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Saint Francis of Assisi Glossary Terms

Dress Down Day: A day that students come dressed in casual appropriate attire. Faculty and staff also participate. There are specific themes throughout the school year for example black and orange for Halloween. Occasionally money is collected for a specific cause. Examples: Red Sox Day, Halloween (8th Grade), Christmas Gifts

Holiday Calendars: This is one of SFA's annual fundraisers. It consists of a holiday card with a printed calendar inside with prizes.

HSPT Prep Program: A program that prepares 8th grade students for their Catholic High School Placement Test.

Extended Day/Summer Program: This is a program run by faculty members on Monday – Fridays from 2 P.M. to 6 P.M. The summer program runs from June to August from 7:40 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Field/ Sports Day: A structure day filled with physical activities and games where all students participate. It takes place at Thayer Athletic Grounds.

Walk – A – Thon: A school wide fundraiser that is held in October. Children have sponsors that pledge.

Teacher Ease: Web based services that help teachers and parents communicate. It consists of lessons plans, grade books, reports cards and progress reports.

Connect – Ed: A telephone communication system, e.g. Snow closings, reminder messages.

The May Crowning Mass: School mass where the 2nd graders come in their First Communion attire and the 8th graders come in graduation robes. The mass is dedicated to crowning Mary.

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Adviser (Development Alumni Magazine): An informational magazine to update alumni of the progress at SFA.

SFA Times: The student school newspaper. The paper is published twice a year.

Golf Tournament: This is one of SFA's annual fundraisers. It consists of a golf tournament, theme baskets, raffles, auctions, and a dinner.

Santa's Workshop – An eighth grade fundraiser that is held the week before Christmas. The students shop for holiday gifts for their family from items that are collected and/or made by the eight graders.

Peace Pledge: A written pledge that the students recite each morning that encourages the students to act in a respectful and peaceful way. "We the students of Saint Francis of Assisi School, on this day pledge to do our best, to respect ourselves and others, to communicate better, to listen, to forgive, to respect nature, to play creatively, to be courageous, so that we can help each other become more peaceable people, in Christ's name."

Voice Mailbox: Is an automated telephone answering service by which you can contact the school office, principal, faculty and staff. If the party you are trying to reach is unavailable then you are given the opportunity to leave a message.

Breakfast with Santa: A yearly event where parents volunteer to prepare a pancake breakfast. During the breakfast there is the opportunity for the children to sit and be photographed with Santa. Families from the school and parish are invited to attend.

Promise Magazine/Good News/Seeds: Grade appropriate, religious based magazines that are designed to enrich the religion class.

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Theme Baskets: Raffle Baskets with a specific theme in mind (i.e. Halloween, Red Sox). Baskets are arranged and filled by the different grades and raffle tickets are then sold. Proceeds from the sale of the tickets will benefit a specific class, event or cause. All students, faculty and staff are invited to purchase tickets.

Weekly Reader: Weekly magazine type publication focusing on current events in a grade appropriate format. Students purchase a subscription for the school year.

Thanksgiving Drive – A collection of non-perishable food and money are donated by the students to provide holiday food items for those families in need.

Thursday Envelopes – A weekly envelop that goes home with the oldest/only child on Thursdays. This may contain notes from the parish, SFA guild, the community, or other information that can not be sent via the internet. This envelop must be signed and returned.

Crisis Management – A committee that plans for emergencies or any crisis that may occur.

Walkie Talkies – Enables the communication between the lunch room monitor and the nurse, the office and recess monitors. The gym teacher also uses the Walkie Talkies as a mode of communication.

Nurses Office: Our nurse's office is located on the second floor and is equipped with a bathroom, phone and walkie talkie in order to communicate directly with teachers who are on duty

Morning Meeting: Some teachers hold a morning meeting in order to greet the students and begin their day

Open Circle: A curriculum that promotes positive social and emotional skills in the classroom and school community

Literature Circles: Some teachers use this structured method of discussion to enrich student understanding of texts

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Guest Readers: Classrooms have members of the community or parents come into the classroom to read to the students

Boxtops: We collect boxtops for education in order to raise money for our school Christian Service

SMART Board: An interactive board used for lessons in the classroom.

Air Liner: A handheld device that connects to the SMART Board to allow interaction of board with students.

Email Blast: Thursday Handouts are emailed by the school secretary to all families.

Walking Club: A way for students to participate in an exercise routine before school.