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## SFA'S GOT TALENT

On Friday evening, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, our School Hall will be rocking with talent as SFA holds its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual SFA's Got Talent Show. The evening will be

Spectacular with a variety of over 30 acts. Congratulations to all our students for showcasing and sharing their talents with our school community. I would like to offer a special word of thanks to our coordinators, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Rousseau, Mrs. Lord, Mrs. Barber and Miss Gratta, as well as our Master of Ceremonies, Mrs. Hamilton.

## CONGRATULATIONS

to the NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS for winning its fifth SUPER BOWL! GO PATS!!!



## "SOUPER" BOWL

During Catholic School Week, our school community held its annual "Souper Bowl." Our Third Grade students would like to thank everyone for helping and contributing in our annual SFA Souper Bowl. With all of your generous donations, we collected 288 cans for the Patriots and 16 cans for the Falcons. Our total score was 39 to 1 with the Patriots as our winner!

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Fri, Feb 10<sup>th</sup>

- SFA's Got Talent Show; 6:30 pm

### Mon, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>

- MAP Testing; Gr. 4 Reading; 10:15

### Tue, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>

- Valentine's Day
- Chess Club; 2:00 – 3:00

### Wed, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>

- Dental Presentation; 10:40 in the School Hall
- MAP Testing; Gr. 5 Math; 8:30
- MAP Testing; Gr. 3G Reading; 10:00

### Thur, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>

- MAP Testing; Gr. 5 Reading; 8:30

### Feb 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

- Mid-Winter Break

### Tue, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>

- Chess Club – 2:00 – 3:00 pm

### Wed, Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>

- Ash Wednesday Liturgy; 8:45 am; planned by grade 4.

### Thur, Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Class Picture Day
- Read Across America Day

### Fri, Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Term (grade 6-8) Mid-Point

## PATRIOTS RAFFLE BASKET WINNERS

Congratulations to Shivani Beepath (kindergarten) and Kendall Lynn (grade 6) for winning our Patriots Raffle Prizes!



## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Once again this year as a service project for the month of February, our students will participate in the "Jump Rope for Heart" program. Through this community service effort, our students will have the opportunity to learn how to take care of their heart, as well as our school will make a donation to the American Heart Association.

**DENTAL PRESENTATION** - On Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be a special Dental Presentation for our students in grades PK – 2 in the School Hall at 10:40.



## MAP TESTING (WINTER SESSION)

Listed below is the proposed Winter 2017 (February) schedule:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13 10:15 – Gr.4 Reading	14	15 8:30 – Gr. 5 Math 10:00 – Gr.3G Reading	16 8:30 – Gr.5 Reading	



**FEBRUARY BREAK** - Students and teachers alike are always pleased that their mid-winter vacation comes in February. This year, the school vacation will begin on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, Presidents' Day, and will conclude on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to welcoming all of our students when they return to school on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. May they all have a safe, healthy and wonderful vacation.

**RE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION** – It is the time of the year that we must begin the process of re-registration, as well as planning for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

All re-registration forms for students enrolling in our Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 8 for the *2017 – 2018 school year* have been sent home with students and are now due.

Sibling registration forms are also available and may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Daly.

**NEW STUDENT REFERRAL PROGRAM** – *“Become a SFA Ambassador & Receive a \$500 Tuition Credit”* (2017-2018 school year). As mentioned above, our annual Catholic Schools Week Open House will take place on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and as in the past many of our families initially hear about St. Francis of Assisi School through a personal referral from an existing school family. We want to once again reward you for promoting our school to you family and friends! We recognize that our parents are our best ambassadors. The **Student Referral Program** awards a referring SFA family with a \$500 tuition credit for each student referred to SFA and enrolls for the 2017 – 2018 school year. Attached to this email is the New Student Referral Program form, which outlines in greater detail how the program works.



### **Important “NO SCHOOL” Information**

Now that inclement winter weather is here! Generally, we follow Braintree Public Schools regarding school cancellations and delayed school openings. Radio and TV stations will carry the Braintree announcement and we will also use the ConnectEd automated phone system to notify every St. Francis of Assisi School family of a “no school” announcement or message about a delayed opening. In addition, we will also post this information on our facebook page!

### **Extended Day Program(Delayed Opening)**

When school is canceled, there will be no morning or afternoon Extended Day Program. If a one-hour delay is announced, the before school program will begin at 8:00 a.m. If a two-hour delay is announced, it will open at 9:00 a.m. In the event of a snow emergency being declared in the Greater Boston area and/or an early dismissal at SFA, student must be picked up by 4 p.m. rather than the usual 6 p.m. deadline. On the chance that parents may not be able to leave work early, please have a backup plan in place for your child to be picked up by an alternate safe adult. Our goal is creating a procedure to ensure that all students and faculty members are

transported safely in the event of a weather emergency. Thanks for your cooperation with this matter.

### **Extended Day Program Weather Policy**

This policy is stated in our handbook but wanted to remind everyone of it as the winter weather is upon us!EDP is committed to ensuring the safety of SFA students, families, and staff. To that end, in the event of a snow emergency in the greater Boston area or early school closing in Braintree, the Extended Day Program will close by 4pm or may be cancelled entirely in an emergency situation. Parents will be notified of early closure of the program via Connect Ed or phone call/email from the Program Director. We ask that parents make alternate pickup arrangements for students in the event of a snow emergency if they must remain at work. Thank you in advance for your support in guaranteeing the safety of the SFA community. Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Wilkinson with any questions about this policy.



### **CONGRATULATIONS**

In conjunction with our recent Catholic Schools Week, our students in grades five through eight participated in a school sponsored spelling bee. A word of congratulation to our first place winners in each grade level: Thoa Ho (grade 8), Anthony Apromollo (grade 7), Grace Burgoyne (grade 6) and Alexandra Lacandula (grade 5). On March 9<sup>th</sup>, these students will compete in our South Region Catholic School's Spelling Bee at St. Francis of Assisi School. We wish all of them the best of luck!

### **SFA BASKETBALL**

It is with great pride that I extend a word of congratulations to the following students, Argentis Fernandez, Ethan Benjamin, Kyle Benjamin, Jaylin Rainford, Camden Rainford, Grace Burgoyne, and Sandra Ictech who will represent SFA and have been chosen to play in the S.S.P.S.L All-Star Game on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at Xavarerian Bros. High School in Westwood MA. The 5/6 Boys All-Star Game is at 1:15 PM; the 5/6 Girls All-Star Game is at 2:30 PM and 7/8/ Boys All-Star Game is at 7:30 PM.



### **SAVE THE DATE!!! SFA 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL SPRING SOCIAL**

Join us for the SFA 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Social on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at Great Pond Hall in Braintree. This event will feature a cocktail reception, silent auction, raffles and more! All of the proceeds raised from this event will go towards supporting and enhancing our high quality

programs at SFA. Bring your friends and neighbors and enjoy a fun adult night out to support our school! More information and details regarding this event will be forthcoming!

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