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### “SLEEPING BEAUTY PERFORMANCE”

This morning our school had the opportunity to attend the Windy City Player’s performance of the classic tale “Sleeping Beauty.” Our students were certainly engaged and enjoyed this special performance. Pictures highlighting this event can be seen on our school’s facebook page.

### STUDENT MOCK ELECTION

Tomorrow, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, our students at SFA, along with students across the United States will have the opportunity to participate in the National Student Mock Election sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum. Mrs. McCorquodale and our students in grade four will be coordinating this special event for our students at SFA. This is a non-partisan educational program endorsed by Democrats and Republicans, and it is not intended to be predictive of adult voting patterns. As part of our school’s participating in the Mock Election, we have been discussing voting and leadership. Your child will vote tomorrow; all results from our school will be tabulated and transmitted to the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston, where results will be totaled for the state of Massachusetts and then sent to the National Headquarters at the University of Arizona.



### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Remember to Turn Your Clock Back on November 6<sup>th</sup>!

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Thur, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Student Mock Election Day

#### Sun, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>

- Daylight Savings Day ends

#### Tue, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>

- Professional Development Day – No School

#### Wed, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>

- 1<sup>st</sup> Term ends

#### Thur, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>

- Dress Down Day

#### Fri, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>

- Veteran’s Day – No School

#### Tue, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

- Uniform Swap Day; 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Report Cards (middle school) distributed

#### Wed, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>

- Uniform Swap Day; 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal (grades 6 – 8) only

#### Fri, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>

- SFA Jr. Drama Club presents “Go Fish”; 7:00 p.m.

#### Wed, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal Day

## ELECTION DAY – NO SCHOOL

On Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup>, as indicated on our monthly/yearly calendar, it will be NO SCHOOL for our students. Our Faculty and Staff will be using this day working on our self-study for NEASC re-accreditation.



## NEASC – RE-ACCREDITATION

In this preparatory phase of the self-study, our parents/guardians are given the opportunity to give feedback about our school (its mission, admission policy, programs, curriculum, etc...). We welcome all constructive information that will assist us in writing our self-study, as well as our long-range strategic plan.

We want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation and thank the many parents who have already completed the survey. If you have not, we ask that you please do; your input and feedback is so important and valuable to us.

The parent survey may be accessed with the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BMT9VTG>

## VETERANS DAY

Please note that there will be No School on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day.

## SFA Celebrates Veterans Day with America's White Table

By tradition, branches of the U.S. military set "America's White Table" for dinner on Veterans Day in remembrance of all veterans. This year for Veterans Day, Saint Francis classes will set a White Tables located in the lower foyer to honor all veterans. Classes will be reading a story written by Margot Theis Raven called America's White Table which shares the details of the White Table tradition. Classes will be discussing the sacrifices veterans made while serving in wars, such as missing the chance to attend college and leaving their families.

Each item on the table has a specific meaning.

- A **white candle** symbolizes peace.
- A **white cloth** honors a soldier's pure heart when our country calls him/her to duty.



- A **slice of lemon** shows a captive soldier's bitter fate.
- **Grains of salt** symbolize the tears of waiting families.
- **Empty chair** represents the missing soldiers.
- A **turned over glass** stands for the meal that won't be eaten.
- The **black napkin** signifies the sorrow of captivity.
- A **red rose** represents the hope that all missing soldiers will return.

If you are interested in reading/viewing the book, we have provided you with the book slides that can be accessed at <http://www.slideshare.net/aheern/americas-white-table-5742673>

In addition, we will be creating a tribute to our service men and women, past and present with the stars that were sent home most recently.

### **DRESS DOWN DAY**

In observance of Veterans Day, SFA will also be having a **red**, white, and **blue dress down day** (optional) on **Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**. We will be collecting \$1.00 from students to donate to the Wounded Warrior Project. The mission of the Wounded Warrior Project is to foster service members in our nation, raise awareness of the needs of injured service members, and help injured service members aid and assist each other.

### **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Optional parent-teacher conferences for the Middle School (grades 6 – 8) will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 from 12:15 – 8:00 p.m. ***Students in grades 6 – 8 only, will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>***. Buses will comply with our schedule. Extended Day Program will be available.

We will be using the on-line system to make appointments for these conferences again this year. The system will open to parents on Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> and close Tuesday morning, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. More information will follow in regards to access to this system.

### **UNIFORM SWAP DAY**

Saint Francis of Assisi School will hold a Uniform Swap Day on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in the Lower Foyer.



## THANKSGIVING BASKETS DRIVE 2016

Dear SFA Families,

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, we are reminded of how fortunate and blessed we are. At this time, the Saint Francis of Assisi School community would like to reach out to those in need within SFA parish and town of Braintree (Braintree Holidays). Each year, we collect non-perishables, money, and supermarket gift cards to provide holiday food items for families in need.

Your child's teacher will explain the Thanksgiving Basket Drive to the class. Each classroom teacher will ask for donations of non-perishable items, supermarket gift cards, and money. We also welcome any additional donations that could be used for the holiday meals. Canned vegetables, packages of stuffing, gravy mix, rice, crackers, canned cranberry sauce, mixes of quick breads, tea bags, and coffee are always needed. Any other type of nonperishables you may have will be appreciated, as well. Your money donations, cards, and non-perishables may be sent to school through Thurs., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Distribution time is needed.

Thank you for any help you can give us in making this holiday food drive a success.

### SFA BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED

*We are in need for coaches for our 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball team. If you are interested in coaching please contact us at (781)848-0842 or email Mr. Cote at [bcote@sfab.org](mailto:bcote@sfab.org).*

### THE YOGURT BAR FUNDRAISER

A word of thanks to all who supported our recent special fundraising event at The Yogurt Bar. We received a check this week in the amount of \$130.

### ALL SAINT'S LITURGY

A special word of thanks to Miss Gratta, Mrs. McGrath and all of students in grade three for planning and coordinating our All Saints' Day liturgy this week. It was a beautiful way to begin the month of November. Also a word of thanks to Mrs. Murray and our choir for leading us in song.

### UPCOMING SFA IMPORTANT DATES



- Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – Santa’s Workshop;
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – The Chateau from 11:15 am – Close; SFA will receive 20% of food and beverages (eat-in or take-out included);
- Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Concerts;
- Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – Santa’s Breakfast

## St. Francis of Assisi School ... There’s an App for that!



St. Francis of Assisi School in partnership with SchoolinfoApp has a SFA app, which is now available for iPhones, iPads, Android, Blackberry and all Window devices. The SFA app enables parents, students, alumni, parishioners, faculty and staff to quickly access all of the who, what, when and where for St. Francis of Assisi School.

With our new app, you can:

- Stay up-to-date with all of our latest news, information and announcements alerts;
- Keep track of upcoming activities and events with interactive calendars and maps;
- Easy access to teachers, staff and administration contacts;
- Access to school menus, important documents, forms, pictures and so much more;
- Receive important documents, picture galleries & other media.



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