



St. Francis de Sales School

Newsletter

March 2024



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Upcoming Events:

March 1- All School Mass/First Friday Mass

March 4- 4-H Club mtng. 3-4 PM

March 5- STEM Club mtng. 3-4 PM

March 5- Preschool Art Night 6-7 PM

March 6- Principal/Pastor Meeting in Charleston

March 11- Chess Club 3-4 PM

March 15- 4th Grading Period Begins

March 25- Theater Club 3-4 PM

March 29-Good Friday/No School

April 1-5- Spring

Break/School Closed

April 13- Masquerade Ball- Gala at Glade

Springs Resort

April 22-May 10 NWEA Spring Testing Window

May 22- Eighth Grade Graduation

May 24-Last Day for Students

May 27-Memorial Day/No School



Gala Event: Masquerade Ball

Join us on Saturday, April 13th at The Resort at Glade Springs for the Saint Francis de Sales Annual Gala. This event is open to all school families and the general public. Tickets are \$75/person or sponsorships are available. The night will include: dinner stations, dancing, and a silent auction. Doors will open at 6:30 PM. Tickets or sponsorships may be purchased by calling the school. Cocktail attire and masks are encouraged, but not required.

The Resort at Glade Springs will be offering childcare at CampGlade. The pricing will be \$45 for the 1st sibling and \$15 for additional siblings. This price covers dinner and childcare for the evening. Interested parents need to email

campglade@gladesprings.com

to reserve spots. Children 4-12 are accepted for this style of booking. Please make your reservations now, space is limited.

The resort blocked several rooms until March 12th at special rates just for Masquerade guests as well. Executive suite- \$ 139 (King bed & pull out sofa) or Deluxe Queen- \$159 (2 Queen beds) Both types of rooms include microwaves and some suites are pet friendly. Prices do not include taxes/fees. Reservations can be made by calling:

1-877-814-7316

And informing the operator that they are making reservations for the Saint Francis de Sales Annual

Fundraiser '24 Room Block.



Special Prayers are Requested



Prayerfulness

Our Education in Virtue focus for March is Prayerfulness. It means to pray often and sincerely.

It's making prayer a regular part of your every day. Some similar words are reverence, faithful, and devout.

Prayerfulness is talking to God and thanking Him for all the little blessings we receive each day. It's praying for others. When in Mass, it's singing with your heart, and listening with your spirit.

A good friend is like a four leaf clover, hard to find and lucky to have.



For an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Blessings for our own priests: Fr. Leonard & Father Thomas.

For the leaders of our country and state. That God will give them the courage and guidance they need to make good decisions.

For all those who serve in the military. That God will bless them and keep them safe.

For all those who are sick or recovering from an illness or surgery. May the Holy Spirit bring strength as their bodies heal.

For all those who have recently had a death in their family. May the Holy Spirit provide comfort to those that grieve.

For the poor, persecuted, and any suffering from addiction, depression, or any other danger. We pray that God will offer them shelter.

For all of our generous patrons and parishioners. Especially for the contributions to the De Sales Society and our local tuition assistance program. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



The Season of Lent

Rice Bowls were sent home in mid February to each school family. Operation Rice Bowl helps others locally and globally . (75% goes to work worldwide and 25% stays within the diocese) Your donation may buy a baby goat to provide milk and income for a family; it may buy fish for a pond to help feed a family; or it may help purchase materials and seed for a garden to help feed a household or community.

These donations provide life-saving support for over 190 million people in 100 countries. So every little bit matters and makes a positive difference! Please send your monetary donations to your child's classroom by Holy Thursday.

Thank you for supporting this service project this month!

The season of Lent is a time for us to prepare to renew our baptismal promises on Easter Sunday. We think and pray about the suffering and death that Christ endured for us, so that we could have salvation. We prepare ourselves to walk with the Lord during Holy Week. Here are some ways to renew ourselves during Lent:

- Read the Bible. Reflect and pray.
- Attend Mass.
- Confess those sins that come between God and us by going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Don't forget to pray the Stations of the Cross. Students pray this on Fridays.
- Fast and abstain more from food, sin, television, the internet, dessert, or whatever.
- Give to those in need: ideas include food, clothing, or a monetary gift.

**Where Faith and Knowledge
go hand in hand.**

Summer Camp

We have a new director for summer camp: Miss Susan Wright, our Fifth Grade Teacher is taking charge! This year's camp theme is "A Trip Around the USA." Campers will learn about this great country that we live in! It will start on June 10th and run through August 2nd. Summer Camp operates from 7:30 AM to 5 PM. Campers pack their own lunch and snacks each day.

Important Dates

Third Quarter Ends 3/14
Good Friday– No School 3/29
Easter Sunday 3/31
Spring Break– No School 4/1-4/5
Noon Dismissal-Staff Trng. 4/26
Tentative Graduation Dates:
SFDS Eighth Grade 5/22
SFDS Preschool 5/21
Last Day –Students 5/24



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.

Packets are available in the school office. SFDS students get a special rate of \$20 a day for the first child, \$35 for 2 children.



Spring Sports

MS Track

Track practice has begun! Mrs. Susan Osborne is our coach and Mr. Chris Mullins is her assistant coach.

The first Track Meet is set for March 20th at Shady Spring High School.

GO SAINTS!

*"God is love, and those
who abide in love abide in
God, and God abides in
them."
- 1 John 4:16*

Miscellaneous News:

Third Grading Quarter **& Report Cards**

Our 3rd Quarter grading period ends on **Thursday, March 14th**. Report cards will be sent home on Thursday, March 22nd. Please check your child's grades on FACTS SIS at

factsmgt.com

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to our vocation speakers from Catholic Schools Week 2024! Michelle Rotellini explained her role as Raleigh County Chamber President. Laura Pinnick, owner of Rythms of Grace, shared her passion of dance. Air Traffic Controller, Tabatha Malott, encouraged our students by

stressing the importance of a strong education in her position and relating to them the opportunities available to students that set goals. We appreciate the time that they shared with our children and the good works that each of these ladies do in their chosen professions.

