

St. Francis de Sales School

MAY 2023

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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.



End of the Year School Activities

- ⇒ Eighth Grade Graduation Mass is on May 18th at 6:30 PM.
- ⇒ Preschool "Crossing Over" and Graduation is at 6 PM on Monday, May 22nd in the gym.
- ⇒ Second Semester Awards Presentation for grades 1-7 will take place on Thursday, May 25th in each classroom.
- ⇒ Field Day! Friday, May 26th is the last day of school. Dismissal at noon.
- ⇒ Eucharistic Congress-
June 2-3 Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston
- ⇒ Summer camp begins on Monday, June 12th.
- ⇒ Report cards and test scores will be mailed to families in June.

Sapphire Success

The Sapphire Celebration Gala was held on March 25th at the Resort at Glade Springs. There were over 175 guests in attendance celebrating the 65 years our school has been open. During the night there was dancing, a magician, lots of memories shared and some beautiful auction items awarded.

Just under \$2500 was raised for the Beautify or \$65 project. Overall, this year's Gala raised \$30,365! What an awesome tribute to the school!

We would like to thank all the Sapphire Celebration Gala Sponsors that truly made this event a success. Also, thank you to the volunteers, the attendees, the families and the staff that support our school events!

Gala Sponsors

Rainbow Pediatrics

JanCare Ambulance
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Drs. Wasylyk & Hasan
Drs. Saikali & Boustani
Ascend HR
Beckley Cardiology, Dr. Ganesh & Dr. Rajan
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WV Spine Center, Dr. Rajesh Patel
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The Polisetty Family

Gifts from the heart-

With Gratitude

shared with others!

This school year we have had several wonderful parents, teachers, and community members volunteer to lead special clubs for our students. These clubs give students the opportunity to explore different areas of interest. They promote curiosity and discovery while limiting the fear of failure. We are so thankful for the time, talent, and opportunities given to our students from each volunteer! We are grateful for the goodness shared with us! We pray that God will bless each abundantly in return!

- MS Art Club– Mrs. Cindy Fernald**
- Theater Club– Mrs. Jamie Patel**
- Chess Club–Mr. Jason Harmon**
- 4-H Club– Mrs. Susan Gamble and Mrs. Rhonda Willson**
- Photography – Mrs. Karen Akers**

STEM Club– Mrs. Barbie Little, Miss Maggie Little, Sharon Price, and Cathy Fourney

Jr. Library Guild– Mrs. Jenna Milam



Thank You So Very Much!

Warmest thanks to our Track Coaches!

**THANK YOU
JULIE BASHAM AND
SUSIE OSBOURNE!**



FOR MANY YEARS MISS JULIE BASHAM AND MRS. SUSIE OSBOURNE HAVE BEEN COACHING OUR TRACK PROGRAM AT SAINT FRANCIS. THEY ENJOY WATCHING OUR STUDENTS GROW IN SKILLS, CONFIDENCE, AND COMRADERIE. THEY EXEMPLIFY THE SPIRIT OF GREAT TEAMWORK, SUPPORT FOR OTHERS, AND ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT FOR THE SAKE OF MAINTAINING A NEEDED SCHOOL PROGRAM AND OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS. WE REMAIN EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR OUR TWO WONDERFUL COACHES AND WE APPRECIATE THE TIME AND TALENT THAT THEY HAVE SHARED WITH OUR STUDENTS!



PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

For an increase in vocations to the priesthood. May God bestow special blessings to Fr. Leonard & all the priests within the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

For all victims of violence and their families. May God give them comfort and help restore their lives.

For Catholic School educators. May God shower them with His favor for their good works.

For all who volunteer their time and talent with our school and parish. May God reward them richly.

For all those who are fighting illness or disease. May God provide for them the strength and comfort they require.

For all those who have died and especially for their families. May God walk with and support all who grieve for a loved one.

For all patrons and parishioners that support our school. Especially those that aid fundraising efforts for scholarships and operating costs within the school. May God return this generosity.



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LAST DAY-MAY 26TH



Friday, May 26th is the official last day for students. **Dismissal is at noon.**

We are planning a carnival like celebration for our students!

More details will be discussed about this event at the next Home School Association meeting this Wednesday, May 3rd at 2 PM in the De Sales Hall. Please join us if possible.

Education in Virtue

Loyalty

Loyalty means having a strong feeling of support for a person, place, or thing. It's being faithful to the church founded by Jesus Christ. It's modeling the behaviors that demonstrate that faithfulness in all of your interactions with others as well.

Loyalty is being true and faithful to your country. It's standing with respect when the national anthem is played or when the Pledge of Allegiance is recited.

Loyalty is being faithful to family. It's supporting the household in many little ways. Maybe it means completing your chores in a timely manner or helping a sibling with a task that they may be struggling with.

Loyalty is being faithful to your school and representing it well. It's standing up for someone or not betraying a friend when it means you will suffer because of it.

Loyalty to a workplace is performing your job well and showing up on time: ready, willing, and able to make a positive difference!



Uniform Exchange



We have a storage shed filled with school uniforms. If your child has outgrown uniforms that are still in good shape, please bring them in and place them in the uniform building. You can get the key from the office.

You may also want to look through the uniforms that are stored there for clothing that will fit your child next school year. All of these uniforms are **free** of charge. They are yours for the taking .



SFDS Middle School Trip Itinerary
 Gatlinburg, TN- Day Trip
 Friday, May 19th

- Arrive to School- 5AM
- Wonder Works-10 AM (Lunch there too)
- Titanic Museum- 2 PM
- Hatfield McCoy Dinner Show- 4 PM
- Return to School- 12 AM

• *Wishing all safe travels & a great day with friends!*



Kids Heart Challenge

To date St. Francis students have raised \$1,852.61 for the Kids Heart Challenge- a program from the American Heart Association. This program builds on key learnings from 43 years in America's schools and focuses on whole body wellness, helping students improve their own health and better their character while raising life-saving donations for the American Heart Association to help kids facing

heart-health issues. Each year we support this worthy cause. Our students use PE class to complete the challenge.

The challenge ends on May 3rd. The top three fundraisers so far are:

Ledger Barber- \$534.79

JP Lill \$347.79

Emmy Lill- \$346.05

Be a Heart Hero too!

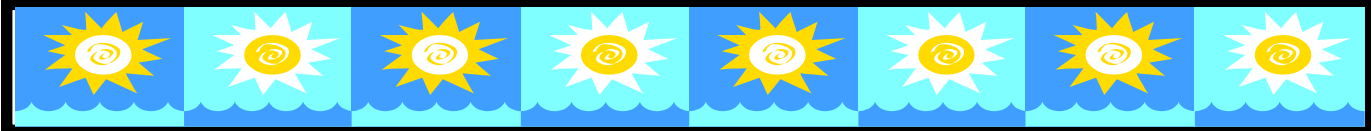


“What we learn becomes a part of who we are.”

Start Date -School Year 2023-24

St. Francis de Sales School will begin the 2022-23 school year on August 21, 2023. The first two days are half days.

Reminder: Summer camp begins June 12th and runs through August 4th.



Wishing you and your family a safe and happy summer!
~From SFDS Staff



Summer Office Hours :

The school office will be open Monday—Thursday each week from 9 AM to Noon.

If you need to contact the school please call 304-252-4087 during that time frame or email me:

principal@sfccwv.org

