



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Parish School

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Office of the Principal

February 21, 2012

Dear Parents,

HAPPY MARDI GRAS! Hope you eat your fill of doughnuts before tomorrow!

The week will bring us:

- Today you will receive a baby bottle and are asked to fill it with loose change, if possible. If you cannot participate in this fundraiser for the Mother's Home right now, please just return the bottle so it can be used again.
- Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday and we will have a prayer service at 9:30 AM to which you are warmly invited to come and receive your ashes.
- On Thursday, members of the Archdiocesan Art Committee will come to St. Francis to begin the judging of the art entries for the contest. The artists representing SFA are:

Kdg.- Patrick Doherty	5 th – Julianna Kissinger
1 st – Alexa Ferraiolo	6 th – Patrick Devine
2 nd – Katherine Larson	7 th – Maura Koob
3 rd – Emma Friel	8 th – Shannon Green
4 th – Grace Longo	
- The final judging will take place on Saturday with local artists coming in to judge the work of the finalists. We wish good luck to all of our SFA artists! We are also very grateful to Mrs. Huenerfauth for all her work in preparing the children.
- The CYO Intramural Pizza Party will be held on Saturday, February 25th following the 4:00 PM Mass. We are so grateful to our CYO and all of our volunteer coaches for making this possible. We are also grateful to Mrs. Walters and Mrs. Foran for running the Snack Shop, thus making the Pizza Party possible.
- The Hot Lunch menu and 8th grade Pizza order forms are in this week's envelope. Last month we had seven families who filled in their order form but did not put their child's name or grade on the form. This makes it difficult to know who is supposed to get a lunch. **PLEASE** make sure you fill in this information on the order form. **The Hot Lunch form is due Monday, February 27th and the Pizza form is due no later than Friday, March 2nd.**
- A huge **THANK YOU** to all who have returned their state survey. I cannot stress enough how important it is to have this information. Please return it ASAP. Thanks!
- In the envelope is a thank you from Becky Lehigh for your generous response to our Hearts Day for the Penn State THON. Some interesting facts about this fundraiser are that in 1972, 50% of all pediatric cancer cases survived. Today the survival rate is over 80%! It is through the

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efforts of people like Becky and all her classmates – and all of you! - that such a wonderful improvement has been made.

- Mrs. McBride has asked me to remind you that the Small Church Community for Young Parents is beginning tonight, 7:00-8:00 PM in the Library. You do not have to sign up and you can come one week or all six weeks. Joan McMenamain is the facilitator and has offered to bake a cake for the gatherings! Please park on the street or in the rectory parking lot since there is no parking in the school yard during the PREP classes on Tuesdays evenings.
- There is a concern being voiced about something being seen on You Tube. It is called the Cinnamon Challenge. You may have heard of this on the news, too. The challenge is to swallow a teaspoon of ground cinnamon in a minute. The danger is:
 - If the cinnamon is inhaled, it can cause severe chest pain.
 - If the cinnamon is caught in the throat, it can lead to choking.
 - Students with Asthma may have severe reactions to inhaling the cinnamon.

I asked our 7th and 8th grade teachers to talk with their students about this and several students said they had tried it. Fortunately, nothing happened but I just wanted to give you the heads up that there is potential danger to this practice.

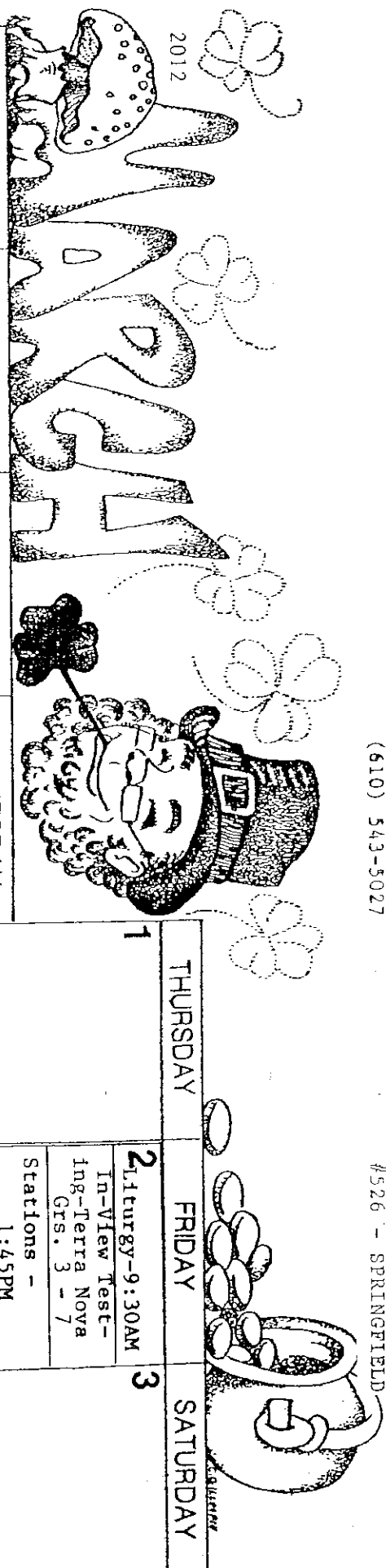
I think that should do it for this week. May your Lenten journey be filled with all the graces you need to become closer to our incredibly loving and understanding God.

Warmest regards,



Miss Jill Carroll

Principal



2012		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
4	SUNDAY	1		2		3	
5	MONDAY	8	Terra Nova K - 7	9	Terra Nova K - 7	10	
6	TUESDAY	15	HEARTS DAY American Heart Association	16	Report Cards Stations-1:45PM	17	St Patrick's Day
7	WEDNESDAY	22	Kdg. Field Trip - Upper Darby	23	Stations-1:45PM	24	
11	Lifeteen Mass 6:00 PM	29		30	Living Stations - 12:30 PM	31	CYO March Madness 7:30PM - 12 midnight
12	3rd Trimester Begins						
13	Delco Science Fair						
14	Terra Nova K - 7						
18	st Joseph						
19	FACULTY RETREAT NO SCHOOL						
20	Baby Bottle Pick-Up						
21	SFA Night at McDonald's - 5 - 7 PM						
25	Annunciation						
26	Confessions - Grades 2 - 8 - 1:00 PM						

Mary said "YES" and Life was born!

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ST. FRANCIS LUNCH MENU

MARCH 2012

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	MENU SUBJECT TO BE CHANGED. QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS EMAIL US AT DAVENMARKINC@YAHOO.COM OR 610 622-3658						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
	Stoppy Joe/Bun Potato Wedges Fruit Juice	Waffles Sausage Hash Brown Fruit / Drink	NO SCHOOL LUNCH	BBQ Chicken Potato Salad Wheat Bread Fruit/Juice	Egg Salad/ Wheat Mini Corn on Cobb Cookies Fruit/Juice		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
	Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Chips Fruit Juice	Cheeseburgers/Bun Smiley Fries Fruit Juice	NO SCHOOL LUNCH	Hot Dog/Bun Vegetarian Baked Beans Fruit Cookies Juice	Pasta Salad Crackers Carrot Sticks, Ranch Fruit Cocktail Juice		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	NO SCHOOL LUNCH	20 Culture Spot IRISH Corned Beef Cabbage Boiled Potato Fruit/Juice	NO SCHOOL LUNCH	Meatloaf Cornbread Sweet potatoes Collard Greens/Juice	French Toast Hash Brown Strawberries Fruit/Juice		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Chicken Nuggets Sweet Corn Fruit Juice	Tacos/w beef Cheese/Lettuce/Tomato Hard Shell Tortilla Chips Fruit Cocktail/Juice	NO SCHOOL LUNCH	Pancakes Sausage Hash Brown Fruit / Drink Juice	Vegetable Lasagna Mixed Vegetables Fruit Juice		

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DAVENMARK INC. LUNCH PROGRAM

Put number of lunches next to each day of the week that you are ordering and total amounts.

Price: \$2.75 per day - Make any checks payable to Davenmark Inc. 610 622-3658

(Any checks that are returned for insufficient funds will be accessed an additional \$30.00 in addition to paying cash)

Also you can pay by credit card or paypal through our website at www.davenmarkinc.com Go to the service page and click on the paypal button under the E-commerce tab. Place the lunch price of \$2.75 and place the total number of lunches ordered for the month. Mark credit card payment on this form. Turn all slips with payment into school office. Thankyou!

MARCH 2012 - DUE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2012

Name /Grade PLEASE BE SURE TO FILL THIS PART IN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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Monthly Total \$ _____

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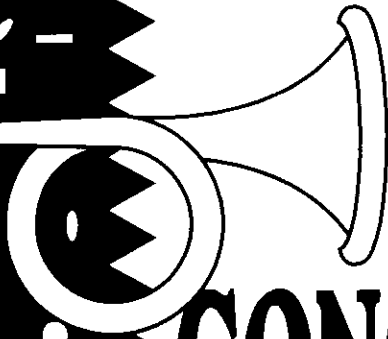
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CONGRATULATIONS!

**TO
OUR
JV BOYS
AND
VARSITY
BOYS AND GIRLS
BASKETBALL TEAMS
FOR
BEING
REGION 25
CHAMPIONS!**

YOU'RE THE BEST!

Miss Carroll and the SFA community,

"When cancer is cured,

we will dance for joy.

Until then,

we will dance for life."

Penn State's THON 2012 was themed Brighten Every Journey. Brighten Every Journey is a goal we strive every day to achieve and, in return, each of our journeys has been brightened by THON. Each year, students continue to follow in the footsteps of the students who have come before and further the journey that started long ago. THON started out in the HUB and raising \$2,000 with 39 dancer couples to 40 years later being in the Bryce Jordan Center raising 10,686,924.83 dollars with 700 dancers, and THON's journey is not yet done.

I wanted to take the time to say thank you for your participation in SFA's Heart's Day on February 9th. Every moment counts, and so does every dollar. As Lance Armstrong once said, "Anything's possible. You can be told you have a 90% chance or a 50% chance or a 1% chance, but you have to believe, and you have to fight." Thank you for joining our fight against Pediatric cancer, thank you for brightening a child's journey.

Thanks again!

**Becky Lehigh
SFA class of 2007**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community
1st Annual Friday Night Lenten



March 9, 16 and 23
5:00-7:30
Leonard Hall

To purchase tickets please contact:

Deirdre Cresta 610-328-5608

Amy Foran 610-328-1358

OR send in bottom part along with cash or check made out to St. Francis of Assisi and tickets will be sent home.

No time on the schedule to join us.

Take Out will be Available

The purpose of a fish fry is not only to enjoy eating fresh fish; but it is also a time of fun and fellowship for the people of the church and community.

Premium Cod Filets
French Fries
Coleslaw
Rolls
Or Grilled Cheese for
Children
Beverages, Coffee, Tea
Dessert
Adult Meal \$7.00
Child's \$5.00

Name _____ Date of fish fry _____

Number of tickets Adult _____ Children _____

Name and grade of child you would like to receive tickets _____

Attention Deirdre Cresta or Amy Foran

Maria Lynch
236 North Rolling Road
Springfield, PA 19064

Judy McDermott
300 Hawarden Road
Springfield, PA 19064

February 21, 2012

Dear Parents:

A High School Preparation Program will be available at St. Francis of Assisi School this summer. This course will be offered only to students entering 8th grade. It offers both reinforcement and enrichment of junior high school skills in mathematics, critical reading and writing. In addition, the course will help students prepare for the various high school placement tests given in the fall. Emphasis will be placed on test taking skills in both the verbal and math sections through the use of the practice exams.

The session will be offered from August 13th to August 24th. Class will meet at the SFA computer lab from 8:30 AM to 11:15 AM. These ten sessions will be rigorous and students need to be committed to their work. Homework will be assigned and its completion is necessary to fully benefit from the class.

Two teachers who have had a great deal of experience in teaching 8th grade English and math will teach the course. Maria Lynch will cover the math sections and Judy McDermott will focus on the verbal section. The fee for this class is \$285.00, which includes the cost of the workbook.

If you are interested in registering your child for this class, please complete the form below and return it through David Lynch. Please enclose a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit to reserve a place and to cover the cost of ordering the workbook. The remaining balance of \$260.00 will be due on the first day of class. Please make checks payable to Maria Lynch.

We are looking forward to providing this class for the students. If you have any questions please feel free to call Maria Lynch (610-543-3835) or Judy McDermott (610-543-4747).

**DETACH AND RETURN TO MARIA LYNCH VIA DAVID LYNCH ROOM 14
BY MARCH 30.**

Name of Student _____ Phone _____
Address _____
I wish to register my child for the High School Prep class _____
Parent's Signature _____



YIPPY!

YEARBOOKS

ARE COMING!

MORE INFO NEXT WEEK!

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. FRANCIS
NIGHT AT McDONALD'S
(PILGRIM GARDENS)

WEDNESDAY MARCH 21ST

5 PM TO 7 PM

COME WATCH THE TEACHERS
MOONLIGHT BEHIND THE COUNTER!

now



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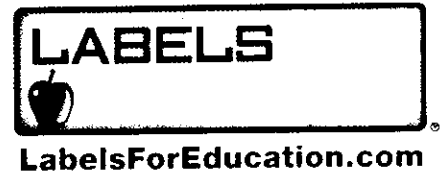
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Please take a minute to
read the Winter edition
of Catholic School
Matters found on the
front page of our web
site.

Thank you!

Earn 100 Bonus Points

with our Special Valentine Collection Sheet!



- 1** Collect one product UPC from each of the *Labels for Education* participating brands listed below.*
- 2** Glue them on the collection sheet.
- 3** Turn in your completed collection sheet to your school coordinator by April 30, 2012.

Coordinator Instructions: Sheets must be submitted with order and banking form by 5/31/12. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. Forms with incorrect UPCs will not receive bonus points. Each completed bonus sheet will not receive points for attached UPCs in addition to the 100 *Labels for Education* bonus points.

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The Devil and The Duck

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play without in the woods. He practiced in the woods, but he could never hit the target. Getting a little discouraged, he headed back for dinner.

As he was walking back he saw Grandma's pet duck. Just out of impulse, he let the slingshot fly, hit the duck square in the head, and killed it. He was shocked and grieved. In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the wood pile, only to see his sister watching! Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing.

After lunch the next day Grandma said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes." But Sally said, "Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen." Then she whispered to him, "Remember the duck?" So Johnny did the dishes.

Later that day, Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing and Grand! ma said, "I'm sorry but I need Sally to help make supper." Sally just smiled and said, "Well that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help." She whispered again, "Remember the duck?"

So Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed to help.

After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's he finally couldn't stand it any longer. He came to Grandma and confessed that he had killed the duck. Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug, and said, "Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing. But because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you."

Thought for the day and every day thereafter: Whatever is in your past, whatever you have done -- and the devil keeps throwing it up in your face (lying, debt, fear, hatred, anger, unforgiveness, bitterness, etc.) whatever it is, you need to know that God was standing at the window and He saw the whole thing, He has seen your whole life. He wants you to know that He loves you and that you are forgiven. He's just wondering how long you will let the devil make a slave of you.

The great thing about God is that when you ask for forgiveness, He not only forgives you, but He forgets - It is by God's Grace and Mercy that we are saved.

