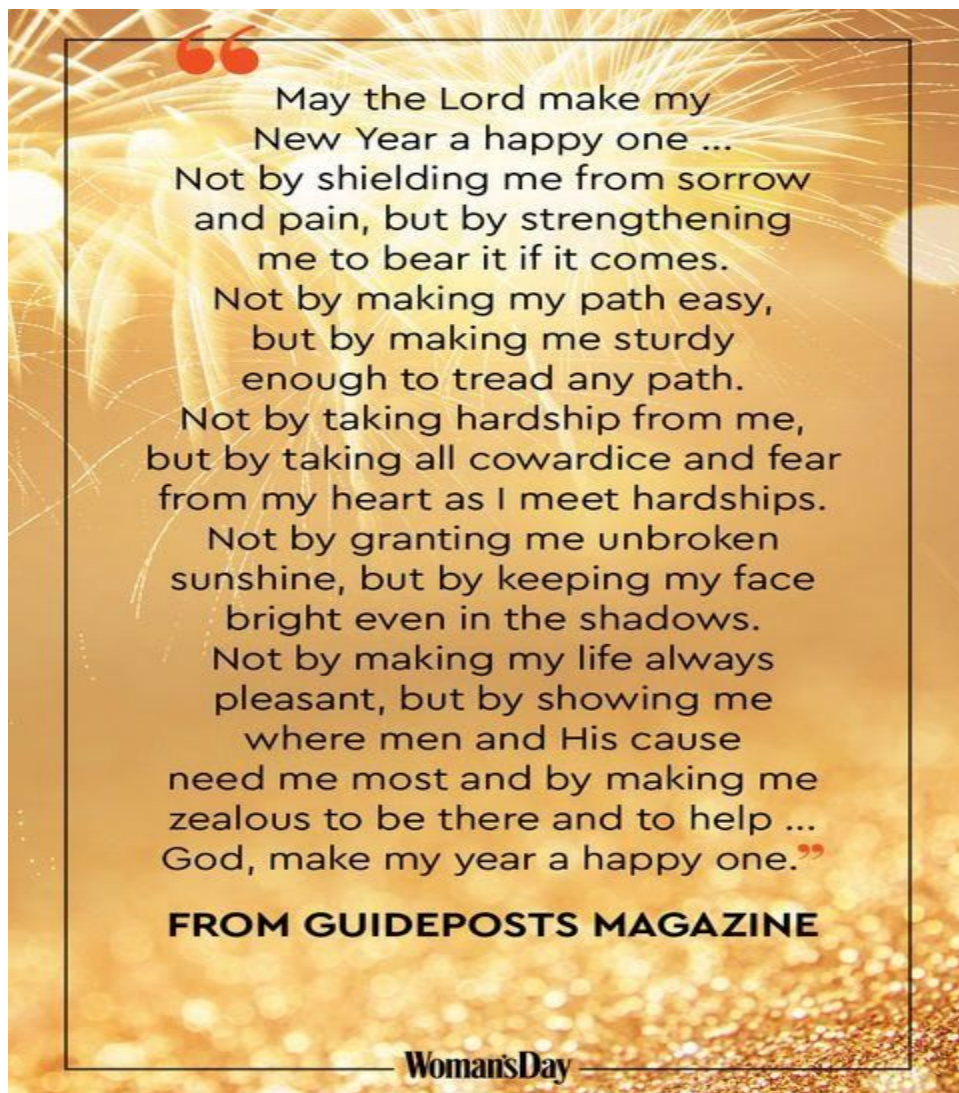
Sunday, January 26
11:00 a.m.
(2nd)

***Free dress on
Thursday,
January 30**

**For those students
who attended
Sunday's Mass**

Rosary

Thursday, January 23
At 2:15.



Congratulations to our St. Francis School Spelling Bee Winners!

Aiden Evangelista is our All School Winner

**1st place winner for 4th-8th is Aiden Evangelista
(6th Grade)**

**2nd place went to his brother, Andrei Evangelista
(4th Grade)**

**1st place winner for K-3rd is Adam Evangelista
(3rd Grade)**



An Amazing Spelling Family!

**Dr. Bert Evangelista, Dr. Jem Evangelista, Principal Veronica Lopez, Father
Emilio Chapa**

Adam Evangelista, Andrei Evangelista, Aiden Evangelista

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Schools' Week

We are excited to announce we will be celebrating Catholic Schools week beginning Sunday, January 26 by hosting the 9:00 Mass at the St. Michael the Archangel Church on MCAS and the 11:00 Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church. This is a great time for our school to showcase and be witnesses of the importance of Catholic education. It also shows our community

Reminders

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

Sports Banquet

Will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020- at 6:00 in the Parish Hall.

Student of the Month

Will be awarded on Thursday, January 16 after the 9:00 Mass.

Report Cards

Report Cards will be going home on Thursday, January 16. Please note this is also a half-day of school and students will be dismissed at 12:05

Conferences

For K-5 on Friday, January 17 and January 16-17 for grades 6-8. These are not mandatory conferences, but if your child is experiencing difficulties, please call the school office to make an appointment. Teachers will also be

the partnership we have with our parents in helping our children grow in the image and likeness of God, being peacemakers in their community, and beacons for HOPE for all! We would love to fill the church with our families in appreciation to our St. Francis Parish community for their support of our school!

Below is a schedule of the festivities we celebrate for Catholic Schools' Week from January 27-31, 2020.

requesting conferences.

NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Date	What	Where/Time	NOTES
Sunday, January 26	All Schools' Mass	9:00 Base Chapel 11:00 St. Francis Church	Full Dress Uniform
Monday	Prayer, Flag Raising and Proclamation	8:15 at flagpole	PE uniform
Tuesday	Take your child to lunch out in town	11:00- 1:00 Extended Lunch You must check your child out at the front office. If you are planning on another adult to take your child to lunch then you MUST call the office on Monday, January 27 to let us know.	Full Dress uniform.
Wednesday	Pajama Day Pep Assembly	2:30 on the Ramada	PE uniform of appropriate PJs AND

	<p>And CSW DANCE</p>	<p>LEGO Day - in the Library</p>	<p>yellow scarves (new families will get a scarf for each child, if you can't find it, please stop by the office.</p> <p>Everyone in every grade is invited to bring their LEGO Creations and art projects to school to be displayed in our library. Show us what you can do!</p>	
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Crazy Hair/Sock Day Dads' Club/Home and School Picnic</p>	<p>11:30-12:30 on the Ramada/play ground</p> <p>You must check your child out at the front office. If you are planning on another adult to take your child to lunch then you MUST call the office on Monday, January 27 to let us know.</p>	<p>Daily Dress Uniform</p>	

Friday	All School Liturgy Donuts and Hot cocoa after mass	9:00 Mass 10:00 donuts on the ramada	Full Dress Uniform
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STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER

For the month of December we are celebrating students who have exhibited the qualities of showing gratitude for all that God has provided them and the importance of sharing these graces with others. Whether it be teaching and showing patience with younger students or siblings and teaching them something that comes easy to them, sacrificing their “fun” time to pray and show gratitude for the gifts they have, letting the adults on campus know they are grateful for the time and effort they put forth to provide them a quality education by being the best student they can be, they actively participating in our food drives, Dateland gift drive or simply bringing a quarter for their Friday tithing.

December	Student of the Month	SLE(s) and Gospel Value
Prekindergarten	Isaac Couvillon	Gratitude
Kindergarten	Isaiah Campos	Gratitude
First Grade	Kyla Navarrete	Gratitude
Second Grade	Genevieve Trevino	Gratitude
Third Grade	Ameliee Guzman	Gratitude
Fourth Grade	Cesar Medina	Gratitude
Fifth Grade	Dean Thomas	Gratitude
Sixth Grade	Isabella Alvarez	Gratitude
Seventh Grade	Mariela Castorena	Gratitude
Eighth Grade	Nicole Rascon	Gratitude
Library	Juan de Dios Ramirez-Morineau	Gratitude
Choir	Adam Thomas	Gratitude
Art	Kaylee Heidemann	Gratitude

Computer	Miguel Sandoval	Gratitude
Physical Education	Edith Laney	Gratitude
Spanish	Michael Valencia	Gratitude

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

SAVE THE DATE for the annual Benefit for the Children, Saturday, April 25, 2020. Thank you for our wonderful Chair, Michelle Perricone! Details to follow!

- Catholic Schools Week Volunteers Needed:
 - Sunday, January 26th, 1-2 volunteers needed to pick up donuts at Walmart and set up tables to pass donuts out after 11:00 a.m. mass.
 - Monday, January 27th, 1 volunteer needed to make hot chocolate at home in large igloo (provided) and bring to school by 7:30 a.m.
 - Thursday, January 30th, 5 volunteers needed to prepare, serve food, and clean up at family luncheon. 10:00 am - 1:00 p.m.
 - Friday, January 31st, 1 volunteer needed to make hot chocolate at home in large igloo (provided) and bring to school by 9:45 a.m.
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Please contact Nerissa Freeman if you are interested in any of the Catholic Schools Week volunteer opportunities. (602) 402-1964 or nerissafreeman@gmail.com.

DADS' CLUB

The Dad's Club will be hosting a fundraising tournament again this year on February 1, 2020 at the Patio Restaurant. The Texas Hold'em registration starts at noon and game play will be approximately 1 pm., tickets are \$50. Attached to the Brown Envelope is the schedule and Sponsorship form. please help us

spread the word and make our Dad's Club event as memorable and successful as possible.

Dads' Club fundraising funds go directly back to the school as they donated the cameras and the work that needed to be completed to have security cameras throughout the campus, supported the front security gate, and they also did landscaping renovation to the front of the building.

So please help Dads' Club by helping them find sponsors or individuals to participate in the Texas Hold'em tournament!

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

Booster Club will be hosting the January Spirit Day, NFL/Football jersey. Envelopes will be going home on Thursday, January 9, 2020, \$2 per child, \$5 per family of 3 or more. They are due back into the office on Thursday, January 16, 2020.

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. Orders are Due November 1, 2019 to the office.

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 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!

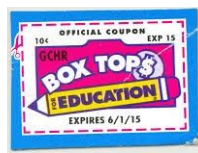
Home and School	January 14	4:00	Library
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Booster Club	January 7	6:00	The Crossing
Advisory Council	January 9	5:15	Teachers' Lounge
Dads' Club	January 16	6:30	The Patio

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)

Box Tops App



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.

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, 782-1875.**

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.