



<i>St. Francis Principal's Newsletter</i>	<i>March 2020</i>
<p>St. Francis Families,</p> <p>As we embark on the second week of Lent, we continue to help and guide our students in the purpose of Lent and the way they are able to make a spiritual journey through the forty days of Lent. Each class has been provided instruction on the Lenten season which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday. We have a discussion about the almsgiving, prayer and abstinence during lent and how they can practice those three observances. Students are working on almsgiving by abstaining from treats and bringing their money to place in the rice bowl, fourth and fifth grade have taken on an outreach program by collecting different items for the girls orphanage in Mexico. Eighth and first grade students are working on an outreach program with the Crossroad Mission in making Easter Baskets for the children that will be at the Mission during Easter. We pray that our students continue to reflect on their lenten journey.</p> <p>As you, the parent, continue through Lent you can make the most of your Lenten journey with these daily devotions at Catholic.org, "Living Lent". Each devotion includes a scripture reading, prayer, meditations, and a small act that will reinforce your faith.</p> <p>Commit to your faith and choose to 'live' Lent. Join our 40-day challenge to authentically live the Lenten season. Get inspired, explore the Bible, reflect on prayers and take action exclusively with Catholic Online. Don't just observe Lent, live it!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EIGHTH GRADE CONFIRMATION</p> <p>Congratulations to our Eighth Grade Class in celebrating their Confirmation Mass with Bishop Weisenburger. It was a beautiful experience for our students.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>School Mass</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, March 6 9:00 a.m. (8th Grade)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, March 13 9:00 a.m. (5th Grade)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, March 19 9:00 a.m. (4th Grade)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, March 27 9:00 a.m. (3rd Grade)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday All School Mass</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, March 8 11:00 a.m. (3rd Grade)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Free dress on Tuesday, March 10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For those students who attended Sunday's Mass</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Stations of the Cross</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, March 5 Thursday, March 12 Wednesday, March 18 Thursday, March 26</p>

A great big THANK YOU to our Home and School and our volunteers for hosting a Confirmation brunch and providing our students with a memorable gift!

We continue to pray for our Confirmandi that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will continue and always guide their lives.



8th Grade Confirmation Class of 2020

Congratulations to our St. Francis School Science County Science Fair Winners

Student	Place	Topic
Olivia Jones	1st Place	200 Earth and Environmental
Abril Sanchez	2nd Place	400 Botany
Alyssa Madsen	3rd Place	700 Physics

These students will be awarded at the Yuma County Science Fair on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at Kofa High School.

Reminders

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

Student of the Month

Will be awarded on Friday, March 13 after the 9:00 Mass.

Class Picture Day

Class pictures are scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2020. **Students are to wear FULL DRESS uniforms.**

Conference Days

Third quarter conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 19 and Friday, March 20. These are not mandatory conferences, but if you would like to schedule a conference, please contact Alma Lopez.



*Our Yuma County
Science Fair Winners!*

STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY

For the month of February we are celebrating students who have exhibited the qualities of showing the gospel value community, committed to building a welcoming, strong, and loving community. *For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another.*

February	Student of the Month	SLE(s) and Gospel Value
Prekindergarten	Emily Padilla	Community
Kindergarten	Jose Alberto Perez	Community
First Grade	Charlotte Robles	Community
Second Grade	Luka Chavez	Community
Third Grade	David Estrada	Community
Fourth Grade	Isabella Carrazco	Community
Fifth Grade	Marco Gutierrez	Community
Sixth Grade	Lucas Freeman	Community
Seventh Grade	Lori Lozano	Community

Eighth Grade	Isabella Ortiz	Community
Library	Gianna Gonzales	Community
Choir	Emma Lackey	Community
Art	Elyse Amon	Community
Computer	Hunter Schwinghammer	Community
Physical Education	Endrik Ibarra	Community
Spanish	Andrea Castillo	Community



February Students of the Month!

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

SAVE THE DATE for the annual Benefit for the Children, **Saturday, April 25, 2020, 6:30 p.m.** Thank you for our wonderful Chair, Michelle Perricone!

This year's Benefit will be at St. Francis School. The committee is planning a fun-filled hawaiian themed evening. All families purchased their 2 tickets to the Benefit at registration, however you **MUST RSVP by April 15th** to hsa@stfrancisyuma.com in order to attend. Even if you are selling your tickets or giving them to someone else to use, you must RSVP by April 15th for your tickets to be valid. Invitations will go home soon with your oldest student.

The committee is in need of sponsorships, as well as silent and live auction items. Please contact Michelle Perricone, (928) 750-1632 if you would like to donate.

Elections

Home and School is preparing for next year and we have 3 positions available: Secretary, Vice-President, and Historian. Nomination forms will be going home soon. Please consider this ministry!

Volunteer Opportunities

- Ice Cream Social - Friday, March 27th 9:30 am under the ramada.
- **Friday, April 24th - Walkathon!** We are very much in need of a Walkathon Chair for this year. If you are interested, please let us know!
- Walkathon Volunteers needed, Friday, April 24th, 8:00am - 12:00 p.m.
- May Crowning Brunch Reception - Friday, May 1st, 8:30am-12:00pm.

For all volunteer opportunities, please contact Nerissa Freeman, 602-402-1964, nerissafreeman@gmail.com

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

The Booster Club will be hosting a St. Patrick's Green Spirit Day on Tuesday, March 17. Envelopes will be going home on Monday, March 9 and are due to the office on Monday, March 16, 2020. The money earned will be given to the Operation Rice Bowl.

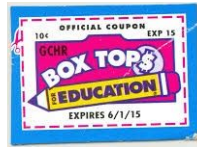
ST. FRANCIS PARENT CLUB MEETINGS

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	April 7th	4:00 p.m.	Library
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Booster Club	PENDING	6:00	The Crossing
Advisory Council	PENDING	5:15	Teachers' Lounge
Dads' Club	March 19	6:30	The Patio

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

<p>3. References not wanting to answer our questions until they clear it first with the applicant.</p> <p>3. Applicants failed to electronically sign the PTO Form within the 7-day period.</p> <p>4. Some background checks expired and need to be resubmitted.</p>	
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