

**Volume 4, Issue 19– February 1, 2017**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Wed, Feb. 1st**

* 2nd Term Report Cards (grades 6-8)
* Grade 2 Sacramental Meeting for Parents; 7:00 in Church Hall

**Mon, Feb 6th**

* MAP Testing (Math); Gr. 4: 10:15 am

**Tue, Feb. 7th**

* 11:30 Early Dismissal Day; Busing and PM Extended Day is provided; No Hot Lunch
* Faculty PD (MARC Workshop); 2:00 – 2:00

**Wed, Feb. 8th**

* MAP Testing (Math) Gr. 3G; 10:00

**Thur, Feb 9th**

* Map Testing (Reading); Gr 5; 8:30

**Fri, Feb 10th**

* SFA’s Got Talent Show; 6:30 pm

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK -** What a fantastic week it has been so far as SFA celebrates Catholic Schools Week: “A Community of Faith, Knowledge and Service.” At this time, we have held successful open house(s), a beautiful liturgy and many exciting activities that were certainly enjoyed by our entire school community. I would like to offer a word of appreciation and thanks to our best School Ambassadors, our parishioners, family members, faculty members, parents and most importantly, our students. Please Note: ***If you know of a prospective family who was unable to make our Open House and is thinking about a Catholic education for their child/ren, please have them contact us at 781-848-0842 or email Mr. Cote (***[***bcote@sfab.org***](mailto:bcote@sfab.org)***) to schedule their personal tour with the principal.*** I thank you for your continued support and efforts in assisting us to actively market and promote our school.

A listing of the remaining days of CSW include:



**Thursday, February 4, 2016: “Celebrating Vocations”**

* Visiting Day and Registration for Prospective New Families (9:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.)
* Penny Game (8:20 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.)
* No Homework Pre-K through 8
* Out of Uniform Day – “Team Pride Day” (favorite sports team gear apparel)

**Friday, February 5, 2016: “Celebrating Our Faculty, Staff & Volunteers”**

* Visiting Day and Registration for Prospective New Families (9:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.)
* Spelling Bee Finals
* Penny Game (8:20 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.)
* Pizza Lunch & popsicles for all students (no cost)
* Out of Uniform Day - “SFA Spirit Day” (blue & gold)

**\*SOUPER” BOWL**

During Catholic School Week, our school community will be having a “Souper Bowl.” Students are asked to bring in a can good (not only soups but canned vegetables, spaghetti-o’s, etc.) to be donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. With that being said, there is a need for all canned good products, not just soups. We will be collecting the canned goods in two boxes and students may place their can good in either the Patriots or Falcons box playing in the upcoming Super Bowl. For every 50 cans, a touchdown is awarded: 7 points; for every 25 cans is a field goal: 3 points; and any amount under 25 can be an extra point. Whichever team collects the most canned goods wins! We will be charting the progress of points in the lobby and the winner will be announced on Friday. Thank you for your participation and support of our canned drive!

**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 took place on Sunday, January 29th 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.

**MAP TESTING (WINTER SESSION)**

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

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| 6  10:15 – Gr.4 Math | 7 | 8  10:00 – Gr.3G Math | 9  8:30 – Gr.5 Math | 10 |
| 13  10:15 – Gr.4 Reading | 14 | 15  10:00 – Gr.3G Reading | 16  8:30 – Gr.5 Reading |  |



**SFA DRAMA CLUB** – “The Lion King” is coming to SFA in the Spring! SFA is excited to announce its Spring Musicial will be “The Lion King Jr”. So is your child is ready to sing, dance & act? Then the SFA Drama Club is for them! Any student in Grades 4 – 8 is welcome to join!

Additional Information and Forms have been attached to this email.

**Basketball (February) Schedules:**

**Grade 5/6 Girls**

Fri. 2/10/17 5:00 pm SFA vs St. Pauls St. Pauls (Hingham)

**Grade 5/6 Boys**

**Grade 7/8 Boys**

Mon. 2/6/17 7:30 pm SFA vs. Holy Family University Sports Complex

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS EDUCATION CONTEST**

The Catholic Daughters are sponsoring their 2017 National Education Contest. The themes of this year’s contest are “Whatever you do for the least of my brethren, you do for me” – Matthew 25:40; or “Helping the needy where I live.”

The categories that may be selected are: Art, Essay, Poetry, Computer Art, Music and Photography.

There are two divisions:

Division 1 Grades 4 – 5 Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art

Division 2 Grades 6 – 8 Essay, Poetry, Art Computer Art, Music, Photography

**The deadline for submission is February 2/10/2017. Please send your entry; along with the 2017 Entry Form to Mr. Cote on or before 2/8/17.** Cash prizes will be award at the conclusion of the contest.

Attached to this email is the 2017 National Education Contest letter outlining in greater detail the themes/divisions/categories/rules, as well as a copy of the 2017 Education Contest Entry form.

**Holiday Calendar Winner 2017**

On Thursday, January 26th, we held our final drawing of our Holiday Calendar Raffle. Congratulations to our winners!

**Date Prize Winner**

1/24 $250 Joe and Patty Alicandro

1/25 $75 Eileen Costello

1/26 $100 Andrew Malconando

1/27 $75 Divanidle Centeio

1/28 $100 Charles and Traci Woodward

1/29 $75 Amelia Burgoyne

1/30 $50 Jeanne Ryan

1/31 $1000 Rob and Ally Clifford

**Friar’s Club Winners**

Congratulations to all the winners from our January 2017 drawing!

Prize Winner

$500 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Baker

$100 Mrs. Connie Daly

$25 Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Crisman

$25 Mr. & Mrs. Marek Gwizdak

$25 Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Gichohi

$25 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Ramage

$25 Mr. & Mrs. Hyacinthe Joassainte

$25 Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Bradbury

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