



Saint Francis of Assisi School

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Saint Francis of Assisi Mission Statement

We are a Catholic community of faith striving to follow Jesus, pledging each day to do our best by imitating St. Francis of Assisi as "instruments of peace." Our goal is to maintain a safe and healthy environment and to be academically prepared for this technological age.

Dear Parents and or Legal Guardians:

In this Advent season, students are very busy preparing for the holidays. They have participated in the school wide Advent wreath prayer, practicing for their Christmas concert, making cards for soldiers, decorating ornaments, and writing what Christmas means to them. We are very fortunate to be at a Catholic school where the true meaning of Christmas can be taught and celebrated.

Progress Reports grades 5-8: will be distributed on December 13th for any student in grades 5-8 who is experiencing academic difficulty or is a discipline problem. Those who do not receive a progress report will get a letter simply stating check TeacherEase. Letters will be handed to all students as to respect the privacy of each child.

Holiday Calendar Cards: Receipts and \$ should be returned to school as soon as they are sold. Our goal is to sell 3000+ calendars. Please contact the school office NOW for extra cards as we have a very limited amount. Remember, this is a major fundraiser and is part of the tuition agreement. Your children, our students, will be the final beneficiaries. It is the success of this winter fundraiser that enables us to sustain enhancements to the curriculum, technology, and to our (almost) 50 year old building. Please note, unsold calendars will not be accepted.

Breakfast with Santa: The annual breakfast with Santa is being held THIS Sunday from 8:30- 11:00AM in the SFA School Hall. Admission is \$3.00 per person, with a family maximum of \$15.00. Santa will be available for pictures. New this year, thanks to generous donations from local businesses, we will serve not only pancakes but also sausages, orange juice, Dunkin Donuts munchkins, and coffee for the adults. We have several raffles that we hope will add to the holiday cheer. A special thanks to Guild elves who not only organized this event but are wonderful Santa's helpers, as well. This community effort from the local businesses, parents, and parishioners will truly make this day a fun-filled event for our SFA parish and school families

Dress Down Day: On Tuesday, December 11th, Saint Francis of Assisi School will hold a red and green dress down day. Students are asked to wear something red and/or green.

They may wear appropriate jeans and sneakers. There will be a fee of \$1.00 for each student who is out of uniform. If children do not wish to participate they are required to wear a uniform; however, if they are out of uniform they must pay the fee for a no uniform pass.

Christmas Concert: On Wednesday, December 19th, our students will take part in the traditional Christmas concert. Our Saint Francis families are invited to attend this annual event. The concert will begin at 10:00 A.M. Doors will open at 9:45 A.M. Anyone who has difficulty handling the stairs will be accommodated and may come at 9:30 A.M. The children will be dismissed at 12:00 noon. Extended day is available. This is a great opportunity for you to spend a family day together enjoying a lunch at home or at a restaurant and complementing the children for their fine performance on the show.

Handbook Reminder: Children are required to wear red, white, or green turtleneck jerseys with black pants and black shoes for this event.

Walk-a-thon: The final tally from this event was \$5,200.00! Thank you for your kind generosity. On behalf of the SFA Kids \$1,200.00 was given to Saint Patrick School in Lowell and \$4000.00 presented to Fr. Sepe, our pastor, towards the elevator project.

Please refer to the calendar for other important events during this busy season.

Wishing you and your family a prayerful Advent season,

Mrs. Vittoria DeBenedictis