

**Volume 5, Issue 9 – Nov. 8, 2017**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Wed, Nov. 8th**

* 1st Term end (grs. 6 – 8)

**Thur, Nov. 9th**

* Dress Down Day

**Fri, Nov. 10th**

* Veteran’s Day – No School

**Mon, Nov. 13th**

* 1st Term Report Cards distributed (grades 6 – 8)

**Wed, Nov. 15th**

* Grade 8 Visit to Cardinal Spellman High School

**Thur, Nov. 16th**

* Parent-Teacher Conferneces (grades 6 – 8); 12:30 – 8:00 p.m.
* 11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal (grades 6 – 8) Only

**Fri, Nov. 17th**

* SFA’s Jr. Drama Club Production; 7:00 p.m. School Hall

**Mon, Nov. 20th**

* Lifetouch photographer’s Picture Make-Up Day

**Wed, Nov. 22nd**

* 11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal Day; busing available; no lunch or extended P.M. care services

**Thur, Nov. 23rd**

* Thanksgiving

**ALL SOULS’ REMEMBRANCE**

During the month of November, we remember the names of loved ones in our daily prayers. We especially pray for Mrs. Lord and her family at this time.

**SFA PARENTS’ NIGHT OUT**

Join us TOMORROW, Thursday, November 9, 2017 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for the Parents’ Connection First FUN-raiser of the Year at Bin Ends. Enjoy Wine Tasting, Appetizers, Friends and Fun! As a bonus – receive 10% off all purchases. For more information, please see the attached form for more information!

**DRESS DOWN DAY**

In observance of Veterans Day, SFA will also be having a red, white, and blue **dress down day** (optional) TOMORROW, **Thursday, November 9th**. 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.

**VETERAN’S DAY**

As noted on our monthly and yearly calendars, there is NO SCHOOL on Friday as we observe Veteran’s Day!

**SAFETY CONCERN**

During our arrival and dismissal procedures, the school has been notified that some cars are making u-turns in front of the school, which causes an unsafe situation for our school and local communities. It is my understanding that this is being monitored; therefore I am asking for your continued support and cooperation with this matter.

**COATS, MITTENS AND HATS**

Now that the weather is finally changing and becoming seasonable colder, just a reminder that students should dress accordingly; the students will continue to have outside recess and physical education (weather permitted).

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Optional parent-teacher conferences for the Middle School (grades 6 – 8) will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2017 from 12:30 – 8:00 p.m. ***Students in grades 6 – 8 only, will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 16th.*** Buses will comply with our schedule. Extended Day Program will be available.

Following your child’s progress on TeacherEase should assist you in determining whether or not to schedule a conference. We will be using the on-line system to make appointments for these conferences again this year. If you would like to schedule a conference, log onto **https://pickatime.com/client?ven=11604701**. The site will be open on Monday, November 13th at 8:00 a.m. and close on Wednesday, November 15th at 2:00 p.m. You will be brought to a home page and need to use your email address and create a password to enter the site

Please note ***to make an appointment for Mrs. Shea and Mrs. Dobrev, please sign up under Mrs. Dobrev. These conferences will be with the two teachers together, held in the Grade 8 classroom.***

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**THANKSGIVING BASKETS DRIVE 2017**

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. 16th . Distribution time is needed.

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

Our students not only strive to excel academically, but will soon light up the stage with their talents. Our SFA Junior Drama Club, which consist of 30 of our students in grades 1 – 3 who have been working diligently for the last couple of months under the direction of Mrs. Lucia Murray and Ms. Sarah Murray learning their music, lines and choreography in preparation for their upcoming performance. On Friday evening, November 17th at 7:00p.m. in our School Hall, our SFA Junior Drama Club will present the musical “Goal!” The musical features 5 original songs representing musical styles from Latin to Rap and Pop to Broadway. Soccer is the setting for this musical that not only celebrates the beauty and glory of the sport, but also the value of good sportsmanship, setting goals, and being a part of a team. Tickets may be purchased at the door!

**UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES**

* **Braintree Rotary Club**

On Monday, November 13th, members of the Braintree Rotary Club will present a dictionary to all of our students in grade three and a thesaurus to students in grade five.

* **Grade 8 Visit to Cardinal Spellman High School**

On Wednesday, November 15th, our grade eight students will be visiting Cardinal Spellman High School, Brockton from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

* **SFA’s Jr. Drama Performance**

On Friday evening, November 17th, our SFA’s Jr. Drama Club will present its Fall Musical at 7:00 p.m. in the School Hall.

* **Picture Retake Day**

On Monday, November 20th, Lifetouch Photographers will be back to SFA for any picture retakes.

* **Thanksgiving Early Release**

On Wednesday, November 22nd, there will be an 11:30 a.m. Early Release for all Students and Faculty.

* **Grade 3 Field Trip**

On Thursday, November 30th, our grade three students will be visiting The Commonwealth Museum in Boston from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

* Dec. 14th – The Chateau from 11:15 am – Close; SFA will receive 20% of food and beverages (eat-in or take-out included);
* Dec. 15th – Santa’s Workshop;
* Dec. 16th – Santa’s Breakfast;

* Dec. 20th – Christmas Concerts;

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM**

The music program is off to a great start this school year!

This is a just a reminder that it is still not too late to join. If your child has never participated before, there is still plenty of time to get them enrolled and caught up with the classes.

Classes in most schools are available to students in grades 1 and up (violin) or grades 3 and up (band instruments).

Oftentimes our lives are so busy and packed with work and family commitments that we forget how important music is to us, to our community, and to our culture. We are all impacted by music, every day of our lives. I personally believe if there were more musicians in this world, we’d be a smarter and happier world. So many of the musicians that we now listen to as adults have gotten their start in their school’s music program - school music programs are the starting point! Please encourage your children to continue to learn to play an instrument. It will become a part of who they are.

Again, if you haven’t registered yet, it is not too late! Please embrace this opportunity for them to make music with their peers. Feel free to call us at (800) 921-4543 or you can register online at [pemusic.com/join.](https://og388.infusionsoft.com/app/linkClick/85/1592de28bbc7a17e/3905/170bac282f182312)

**SFA PARENT CONNECTION MEETING**

Last week, we held our first SFA Parent Connection meeting for this academic school year and we have 25 parents in attendance! What a great turnout and lots of excitement, ideas and planning for upcoming events and activities. Please join us at our next SFA Parent Connection meeting, schedule for Wednesday evening, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the School Hall

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