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5th SFA ANNUAL PUMPKIN RUN

Calling all runners and walkers! Join us at our 5th Annual St. Francis of Assisi School Pumpkin 5K Run (Walk) on Saturday, October 21st at 10:00 a.m. at SFA. Following the run, there will be post-race festivities and

awards! Don't miss out on this event!

Remember the first 100 registrants receive the free tee-shirt!

In addition to runners and walkers, we need sponsors! Please consider being a family or business sponsors, your name will be listed on the back of the Race Shirts. What a great way to advertise your business! Deadline is October 10th!

Additional Prizes will be awarded to:

- "Homecoming" Awards - will be given to the 1st place male & female of a former SFA student (currently in grade 9+). Make sure to share this information with friends & family!
- the class with the highest % of student runners/walkers will be treated to a yogurt at The Yogurt Bar by our Principal!!!

For more information, please contact Kim Dee at 617-639-7642 / kimdee421@gmail.com or Mari-Joy O'Leary at 617-271-3705 / mjesele@hotmail.com. Attached to this email is the **Pumpkin Run Registration and/or Race Sponsor Form**. Families may also register online at RaceWire.com.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thur, Sept. 28th

- Gr. 5 (Reading) MAP Testing; 8:15

Mon, Oct. 2nd

- Gr. 5 (Language) MAP Testing; 8:15

Tue, Oct. 3rd

- Grs. 3 & 4 (Language) MAP Testing 8:15

Wed, Oct. 4th

- All-School Liturgy in honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi; 8:45; all are welcome!

Thur, Oct. 5th

- Gr. 2 (Language) MAP testing; 8:15

Fri, Oct. 6th

- 1st Term Mid-Point (grades 6-8)

All-School Liturgy - On Wednesday, October 4th, our school will be attending an All-School Liturgy at 8:45 a.m. as we celebrate and honor the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Our grade 7 students are planning and coordinating this special liturgy. All are welcome to attend.



In the third grade classroom, Mrs. McGrath demonstrated how she uses the Envision Program's learning animations to engage the students in a lesson on the number line and skip counting. Mrs. McGrath uses the learning animations to coach the students to visualize math. The colorful and animated characters show math models that deepen the students' understanding of the number

line. Using the number line is a visual model that helps to develop number sense and an understanding of how numbers are related. Good number sense is important as the students work on computation skills. As the students are engaged visually with the math models, Mrs. McGrath interacts with the student asking the students questions and engaging the students in conversation about the number line. Some of the discussion included discovering patterns, the strategy of "guess and check," and skip counting. The students were excited to take part in the lesson's online quiz together to check their understanding. When finished with the quiz Mrs. McGrath led the students in a "silent" cheer. The smiles on their faces revealed the lesson's success! Talking about math is another way that students develop excellent math skills!



Understanding the Dangers of Opioid Misuse – The Archdiocese of Boston’s Opioid Task Force is offering a series of four free webinars specifically geared for Catholic school parents, guardians, and teachers designed to help them formulate response to the opioid epidemic.

The 2nd webinar is being held this Thursday, September 28th from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m; this webinar will focus on both providing education on opioid misuse as well as offering advice on how to recognize and address addiction in a child.

Please note that these are live, interactive webinars. Parents may sign up for one or all of these webinars; there is no charge for these webinars; and registration is free. Once completed, links to the series will be available on the Opioid Task Force website. Notification will be forthcoming when the links become available. For more information about the Task Force, please visit: www.masscatholicotf.org.

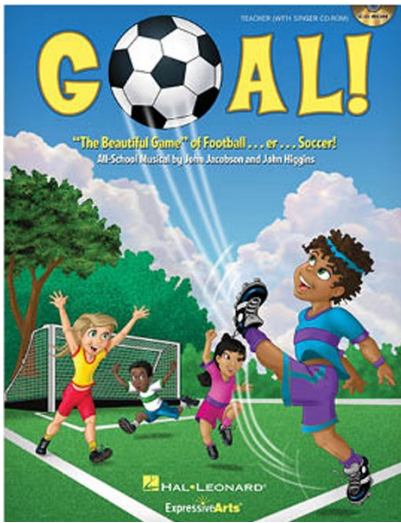
MAP Testing

St. Francis of Assisi School, along with all of our schools in the Archdiocese of Boston will continue to use and implement the *NWEA MAP* on-line assessment tool for all students in grades one through eight. This testing is not done to measure one school against another or solely to identify a student’s strengths or weaknesses. Test results are evaluated by teachers to assure that individual academic growth occurs and that the flow of curriculum avoids repetition and allows for our curriculum to fully benefit each child.

Listed below is the proposed Fall 2017 schedule:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25 8:15 – Gr. 1 Reading	26	27 9:30 – Gr. 2 Reading	28 8: 15 – Gr. 2 Reading	29
2 8:15 – Gr. 5 Lang.	3 8:15 – Gr. 4 Lang. 8:15 – Gr. 3 Lang.	4	5 8:15 – Gr. 2 Lang.	

Upcoming Enrichment Programs



SFA Junior Drama Club for Students in Grades 1 – 3

This program will work with our younger students in Grades 1-3 as we present the musical “Goal!” The game that Brazilian “football” legend Pele called “The Beautiful Game” is the setting for this entertaining musical that not only celebrates the beauty and glory of the sport, but also the value of good sportsmanship, setting goals, being part of a team and much more!

The Junior Drama Club meets in the Cafeteria from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. every Friday afternoon beginning October 6, 2017 thru the performance on Friday, November 17, 2017

Attached to this email, you will please find the more information regarding the SFA Junior Drama Club, as well as the Permission Slip and Participation Agreement forms.

Chess Wizards – Once again, SFA presents Chess Wizards for the Fall 2017! Chess Wizards is a premier chess education company providing fun, informative and challenging chess lessons to students. Chess Wizards teaches children many important life concepts, such as learning the ability to win graciously and accept defeat with dignity and sportsmanship. Students will be divided into groups according to their chess experience. At the end of this session, each student will have had the chance to participate in a mini-chess tournament. Attached to this email is a flyer outlining this enrichment program, dates, and registration information.

Archery – On The Mark Archery will once again be held at SFA. Learn to shoot a bow this fall and discover your inner archer! Archery is an exciting focus oriented sport that helps students improve muscle memory, coordination and mental discipline. All equipment is provided. This afterschool program for grades 4 and up will take place on Tuesday afternoon from October 31st – November 21st from 2:15 – 3:15 p.m. The cost of the program is \$96 and registration deadline is Friday, October 27th. Sign up Now at www.onthemarkarchery.com/SFA.

Correspondence from Linda Muldoon, Pastoral Associate of SFA Parish:



Protecting God’s Children... This one-time workshop, required by the Archdiocese of Boston for all clergy, staff, and volunteers, will be held at St. Mary’s in Randolph on Tuesday, October 17 from 6:30-9PM—for

more info or to register, please call 781.961.5009. It will also be held at **St. Francis of Assisi in Braintree on Wednesday, October 25 at 7PM** (781.843.1332 or lmuldoon@sfab.org). You need attend just one of the sessions, and please sure to ask for a certificate of attendance to bring to your home parish

Palliative Care Presentation... Are you over 18 years of age? Are you or someone you love facing medical challenges? Do you wonder what is the difference between palliative care and hospice care? Do you wonder what the Catholic Church teaches regarding health care proxy, advance directives, or end-of-life care? We invite you to a presentation and discussion at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall on Wednesday, October 4 at 7PM, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Boston Initiative for Palliative Care and Advance Care Planning. RSVP to 781-843-1332 or parish@sfab.org so that we have enough materials and refreshments for everyone.



Our **Bereavement Group** continues NEXT Tuesday, October 10 at 1PM in the SFA church hall. We are using the book, *The New Day Journal*, and copies will be available for new members. If you are a returning member and already have this book, we ask that you bring it with you on Tuesday. Please feel free to call or email Linda Muldoon with questions—781.843.1332 or lmuldoon@sfab.org.

Bible Study... Celia Sirois of CHRISM will present the course, “**Come Holy Spirit**” on Tuesday evenings from October 10 to November 14 (no meeting on 10/31) from 7-8:30PM in the St. Francis church hall. The Holy Spirit has been at work with the Father and The Son, from creation to the completion of God's plan for our salvation. This course, biblically based, will enhance our appreciation of the Spirit's role in our lives. Please bring your Bible! Refreshments will be served; registration is not required; and the suggested CHRISM offering is \$5 per session. Call 781.843.1332 for more information.



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