

# ST. FRANCIS DE SALES NEWS

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### Up-Coming Events....

**Oct. 1-** MS V'ball @ Mt. Hope Christian -6PM  
**Oct. 2-**MS V'ball @ SFS 6PM  
**Oct. 2-** MS Soccer @ Fayetteville 5:30 PM  
**Oct. 2-**Brownie meeting 3PM  
**Oct. 2-**Home & School Assoc. Mtng. 1:30 PM  
**Oct. 3-** MS V'ball @Trap Hill MS 6PM  
**Oct. 4-**First Friday Mass 8:30AM- All School  
**Oct. 6-**Blessing of Animals- 2PM Church Parking Lot  
**Oct.7-**Picture Day-Individual & Fall Sports  
**Oct.7-** Elem Sports @SFS 6PM Mabscott  
**Oct.7-** MS Soccer @ YMCA 5:30 pm  
**Oct. 8-** Elem Sports @GBC-5  
**Oct.8-** MS V'ball @GBC 6PM  
**Oct. 9-** MS V'ball @SFS 6PM  
**Oct. 9-** MS Soccer @ 7PM-YM  
**Oct. 10-** Elem Sports @ Clear Fork 6PM  
**Oct. 11-** Noon Dismissal/ Faculty Training 12:15  
**Oct. 14-** Elem Sports @ SFS 6 PM Clear Fork  
**Oct. 15-** Elem Sports @ SFS 6PM Ridgeview  
**Oct. 16-** MS Soccer @ Mountain View MS -5:00PM  
**Oct. 17-** Elem Sports @ Mt. Hope Christian 6PM  
**Oct. 17-** End 1st Grading Pd.  
**Oct. 18-** Race for Education  
**Oct. 21-24** Fall Book Fair  
**Oct. 21-** 2gr Dental Screening  
**Oct. 21-**School Board Mtng.  
**Oct. 21-** MS Soccer 5:30 Y  
**Oct. 22-**MS V'ball @ Indy 6PM  
**Oct. 29-** MS V'ball @ SFS 6  
**Oct. 30** -Cadette Mtng. 3PM  
**Oct. 31-** Halloween Party/ Noon Dismissal

### Bishop Brennan's Visit

St. Francis De Sales School and Parish were very honored to welcome the new bishop to southern West Virginia two weeks ago. Bishop Mark Brennan celebrated Mass with us on Friday, September 13th. That same morning he toured the school and visited classes.

Bishop Brennan believes in the value of a Catholic School education and has expressed interest in supporting our schools. He is quite at ease among students. He even joined PreK-4 in singing and doing the movements to "This Land is Your Land." It was a happy song for sure and quite refreshing to witness!

As the bishop began to leave, one of the Pre-K students started to cry because he thought Bishop Brennan was not going to be able to see the card that the class had so caringly made for him, with their handprints on it. The bishop promptly turned back toward the child, got down on one knee in front of him, and held his hand as he reassured the student that he most certainly would see their card that evening. It was a very kind, caring gesture!

Sister Augustine and the other nuns that taught here always said: "Actions speak louder than words." That spoke volumes to me!

### Race For Education

We are in the process of writing the mailers for our Race for Education. The more labels and mailers we send out, the more money this fund raiser can potentially make for St. Francis.

Thank you for volunteering in your child's classroom, for sending in stamp money, for providing the addresses, or for donating to help support our school.

Friends and family can also donate on-line at the following website.

<https://egiving.org/stfrancisdesaleschool>

Please see the enclosed flyer about our Race Day for times and to find out what color shirt your child should wear that day. Each grade is asked to wear a different color.

*Let's go Saints!*



## VIRTUS for Children



We will be teaching Lesson #5 of the VIRTUS for children program on Friday, Sept. 27th. This is for grades K—8 only.

This special program is designed to teach children about safe touching and the importance of having a safe adult to whom he/she can talk openly.

Parents had the option of opting out of the class for their child.

The opt out form went home last week and should be returned to the school office on or before Sept. 27th.

This is an excellent class and is taught in all Catholic schools across WV. It teaches children to speak up if they are uncomfortable in a situation and to talk about their worries with trusted adults. If you have question about the program, please call Mrs. Peck at 304-252-4087.

## Miscellaneous News

“The dictionary is the only place success comes before work.”

### Blessing of the Animals

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Deacon Jay will have a blessing for all pets on Sunday, **October 6th at 2PM in the back parking lot.**

All pets are welcome and stuffed animals are also welcome for children without pets or with allergies.



### Snow and Holiday Care

Please remember we are unable to offer snow or holiday care this year. Miss Jane is a new grandmother and plans to enjoy time with her grandson. So make your plans now for child care on snow days and throughout school holidays. Holidays when we have no school are :

Veteran’s Day-Nov.11th  
Thanksgiving Break-Nov.27th-29th  
Christmas Break -Dec. 23rd- Jan.1st  
Dr. M L King Jr. Day-Jan. 20th  
Good Friday– April 10th  
Spring Break– April 13th-17th  
Memorial Day– May 25th

## Prayers Requested....

### For an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

For blessings on Pope Francis, Bishop Brennan, Father Paul and all clergy.

### For all the brave men and women who serve our country in the military and as first responders.

For our nation and other countries around the world to become places of peace.

### For victims of natural disasters, may they rebuild their homes and return to normal living.

### For those who are fighting disease or other illnesses. We pray especially for:

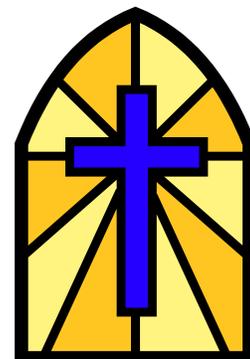
Katie Saddler      Colleen McCulloch  
Shirley Hunt      Tom DePolo

Richard Callahan   Ray Ewing

### For those who have died, may they rest in the peace and light of our Lord.

We pray in gratitude for all of the blessings the Lord has given us— our families, friends, home and our school.

### For all the generous patrons and parishioners who support our school.



## Volunteer Requirements

For all schools and churches in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, there are three things that an adult has to do to be a volunteer.

1. Background check
2. Diocesan Policy Questionnaire
3. VIRTUS class

Many people do the first two parts but do not complete the VIRTUS class online and send in the certificate of completion.

In order to drive on field trips or help supervise students at any time, parents will need to do all three steps.

If you need a set of forms to complete these requirements, just let us know and we will send you a set.

Thank you to all the parents who have completed this process.



### Mission Statement

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School exists to provide spiritual growth, moral development, and academic achievement in a safe nurturing environment so that our students will develop good character and become responsible citizens.



## Home/School Association

Our October meeting will be **Wed., Oct. 2nd**, at 1:30PM in the De Sales Hall. We will be working on finalizing things for Race For Education Day, the Wellness Fair, and our annual Halloween party.

Our Halloween party will be on Thursday, Oct. 31st. Don't forget, that day we have Noon Dismissal as well!

## Professional Development

Last year our faculty completed 33 hours of professional development throughout the school year. We had CPR training and certification, a book study on Reading in Small Groups, Mental Health Issues of Adolescents, plus numerous presentations at our diocesan conference.

These PD hours did not include the continuing education courses that several of our teachers have and continue to take throughout the year.

So far this year, we have logged 13 hours of Professional Development. We have been trained in NWEA MAP Growth in preparation for our online tests. Upcoming topics for PD include Danielson Framework for Teaching, Apple Classroom and Nearpod.

Please note, there is a half-day of school on Friday, October 11th for this reason. After School Care is provided that day as usual.

### Summer Reading

Congratulations to our students that spent time reading this summer!

Tula Dababnah  
Breiel Duncan  
Shelby Fairchild  
John Fernald  
Lauren Fernald  
Hattie Harmon  
Adu Ilangovan  
Devyn Lanna  
Preston Lanna  
Aubrie Pompie  
Cambell Stacy

Altogether they read 24,923 pages!  
Way to go dedicated readers!

**We are proud of you!**



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*St. Francis De Sales*



**“God is everywhere  
and in everything  
and we are all His  
children. When we  
gather in His name  
this gives us  
strength.”**

**-Mother Teresa**

**Homeroom Parents 2019-20**

**Home/School Coordinator—  
Rhonda Willson**

- Preschool 3– Jessica Holstein  
Jaelyn Taylor  
Paula Smallwood  
Shirley Whitt
- Preschool 4– Hillary & Ray Lewis  
Stacy Bragg
- Kindergarten– Ginger Blosser  
Mary Taylor
- Grade One– Laura Grayhonya  
Maria Dy
- Grade Two– Sarah Massey  
Jamie Patel
- Grade Three– Cindy Fernald  
Suzan Loving
- Grade Four– Muluka Demede
- Grade Five– Stacey Fragile
- Grade Six– Roda Haddadin
- Grade Seven– Missy Bowen  
Robyn Spencer
- Grade Eight– Deana Cummings

These parents will contact other parents in the class for specific volunteering opportunities.

**Book Fair Prep**  
Our Fall Book Fair will be held on October 21st-25th. Please contact Cindy Fernald if you can help in any way. We need help with set-up Monday afternoon; selling Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; and packing up on Friday.



**Check Student Grades on  
FACTS SIS Website**

We have the Ren Web data base system that all Catholic schools in WV use. Ren Web and FACTS have combined companies into one now called FACTS SIS.

Parents can get on FACTS SIS to check their child’s grades at any-time. We encourage you to do this so there are no surprises at the end of each grading period. This makes it easier to keep up with your child’s school work.

Go to [www.factsmtg.com](http://www.factsmtg.com). On the upper right click on login for parents.

The district code is SFDS-WV. Use your email address as your user name. You will need to set up your parent web account. You can create your own password. Write this password down so you remember it each time you login.

There is an app for your mobile device as well!

