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The Yogurt Bar Fundraiser

Come One, Come All - Today, Wednesday, October 26th from 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., SFA presents a special fundraising event at The Yogurt Bar. A percentage of all sales will be donated to our school! Tell your friends and stop in!

St. Francis of Assisi School
In Braintree
Presents a Fundraising event at
The Yogurt Bar

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In Braintree

Invites you to Join us at:
The Yogurt Bar
915 Washington Street, Braintree
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26th
From 12:00 pm ~ 9:00 pm
For a special fundraising event!

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Grade 8 Visit to Archbishop Williams High School

Tomorrow, Thursday, October 27th, our grade eight students will be visiting Archbishop Williams High School, Braintree.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed, Oct 26th

- The Yogurt Bar Fundraiser; 12:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Archery Club; 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

Thur, Oct. 27th

- Grade 8 Visit to AWHS

Mon, Oct. 31st

- Halloween

Tue, Nov. 1st

- All School Liturgy (All Saint's Day); 8:45 a.m.
- Chess Club; 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Wed, Nov. 2nd

- Windy City Player's presents "Sleeping Beauty"
- Archery Club; 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

Thur, Nov. 3rd

- Student Mock Election Day

Sun, Nov. 6th

- Daylight Savings Day

Tue, Nov. 8th

- Election Day – NO SCHOOL
- Professional Development Day

Wed, Nov. 9th

- 1st Term ends

Fri, Nov. 11th

- Veteran's Day – No School

HALLOWEEN

On Halloween (Monday, October 31st), the students may dress up and wear their Halloween costumes to school. ***Please note that the costumes must be school appropriate and no weapons, accessories, masks or open shoes are allowed.***



NOVEMBER begins with All Saints' Day on the first and All Souls' Day on the second. Veteran's Day is celebrated on the eleventh and Thanksgiving is on the twenty-fourth. It certainly will be a month of saints, souls, giving thanks, and providing prayer and community service to those in need.

ALL SOULS' REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, we invite you to submit the names of loved ones that you would like to have remembered in our daily prayers.

ALL SAINT'S LITURGY

On Tuesday, November 1st, our school will be attending an all-school liturgy in honor of All Saints' Day. The liturgy is at 8:45 a.m. and is being planned and coordinated by our third grade teachers and students. All are welcome.

"SLEEPING BEAUTY PERFORMANCE"

On Wednesday, November 2nd, the Windy City Players, a National Touring Theater group will present their version of the classic musical "Sleeping Beauty" to our entire school community. Our students will certainly enjoy and be entertained with this outstanding performance. As we attempt to educate the whole child, it is wonderful that we can offer these types of cultural experiences to our students.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Remember to Turn Your Clock Back on November 6th!

STUDENT MOCK ELECTION

On Thursday, November 3rd, 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 on November 3rd; 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.

ELECTION DAY – NO SCHOOL

On Tuesday November 8th, 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.

UNIFORM SWAP DAY

Saint Francis of Assisi School will hold a Uniform Swap Day on Tuesday, November 15th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, November 16th from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in the Lower Foyer. More information, details and forms will be forthcoming in next week's communications.



NEASC – RE-ACCREDITATION

As all of you are aware, St. Francis of Assisi School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. (NEASC). Accreditation has two purposes: quality assurance and school improvement. Our school was last evaluated for accreditation during the spring of 2008, and another evaluation is being planned for the spring of 2018. Our faculty, staff, school board, administration and pastor have begun the 18-month process of preparing for our visit by undergoing a structured self-study, that

examines every aspect of school life, assesses compliance with the NEASC Standards, and sets goals for school improvement.

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.

The parent survey may be accessed with the following link:

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

We thank you for your time and input.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Special word of thanks to all who supported our recent fall Scholastic Book Fair, as well as to all of our volunteers who assisted us in making this event possible for our students. Your time, talents and treasures are greatly appreciated!



4th ANNUAL PUMPKIN RUN

Our 4th Annual 5K Pumpkin Run/Walk for Saint Francis of Assisi School held last Saturday was a fabulous and a successful event. Even though the sun was not shining, it did not affect the excitement and enthusiasm of this wonderful event. There are so many people to thank in making this event possible and such a great success. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and thank Mrs. Grace White and her fantastic Pumpkin Run Committee for their many hours in planning and coordinating this event. I would like to also offer a special word of appreciation and gratitude to all of our volunteers, as well as to the Braintree Police for their assistance in ensuring the safety of all who participated. To all of our generous family and business sponsors, we thank you for your support of this event. I would be remised not to especially thank our community members, parishioners, faculty members, parents, family members, alumni/ae, friends and students who participated in this great event.

Following the run/walk, a post-party was enjoyed by all. We had music provided by DJ Gerard, a visit from “Wolfie” our Mascot, pumpkin decorating, lots of chances to win fabulous raffle prizes, and Michaela’s Photography that captured the memories. Medals were awarded to the top three male and female winners; overall winner in each of the grade levels; Best Costume and the Homecoming Award for a former SFA student in grade 9 or above. The winners were as follows:

Overall Male Winners:

- Marty White 19:52.5; Manny Paula 22:25.1; and Marc-Andy Mexil 22:50.4

Overall Female Winners:

- Jayne Horsman 23:30.6; Ayako Benjamin 28:08.6; and Ann Berry 28:12.1

Grade Level Winners:

- Aiden Crisman 38:48.4; Jack O'Leary 29:47.6; Patrick Crisman 31:41.2; William O'Leary 27:27.3; Kacper Borkiewicz 23:52.1; Kyle Benjamin 29:08.4; Evan O'Brien 31:44.1; Jack Paula 26:53.6; Shane Kelly 26:42.2 and Ethan Benjamin 23:30.1

Homecoming Award: Marty White

Congratulations to all of the winners!

Mrs. Lord has put together an Animoto video to view some of the highlights of our day. The link to this video is as follows: <https://animoto.com/play/3jxdE31Ann8x8xGNP03HTw>

SFA BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED

We are in need for coaches for our 7th/8th 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.

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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