



# Saint Francis of Assisi School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

*A new year is always filled* with so much promise; sort of a new slate for all of us. SFA School begins 2008 with three significant events: re-registrations, new registrations, and Catholic Schools Week. In the United States today there are over 8,000 Catholic Schools with an enrollment of more than two and a half million students. We are among those numbers and should be proud of our school, the academic standards we have, the accomplishments of our students, and the opportunities they are afforded. Our current families, students, and alumni are the best advertising that we have. They can attest to the uniqueness that we offer. They have witnessed the spiritual development and personal growth evident in each of the students entrusted to our care. Thank you for sharing the good news in education – lighting the way to Catholic education.

One of the next important events on our calendar will be the observance of Catholic Schools Week, January 28-February 1. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools Light The Way." Among the events planned for Catholic Schools Week are: Open House for prospective parents, Special Person Day, Student Appreciation Day, Teacher Appreciation Day and a Family Liturgy to conclude the week. Watch for an upcoming flyer with further details. New registrations for the 2008-2009 academic year will begin on Monday, January 28th for new students.

**Monday, January 7** Re-registrations for the 2008-2009 academic year will begin for our current students. In order to know how many openings we will have for each grade, we will have re-registration for our own students the week of January 7th. Please note, a non-refundable) re-registration fee of \$100.00 will be required for all returning students in grades Pre-K-8. All financial obligations must be met in order to re-register your child/ren.

**January 28- February 1** Open House for grades Pre-K - Grade 8 will be held from 9:00AM-12:00NN. Applications are accepted (pending availability) on a first come, first serve basis. A waiting list is started as soon as the class is filled. We encourage enrolling children as early as 3 years old to secure a seat at SFA for their Pre-K -grade 8 education. Please note: priority is given first to our present students already enrolled at SFA, followed by siblings, parishioners, cluster members, and lastly, the wider community.

**Holiday Cards:** Thanks to those who returned their cards and \$ and supported this event in many ways. As you well know, each family received 12 or 17 Holiday Cards to sell for our major fundraiser for the year. A reminder to all..... Each family was required to sell these calendars or be assessed \$120/\$170 per family. This is part of our tuition policy that you agreed upon in the spring. **Ticket stubs and money are now overdue.** Any unpaid cards are not entered into the drawing and you are still responsible for payments.

Since Mrs. Kostro remains on a medical leave, due to back problems, I am happy to inform you that Miss Karen DeSilva accepted the permanent substitute position. I am also happy to report that a substitute Math and Reading specialist - Donna Rouseau has been hired. She is a former Catholic School teacher who is now an adjunct professor at Regis College. Please keep Mrs. Kostro in your prayers.

A reminder that next **Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, is a 12:00 noon dismissal.** Please make your transportation arrangements in the morning with your child/ren so there are no mix-ups later in the day.

There is **no school on Monday, January 21st** in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Also, during Catholic Schools Week, **Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, is a 12:00 noon dismissal** for Teacher Appreciation Day.

Grades 6, 7 & 8 received a letter today from Miss Allison Craven, Guidance, regarding a mandatory parent meeting on January 9, 2007. This letter can be found in the Thursday envelope and on the website, titled "See, I Make All Things New."

Remember to check the website, [www.sfab.org](http://www.sfab.org) for all notices and important information concerning Saint Francis of Assisi School.

The faculty, staff and I wish you God's blessings for the New Year - 2008. May every day bring you love, peace, and joy.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Vittoria DeBenedictis, M. Ed.  
Principal