



# ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## St. Francis Principal's Newsletter

October 2021

St. Francis Families,

What a beautiful journey we have had so far these last few months of school! Our students are continuously working on their faith journey by exemplifying the Gospel Values, Student Learning Expectations and the I Promise Prayer! Every day you can see our students striving to be the best version of themselves showing love to themselves and others.

As we look forward to the celebration of St. Francis Feast Day our students will be taking a very close look at his life



### School Mass

**Friday, October 1**

9:00 a.m.

6-8 Grade

**Friday, October 8**

9:00 a.m.

All School Mass

Outside

**Friday, October 15**

9:00 a.m.

Grades K-2

**Friday, October 22**

9:00 a.m.

Grades 6-8

**Wednesday, October 27**

9:00 a.m.

Grades 3-5

### Sunday All School Mass

Sunday, October 3

St. Francis Feast Day

11:00 a.m.

**\*Free dress on Tuesday, October 5**

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

and the contributions he made to the church and our Catholic Faith!

St. Francis was pivotal in “Rebuilding God’s Church”. Francis heard God saying to him, “Rebuild my Church.” He reacted by literally rebuilding a dilapidated church. That was his reaction. But once he had finished rebuilding the church near his home, he continued to hear God saying to him, “Francis, rebuild my Church.” This led him to the awareness that God was inviting him to rebuild the Church spiritually. He dedicated the rest of his life to spiritual renewal! That is the goal of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School, to continue “Rebuilding God’s Church, “ by teaching and sharing the Catholic faith with our students in order for them to understand **their** importance in “Rebuilding of our Church “. We pray that they model through example their love for Christ in all that they do, so people see them as beacons of hope. We have a beautiful example in St. Francis and we must teach our students of the life of this wonderful saint and how we can emulate his life and be peacemakers and show the love of God to others.

Below you will find a list of events celebrating St. Francis. It begins with the Parish Blessing of the animals and ends with All School Mass, St. Francis Bread after Mass and donations to the Humane Society of Yuma.

**Rosary**

Thursday, October 7  
during individual class pilgrimage.

**Adoration**

Thursday, October 14,  
2:15 in Church  
4-8 graders

**Water Bottles** - It is vital that your child bring in a filled water bottle every day to school in order to stay hydrated throughout the day. Our fountains will NOT be operational this year for students to fill up their water bottles. The Student Council is selling water bottles For \$.50 a bottle in the office.



# Saint Francis FEAST WEEK



October 2nd - October 8th

Please join us for a week of activities in celebration of our parish's patron saint!

\*\*Denotes suggested participation for students/families.

S	<p><b>10:00 a.m:</b> BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m:</b> MOVIE UNDER THE STARS - MOANA</p> <p>Bring blankets &amp; chairs and join us under the ramada. The Knights of Columbus will have concessions for sale.</p>
S	<p><b>9:00 a.m.-</b> PARISH FIESTA DE ST FRANCIS</p> <p><b>2:30 p.m.</b> **All School Mass at 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Food booths, games, and fun at the Parish Fiesta. Come visit our H&amp;S/Eduardo's Restaurant burrito booth!</p>
M	<p><b>2:30 p.m.-</b> ST FRANCIS CRAFT DAY</p> <p><b>3:10 p.m.</b></p> <p>Room parents will be working with teachers to do a St. Francis related craft and enjoy a light snack courtesy of Home &amp; School.</p>
T	<p><b>Afternoon:</b> ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL PEP ASSEMBLY</p> <p>Brought to our students by student council.</p>
W	<p><b>11:30 a.m.-</b> FEAST DAY FAMILY LUNCH</p> <p><b>12:30 p.m.</b> **Bring your lawn chairs &amp; blankets to enjoy a Family Picnic. Complimentary hot dog lunch provided by Dads' Club.</p>
T	<p><b>Morning:</b> BLESSING OF PET PHOTOS/ROSARY</p> <p>**Please send your student to school with a photo of their pet. Students will participate in the rosary in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.</p>
F	<p><b>After School Mass:</b> ST. FRANCIS BREAD &amp; DONATIONS TO HSOY</p> <p>The Humane Society of Yuma will be on campus to accept donations. **Optional preferred donations that you can send in with your student on Friday are: any brand of dog/cat food, Fancy Feast, pelleted cat litter and dog &amp; cat toys.</p>

\*Please note that on Wednesday's Family Lunch Day you will need to stop by the office (please follow social distance lines) to sign out your child. Once your child(ren) are signed out your family will go out and line up at one of the serving tables to pick up your sack hotdog lunch. You will then find an area on the playground to sit and enjoy your family lunch.

## **ZOOM PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parent/Student/ Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 28 and Friday, October 29, 2021. Our teachers will be preparing to meet with you to discuss your child's strengths and areas that he/she may need support. These are mandatory conferences for parents AND students to attend as this is the way that we build strong relationships to support the spiritual, behavioral, and academic success of your child. Conferences will be conducted via Zoom, your homeroom teacher will be providing you with a Zoom link on Wednesday, October 27, 2021. Mrs. Alma Lopez will be providing you a schedule of conference times for you to choose from via email on Friday, October 1. This is a first come first serve process so make sure you reply in a prompt manner. We look forward to speaking to you and sharing all the great things your child is doing. **Report cards will be going home on Wednesday, October 27, 2021.**

## **STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER**

### **An Active Community Member:**

- Participates in community, parish, school, and family activities through service
- Takes responsibility for their actions and accepts consequences
- Resolves conflict peacefully and equitably applying Gospel values
- Responds to the needs of those less fortunate

<b>May</b>	<b>Student of the Month</b>	<b>SLE(s) and Gospel Value</b>
Prekindergarten	Hunter Daves	Hunter has a strong foundation of skills, to include community. He is a loving, and honest boy. He is friendly to all of his classmates, and plays with everyone fairly. He is eager to come to school and shows enthusiasm with all of his Pre Kindergarten jobs! Great job Hunter!
Kindergarten	Brooklyn Morrissey	Brooklyn M. is an active community member. She is kind, respectful, gets along with others, and shares God's love. She comes in every morning with a smile and greets her teachers! She takes responsibility for her actions. When asked to move her color down, she says, "Okay Mrs. Torres, I'm sorry." Way to go Brooklyn M. we are extremely proud of you!

First Grade	Damian Ramirez-Hidalgo	Damian is a wonderful student who is always eager to help out and does his best as an active community member. He pleases others before himself. He has a wonderful attitude every day. It is a pleasure to have him in class.
Second Grade	Allison Navarrete	Allison is a great example to her classmates. She is always helpful and supportive of her classmates. She takes the initiative to lend a hand to those seated around her and does just a little extra if needed, without being asked! She keeps a positive attitude and is a friend to all. Thank you for being such a great role model!
Third Grade	Sadie Thompson	Sadie Thompson is a role model for an active community member. Sadie represents her Girl Scout Troop and her school as she respectfully and responsibly raises the flag on our campus each week. Sadie demonstrates how a St. Francis student can live out the Gospel Values by giving their time and talents while at school and in their free time across our local community. Great Job, Sadie!
Fourth Grade	Abigail Carranza	Abigail has been an excellent example of an Active Community Member. She is the first one to help write the missing work for students who are absent. She always does it with a positive attitude and willingness to help anyone around the classroom. Great job!
Fifth Grade	Camila Garcia	Camila Garcia is always quietly ready to help and be of service in every situation. She is not only alert to needs in the classroom, to absent students' assignments, and quick to step in whenever need arises, she is also active in her Parish Church, serves Holy Mass, and brings her willing spirit to her girl scout troop as well. Camila is truly a team player, always cooperative and a joy to teach.

Sixth Grade	Maria Mexia	<p>If ever there was a young lady who truly makes the world a better place it would be Maria! She exhibits what Romans 12:16 says about community, "Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud; instead, associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own estimation." Maria contributes to class discussions, encourages others, and genuinely tries to make the school experience nice for everyone. God bless you, Maria.</p>
Seventh Grade	Avery Flowers	<p>Avery Flowers is always willing to help her classmates and her teachers. If there's a job to do, Avery is always willing to do it and does it with a smile. Avery practices as an active community member as well by volunteering at mass. It is a pleasure to have her in class.</p>
Eighth Grade	Leo Perez	<p>Leo Perez is an active community member in the eighth grade classroom. He knows how to build community by caring and looking out for his classmates. The way that Leo practices the Gospel Values is a great way that we can become the best version of ourselves. Serving the community and building a place that all feel a part of is greatly appreciated. Keep it up, Leo!</p>
Library	Valentina Carrasco	<p>Valentina is a delight to be around. She greets me each morning with a cheerful "Hello" and she embodies all of the positive attributes associated with being an asset to one's community. She helps classmates finish tasks if they get behind, she pushes in chairs for those who forget, and she shares what she has learned generously and freely. Those who are fortunate enough to call her friend have a true treasure! God bless you Valentina,</p>

		your beauty is more than skin deep!
PE	Josef Pastrana	Josef is a leader during PE class. Josef is thoughtful of his classmates and encourages participation in every activity. Josef shares playing time equitably and helps others learn the rules and objectives.
Computers	Daniel Padilla	Daniel Padilla's mind is like glue. He learns something one day and remembers the lesson he learned the next day. Daniel is confident and knows he is smart, but he is humble. Daniel could shout out all the answers because he knows the answer, but he uses his classroom procedures to answer each question. He's very patient and waits for his turn. Thank you Daniel. Mr. McKinney.
Music	Kianna Alvarez	Kianna simply loves music. Kianna shares her gift of singing in the Peace Choir and also promotes singing in music class with her classmates. When there is a song being sung, Kianna is more than likely singing it.

## HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

- ★ We hope everyone can visit our booth at the Parish Fiesta on Sunday, October 3rd, 9am-2:30 p.m. One of our Wildcat families has very graciously offered to have their business, Eduardo's Mexican Food, cater our burrito booth. It is sure to be delicious - come and join us for lunch!
- ★ Don't forget to check out our volunteer link: <https://signup.com/go/FQRUucl> We are still in need of some help at our Fiesta booth!
- ★ The Saint Francis School BBQ committee and Room Parents have also been very busy planning a wonderful BBQ & Carnival! Please save the date for **November 7th!** Thank you to our wonderful chair, Amanda Wallace and to co-chair, Brad Harrison for sharing all their time and talents with our school. We are also blessed by our very generous Platinum Sponsors:
  - The Freeman Family

- Harrison Farms Trucking
- Haven Health
- Imperial Date Gardens
- Pediatric Dentistry of Yuma
- Snap-On
- The Trujillo Family/J.T. Prime
- Yuma Cardiology Associates

We appreciate everyone who is working behind the scenes to make our 2021 BBQ & Carnival a great success! In the next few weeks, you will be receiving more information regarding our BBQ. Please be on the lookout.

- ★ Congratulations are in order to Angel Rodriguez for being the finalist in the Saint Francis BBQ T-shirt Design contest! Great work Angel!

Please contact us at [hsa@stfrancisyumacom](mailto:hsa@stfrancisyumacom) if you have any questions!

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to our new St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School Student Body! We are excited for the following students to model the Gospel Value of Servant Leadership!

President - Andrea Castillo

Vice-President - CoCo Moreno

Secretary - Luis Hernandez

Treasurer - Sheccid Robeson

Historian - Maliegha Sweet

Student Council will be hosting their Halloween orange and black spirit day on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. Family envelopes will be going home on Monday, October 18, 2021 and are **DUE** on Monday, October 25, 2021. Please follow the spirit day dress expectations found on page 43

## BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

We have officially started concessions on Tuesday and Thursdays! If you are wanting to purchase a \$10 snack card, please stop by the office. Students can purchase Gatorade, chips, popcorn, ice cream and other goodies! If you are interested in volunteering to sell concessions on Tuesday and Thursday to work toward your 20 service hours, please contact the office.

**2nd Season of Fall Sports is just around the corner. Boys Soccer and Girls Basketball start practice October 11th.**

All students in grades 5-8 are eligible to participate. Students will need to have a current sports physical in order to begin practice. They will NOT be

able to stay after school for practice until a current physical is submitted to Mr. Oscar Chavez, Athletic Director.

Thank you to the following parents who have volunteered to coach! We are still in need of a coach for girls volleyball and refs for all of the sports. The volunteer time does count toward your 20 volunteer hours. Please contact the school office or email [ochavez@stfrancisyyuma.com](mailto:ochavez@stfrancisyyuma.com) if you are interested. **PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU NEED TO BE CLEARED BY THE DIOCESE TO VOLUNTEER.**

SPORT	MONTHS	COACHES
Boys' Soccer	November-January	Coach Gallardo Justo Caro
Girls' Basketball	November-January	Coach Flowers
Boys' Basketball	January - March	Coach Joe Lopez
Girls' Soccer	January - March	Coach Madsen Coach Flowers
Girls Volleyball	April - May	
Flag Football	April-May	Billy Higuera Israel Trevino

### **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 15	10:30 a.m.	TBD
Booster Club	October 7	5:30 p.m.	The Crossing
Advisory Council	October 14	5:30 p.m.	Library
Dads' Club	October 21	6:30 p.m.	Brewers

## 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. An email went out to all families regarding the new compliance process the Diocese of Tucson has implemented. **Please make contact with Eve Villegas, St. Francis compliance officer with any compliance questions, 928-782-1875.**