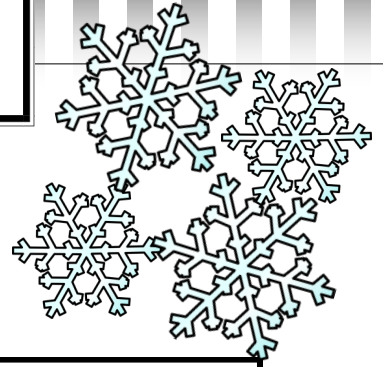


ST. FRANCIS DE SALES NEWS



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January 2022

Up-Coming Events....

Jan. 3-Return to School

Jan. 3-Mid. Sch. B'ball Mt.

Hope Christian @ SFDS 6PM

**Jan. 4-Mid.Sch. B'ball Mercer
Christian @ SFDS 6PM**

**Jan. 5- Mid. Sch. B'ball SFDS
@ Montcalm HS 6 PM**

Jan. 6- Faculty Meeting 3:15

**Jan. 7- End of Second
Grading Period**

**Jan. 7- First Friday
All School Mass**

**Jan. 10- Mid. Sch. B'ball SFDS
@ Greater Beckley 6 PM**

**Jan. 13-Mid. Sch. B'ball SFDS
@ Mt. Hope Christian 5:30 PM**

**Jan.14- First Semester Awards
in each classroom.**

Jan. 17- MLK Day / No School

**Jan. 17 - School Board meeting
5:30 PM.**

**Jan. 18- Mid. Sch. B'ball Mid-
land Trail @SFDS**

**Jan. 24- Feast Day of St. Francis
de Sales Mass for Gr. K-8**

**Jan. 27- Mid. Sch. B'ball Great-
er Beckley @ SFDS 6 PM.**

**Jan. 30- Catholic Schools'
Week Begins at 11 AM Mass**



January Events

Grading Period and Semester Awards

The 2nd grading period ends on Friday, January 7th. We will send home report cards in the communication envelopes on Friday, Jan. 14th.

**Semester Awards will be
presented in the classrooms on
Friday, January 14th.**

The Aquinas Winner

This year's Aquinas Award Winner will be announced during the School Mass on Friday, January 24th.

Catholic Schools Week

This year Catholic Schools Week will begin on Sunday, Jan. 30th at the 11AM Mass. We will need students from grades 3—8 to help us sing loudly and proudly! Please plan to attend this Mass and help us celebrate our special school!



Welcome Ms. Wendy Sullivan!

St. Francis has a new Art teacher! Her name is Ms. Wendy Sullivan. Ms. Sullivan grew up in Beckley. But has also lived in Colorado, Texas and Louisiana. She is a retired Raleigh County school teacher. She has spent the last few years teaching art at Ridgeview Elementary. She still substitutes at both Crescent and Ridgeview Elementary schools.

She has lived a "theatre life" since she was 19 years old and has been in more productions than she can even remember. She has worked with the Princess Theater of Mt.

Hope and Theater West Virginia. She has acted in "Dearly Departed," "Christmas Carol," and as Sarah McCoy in "Hatfields and McCoys" and as the nurse in "Romeo and Juliet" this past season.

Ms. Sullivan has two adult children and three grandchildren. She is also the proud momma of 2 dogs, Cappy & Jack and 2 cats, Bristle & Kitten.

She is self proclaimed "old school" and looks forward to offering the students of St. Francis a creative outlet.

Catholic Schools Week

Thank You to All

It is with **TREMENDOUS APPRECIATION** that I can announce to you the winners of our Penny War!

After collecting pennies, nickles, dimes, quarters, and bills, St. Francis students were able to donate \$2,704.00 to the Raleigh County Humane Society for the needs of the animals within its care. They are the true winners!

All of our classes were very generous!

Special Congrats to 6th Grade!



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“A promising world is built on small acts of kindness and compassion.”



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Basketball Season

Our Middle School Basketball Season has begun! We have some exciting home games scheduled this month, so come out and cheer on the Saints!

Our basketball coaches are Mr. Noah Kapp and Dr. John Fernald. Our cheer coaches are Mrs. Cindy Fernald and Mrs. Corey Lacy.

Let's Go Saints!



Later this week the faculty will plan our activities for Catholic Schools Week which begins on Sunday, Jan. 30th and ends on Friday, Feb. 5th.

We will formulate a schedule of events with dates and details and send it home soon.

StayTuned for further information!

Christmas Blessings

We want to thank all who helped to celebrate the Christmas season within our school and decorated our hallways and classrooms: Middle School students, 4-H students and leaders, and our staff. Thank you for making our Christmas season bright!

Thank you to all who made our classroom celebrations memorable and fun!

Thank you to Ray, Hillary, and Francie Lewis for bringing their food truck to our outdoor caroling event.

Thank you to the classroom teachers and Mrs. Camarillo for putting together the songs for caroling and for directing the Middle School's Nativity.

Thank you John Evans, Bill Hall, Mary Hall, and Hunter Hall for helping to decorate and undecorated outside for our evening of Christmas caroling.

We are truly blessed to have so many people that care and give of themselves for others. You made our Christmas celebrations festive!



Prayers Requested....

Please pray for:

For all our priests, especially for Fr. Leonard.

For all those serving our country in the military. May God keep them safe.

For all healthcare workers, teachers, and other essential workers.

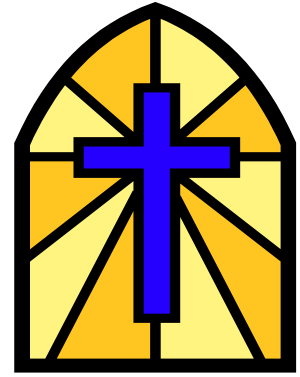
For all those who have recently had a death in their family. May God support them as they grieve.

For all who are ill or recovering. May God strengthen them.

For all of our generous patrons and parishioners. May God smile on them each and every day.

For a new year filled with many blessings: health, hope, joy, and peace.

For all of these we pray.



St. Francis de Sales School Mission Statement

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School exists to provide a safe, nurturing environment for our students in their pursuit of academic achievement, moral development, and spiritual growth in Our Lord, Jesus Christ. This combination builds character and creates responsible citizens.

Education in Virtue: PERSEVERANCE

Looks like: Finishing a job even if you are tired.
Continuing to do something even if it is difficult.
Calming doing something again after making a mistake.
Sounds like: "I will try it again."
"I won't give up!" "I'm going to keep practicing."

Christmas Bags

If you have not already packed your Christmas wrappings away, please donate any Christmas gift bags, tissue paper, or bows. We really need medium sized gift bags.

We could use all of these items for Santa's Secret Shop next year. This would save us from buying them.



**"When God's joy invades our lives,
It spills over into everything we do
And onto everyone we touch."
-Swindoll**



**St. Francis de Sales School
Science and Technology Fair
First Place Winners**

Elementary

Biology A
Lauren and John Fernald Do Dogs Have a Favorite Color?

Biology B
Aubrie Pompie Fidgeting Around With Test Stress

Chemistry
Alex Elefterion How Does the Milliard Reaction Affect Cookies?

Technology
Madelynn Tipton & Jola Aborisade
Can an Artificial Hand Be Useful For Everyday Activities?
-Kinetics Role in Movement

Middle School

Medical Science
Mielcah Valderrama Are Children Really Immune to COVID-19?

Congratulations!

