



ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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St. Francis Principal's Newsletter

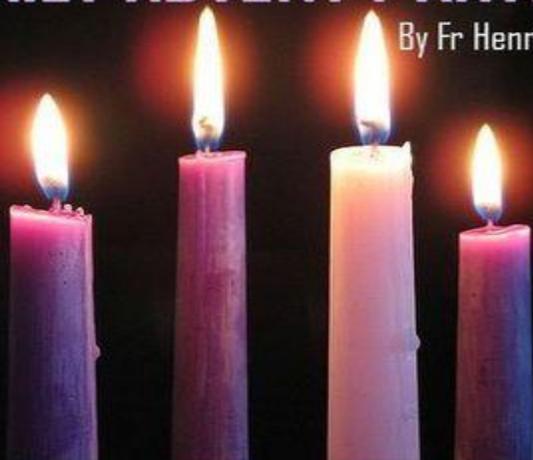
December 2021

Advent

St. Francis Families, We are preparing for the Advent Season beginning on Sunday, November 28, the first Sunday of Advent. Your child will be learning about the Advent Season and each classroom will be holding prayer services each Monday in celebrating the Advent Season. We pray that you and your family will have peace and joy as you celebrate this Advent Season as a family.

DAILY ADVENT PRAYER

By Fr Henri JM Nouwen



Lord Jesus,
 Master of both the light and the darkness,
 send Your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
 We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces
 to hear Your voice each day.
 We who are anxious over many things
 look forward to Your coming among us.
 We who are blessed in so many ways
 long for the complete joy of Your kingdom.
 We whose hearts are heavy
 seek the joy of Your presence.
 We are Your people,
 walking in darkness,
 yet seeking the light.
 To You we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

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MASS

Friday, December 3

FULL DRESS WITH SWEATER VEST

Grades 6-8

Wednesday, December 8

Feast of Immaculate Conception

FULL DRESS WITH SWEATER VEST

Grades 3-5

Friday, December 17

Christmas Performance Outfit

Grades K-2

Sunday School Mass

Sunday, December 12

FULL DRESS WITH SWEATER VEST

11:00 am

Confessions

Wednesday, December 8

Grades 6-8

10:00-12:00

Thursday, December 9

Grades 3-5

10:00-12:00

STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

Servant Leadership:

- Leading and serving like Jesus. "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

November	Student of the Month Servant Leadership
Pre Kindergarten Isabel Preciado	Isabel is an intelligent young lady! She is very diligent and a role model during learning times at the carpet. She is always willing to answer questions, and she applies what she learns. Not only does she do this academically, but spiritually, by treating others kindly. She has great leadership skills and shows them when she problem solves. I was so amazed by her because during centers she saw a student having a hard time sharing with another. She said to that student "I have an idea! Would you like to play for 4 minutes alone or 5 minutes alone? I will grab the timer." She should be so proud of herself for all the learning she does daily! Great job, Isabel!
Kindergarten Daniel Padilla	Daniel models servant leadership everyday. He leads and serves like Jesus. Daniel is a kind, friendly, loving, caring, respectful, hard working, responsible, faithful, and dedicated individual. He cares about others and their needs. During Mass, he listens to the homily and can recite what it was about. I can always count on Daniel to do the right thing. Thank you Daniel, for being you and for always shining Jesus' light to others. God bless you.
First Grade Mia Melendez	Mia shows Servant Leadership by making Christ-like choices in how she treats others. She is a great role model for her classmates by being kind to everyone. She is considerate of others' feelings and does her best to help out in any way she can. Thank you, Mia!

Reminders

The December 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, December 3 via Zoom at 1:15

Mid-Term Reports

Mid-Term grades can be located on Renweb. If you have any concerns, please make contact with your child's teacher.

Student Council

Will be hosting a red and green day on Tuesday December 14, 2021. Envelopes will go home on Monday, December 6 and are due on Monday, December 13. It is \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Please make sure you read what attire is acceptable on spirit days, and have fun with it!

<p>Second Grade Jose Perez Ley</p>	<p>Jose demonstrates initiative and relishes any chance that he can be a positive leader in our school. His positive, energetic, and respectful nature makes him a role model for his classmates! Jose truly and consciously incorporates his gospel values each and every day!</p>	
<p>Third Grade Elle De La Toba</p>	<p>Elle is a model of servant leadership both in action and in spirit. She demonstrates her leadership skills by being a model student for the class, working diligently each and every day. Not only does Elle try her best in class, she looks to see where she can find the Gospel Values within our everyday lessons. Elle's leadership models her humble spirit, always looking to commend her classmates for a job well done. Great job, Elle!</p>	
<p>Fourth Grade Stephen Schumack</p>	<p>Stephen has been demonstrating the Gospel Value of Servant Leadership throughout the school day. He is always in a diligent learner position with materials ready when we begin lessons. He models what is expected for the rest of the class. I am very proud of you Stevie!</p>	
<p>Fifth Grade Emma Thompson</p>	<p>Emma demonstrates servant leadership in our 5th grade class. She is a diligent learner who promptly gets her materials ready for her lessons and attentively listens to the lessons being taught. She is a kindhearted student who gives of her time and is always willing to help others around her. We are so proud of you, Emma. God bless you!!</p>	
<p>Sixth Grade Kimberly Perez</p>	<p>Kimberly is consistently demonstrating what it means to be a servant leader in and out of the classroom. Kim is always ready to joyfully lend a helping hand to her</p>	

	<p>classmates, teachers, and others on the school campus. She radiates positivity that is encouraging to everyone around her. Thank you Kimberly for being an example of Christ's servant leadership in the 6th grade class!</p>
<p>Seventh Grade Paula Buenacosa</p>	<p>Paula is a great example of leading and serving like Jesus. Paula is always on task, asks questions when needed and responsible with her assignments. In addition, Paula is always willing to help her teachers and classmates and she is glad to do it!!! Thank you Paula for serving like Jesus.</p>
<p>Eighth Grade Brady Byrd</p>	<p>Brady has demonstrated servant leadership in the eighth grade class. He not only understands what it means to lead and serve like Jesus, but also to implement that into action. Brady is a role model by his actions, words, and deeds. Very proud of you. God bless you, Brady!</p>
<p>Library Andrew Snyder</p>	<p>Andrew is a wonderful example of a young man who exhibits leadership qualities especially in his desire to serve a purpose greater than himself. He is diligent about getting things done and his ability to influence and guide others to finish Accelerated Reader assignments shows that he has the confidence to make responsible decisions. Andrew leads by example, and he demonstrates genuine gratitude to his teachers and classmates when they help him along the way. God bless you Andrew, keep up the good work!</p>
<p>Computer Janelle Medina</p>	<p>Every morning Janelle says good morning to me as she comes into Mrs. Whitman's class with a huge smile. I believe things happen for a reason. I'm glad Janelle chose to come to SF. Ever since she's come to SF I've noticed that she loves to</p>

	help and see others happy. She's great with her classmates and teachers. I remember her wanting to help the kindergarteners out last year. She didn't have to do that but she did. That is a perfect example of servant leadership. You don't have to ask or tell her to do something, she will volunteer herself. I appreciate the good mornings a lot, Janelle. You're a great person!
Music Ramon Zuniga-Lara	Ramon has a wonderful singing voice and is not shy to share his gift with the class. Ramon recently joined the "Peace Choir" and is excited about music.
PE Andrea Castillo	Andrea is quite the competitor. She gives 100% when in P.E. Class. Her nonstop drive keeps the entire class enthusiastic and motivated.

[Spelling Bee](#)

It is our pleasure to announce that our school spelling bee is set for Friday, December 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM. Parents of each classroom spelling winner are cordially invited to attend this event which will be held in the parish hall. Others who would like to view the spelling bee are encouraged to watch the bee online via the Zoom link listed below.

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting experience with our St. Francis School Spelling Bee! Go WildCats!

<i>Grade Level</i>	<i>First Place</i>	<i>Second Place</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
First	Erin Higuera	John Quintero	Giancarlo Guzman
Second	Jose Perez Ley	Endrik Ibarra	Zak Bustamante
Third	Jayce Muegel	Isabella Palma	Cheryl Sanchez
Fourth	John Muegel	Preston Rivera	Max Espino
Fifth	Adam	Emilio Canedo	Gianna

	Evangelista		Gonzalez-Chapman
Sixth	Isaiah Trevino	Kimberly Perez	Zoe Gonzalez
Seventh	Daniel Renteria	Paula Buenacosa	Chloe Damme...
Eighth	Noah Flores	Aiden Evange...	Luke Freeman

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

We are excited to announce that tickets for our Home and School Annual **Christmas Raffle for 4 Preferred Parking Spots** are now on sale! Tickets are \$5 or 5/\$20. Home and School officers will be selling tickets at pickup December 13th - 16th. Cash and checks accepted. In addition, you can email us at hsa@stfrancisyum.com with how many tickets you would like to purchase and we will invoice you via Square, fees apply. The drawing will take place live during the 2021 Christmas Program. Winners need not be present to win. All winners will be notified via email.

For our new families, 4 Preferred Parking spots are raffled off annually at the Christmas Program and 4 Preferred Parking spots are auctioned off at the annual spring Benefit for the Children Dinner and Dance. Families with Preferred Parking spots are able to park at the front of the south parking lot and have priority departure. The Preferred Parkings spots are valid for 1 year.

If you have any questions/comments, please contact us at hsa@stfrancisyum.com. May you and your family have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope, and the peace of His love at Christmas and always. Merry Christmas!

PRINCIPAL'S WEEK

Thank you to all who celebrated Principal's Week, November 15-19! I am so blessed to have such a loving and giving school family! I appreciate all who prayed for me, the special notes (the most treasured gift), and the gifts! I felt very loved and humble for all that my school family did for me! May God bless each and everyone of you for your time in celebrating Principal's Week!



Principal Veronica Lopez with Fr. Emilio and Faculty Members

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

St. Francis Booster Club would like to thank the school and Yuma community for supporting our 2nd Annual Washoe Tournament. Fun was had by all and it turned out to be a very successful event.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council would like to thank you for your support in helping us make a special Thanksgiving meal for a St. Vincent de Paul family and modeling the Gospel Value, gratitude to your student. We were fortunate to support 10 families with a Thanksgiving meal! How blessed our community is to have students and their families show their gratitude by sharing their gifts with others! May God bless your generosity.



SCRIP and SERVICE HOURS

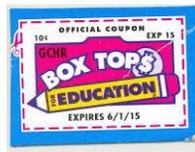
Please remember your Scrip commitment of \$2000 per family of Scrip purchases and 20 Family Volunteer Hours. You can purchase the cards at school and/or use the mobile app. Ms. Ochoa will be sending out a Scrip invoice on December 3, 2021 via email letting you know how much Scrip and volunteer hours you have up to that point, which is about half the year. It is your responsibility to submit your Family Service Hour Forms to the office so that your hours can be accounted for. Home and School DOES NOT provide us information regarding how many hours you completed at the BBQ, so if you have not submitted your hours, please do so as soon as possible. The Family Service Hour Forms are located on our website. Most families should have already purchased at least \$1000 and completed at least 10 hours. All SCRIP and volunteer hour commitments must be completed by Friday, May 13, 2022.

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.

Home and School	December 10	6:00 p.m.	TBD
Booster Club	December 2	5:30	Teacher's Lounge
Advisory Council	No Meeting until January		
Dads' Club	December 2	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 completed the CMG process you can call the school office to see if you are on our clearance list. IF you have not completed CMG OR your clearance has expired, **please make contact with Eve Villegas, St. Francis compliance officer, to determine if you are cleared to volunteer, 782-1875.**