

# St. Francis de Sales School

## MAY 2024

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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.



## A New Mission for Two

Two St. Francis personnel will depart from the school to pursue different avenues of service.

Mrs. Debra Lanna, the SFDS Development Director, has decided to step away from her position and free her time to better care for her family and parents. For the past ten years she has been the support system here at our school. She thinks of ways to promote the school in our community, she gives tours to new families, and reaches out to new parish families on behalf of the school. Debra creates and executes two big fund-raising events to support the school's operating costs and offset tuition costs. She has been very successful with both endeavors each year because she involves our parents and other volunteers. In doing so, she helps manifest a "family" atmosphere where we all work towards a common goal and feel that our contributions

make a difference. And they do!

Beyond these responsibilities, Debra plans, decorates, purchases, and sets up all special events within the school: First Holy Communion, Graduation, Faculty trainings, special Student Lunches, etc... If it's a special event, Debra has had her mind on it, her energies applied to it, and her heart in it! That is the main reason why she will be missed here. Working for the school and staff was a gift of her heart to a place that she truly loves and to people that care about each other.



Mrs. Sarah Worley, the SFDS Fourth Grade Teacher, will be leaving her position. She has served as a teacher here for the past four years. During her time with us she has helped many students attain success in Reading, Writing,

History, and WV History. She makes her lessons—especially in History, fun and memorable for students. Her students and their parents have supported her through the recent passing of her father and the birth of her son two years ago. It's another example of how we rally around each other as a family- leaning on each other in happiness and sorrow.

Mrs. Worley has taken a position with Mountain Heart as a child care coaching specialist. She will assume that position at the end of the school year. This job will offer her family greater stability.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students at St. Francis de Sales School and with truly grateful hearts for all of their service we wish both ladies peace and happiness in all of their future endeavors.



# SFDS Gratitude for Special Care Shown

Each year St. Francis tries to offer an After School Care Program for working parents that need child care for a bit, right after the school day. This service supports our families and provides a safe solution for those that need it. We are grateful to the staff that works this special care program each day:

Mary Hall, Program Supervisor  
 Mary Bumgarner  
 Katie Little  
 Alyvia Wolfe

*Thank you ! Thank you!  
 Thank you!*



May God bless the wonderful parents, teachers, and community members that volunteer to lead special clubs for our students. Students gain the opportunity to explore different areas of interest through these clubs. 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!

**MS Art Club– Mrs. Cindy Fernald**  
**Theater Club– Mrs. Traci Stacy**  
**Chess Club–Mr. Jason Harmon**  
**4-H Club– Mrs. Susan Gamble and Mrs. Rhonda Willson**  
**Photography – Mrs. Karen Akers**  
**STEM Club– Mrs. Barbie Little**  
**Jr. Library Guild– Mrs. Jenna Milam**  
**Library–Mrs. Browning & Mrs. Lindsay**

Warmest thanks to our Track Coaches!

**Susie Osborne**  
 &  
**Chris Mullins**

Students on our Track team have gained confidence, grown in skills, and bettered their personal best feats in track and field events throughout the season. Our students exemplify the spirit of teamwork and support by cheering for each other in all kinds of weather.

We are grateful for the coaches who volunteer in order for us to continue to provide this worthwhile program for our Middle School students. Team members include: Jola Aborisade, Thomas DiBartolomeo, Joshua Willson, Preston Lanna, Kaylee Frost, Olivia Horton, Alex Mullins, Ellie Gamble, Lindsey Lacy, Nate Loving, Leona Lacy, Ava Redden, JR Harris, Lori Craft, and Aya Kabbara.

## PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

**For an increase in vocations to the priesthood.** May God bestow special blessings to Father Leonard, Father Thomas, & all the priests.

**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.

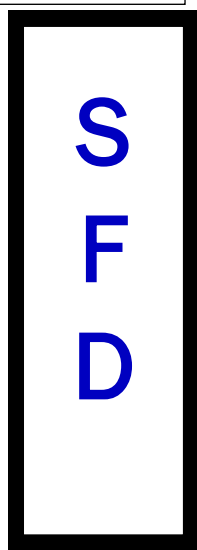
**For all who volunteer their time and talent with our school and parish.** May God bless them abundantly.

**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.





# LAST DAY-MAY 24TH

Friday, May 24th 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 1st at 1:30 PM in the De Sales Hall. Please join us if possible.



## Education in Virtue

### Patriotism:

*A love for or devotion to one's country.*

"It's not a short frenzied burst of emotion. But the long and steady dedication of a lifetime."

*Thomas Jefferson*



Patriotism is an emotional attachment to a nation which one recognizes as their homeland.

It is showing your support for your country.

It is coming to the defense of your country when it is attacked.

It is supporting those that serve in the military and honoring those that have served in the past.

Patriotism is action: to defend and uphold Constitutional Rights and Freedoms.

## 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

Baltimore, MD- Overnight Trip

Friday, May 3rd

- Depart from School- 5:30 AM
- Lunch at Orpheus Grove- 11:30 AM
- Tour of Ft. McHenry Historical Monument-12- 2PM
- Pirate Cruise-2:00- 3:30 PM
- Inner Harbor Visit- 3:30-5 PM
- Dinner at Phillip's Seafood or Hard Rock Café-5PM
- Baltimore Aquarium-Tour & Sleepover-6:30PM
- Depart for Beckley-9:30AM
- *Wishing all safe travels & a great day with friends!*

**End of the Year  
School Activities**

- ⇒ Preschool “Crossing Over” and Graduation is at 6 PM on Monday, May 20th in the gym.
- ⇒ Eighth Grade Graduation Mass is on May 22nd at 6:30 PM.
- ⇒ Second Semester Awards Presentation for grades 1–7 will take place on Thursday, May 23rd in each classroom.
- ⇒ Field Day! Friday, May 24th is the last day of school. Dismissal at noon.
- ⇒ Summer camp begins on Monday, Jun 10th and ends on August 2nd.
- ⇒ Report cards and test scores will be mailed to families in June.



**Art on  
Display**

Ms. Wendy Sullivan, the Art instructor at SFDS, has sent several different types of art created by our 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to the Beckley Art Center’s Dan and Cynthia Bickey Art Gallery for display. The gallery is open from Tuesday through Friday from 11 AM to 6 PM. These creations will be displayed for the next two weeks. If you get a chance, go check them out! The art chosen for exhibition is from the following students:

- Liza Kapp, Rajeev Polisetty,  
Francie Lewis, Trace Lilly,  
Jacob Armentrout, Liam Wilks,  
Jude Armentrout, Jayden Dy,  
Raegan Vance, Addi Tolliver,  
Layla Cornett, Lily Willson,  
Jordan Rodriguez,  
Mara Jones, Clara Suman,  
Corgan Wyatt, Kinza Saad,  
Collin Grahonya, Lilli Kate Pino,  
Arya Fitzwater, Rorie Wilks,  
Trenton Smith, Rhett Vance,  
Juliana Haddadin,  
Arrie McKinney, and  
Willa Fonda.



**Important Events:**

- April 22-May 10 NWEA MAP Growth Testing
- May 3-Middle School Trip
- May 3-Field Trip K-1-2
- May 6-Chess Club mtng. 3 PM
- May 7-One Mission One Day
- May 7-STEM Club mtng. 3 PM
- May 5- First Holy Communion Mass 11 AM
- May 10- Aurora Ice 11:15 AM
- May 13- 4-H mtng. 3 PM
- May 13-School Board mtng. 5:30
- May 14-WWHS Read Aloud 12:30-1:30 PM
- May 15-Read Across America Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>
- May 15- WWHS Step-up Day
- May 15- Jr. & Brownie mtng. 3 PM
- May 20-Preschool Graduation
- May 22-Eighth Gr. Graduation
- May 24-Last Day for Students
- May 31-Last Day for Teachers



Stay tuned for more information about our new hires for Fourth Grade Teacher and for the SFDS Development Director position.

**“Be open to  
the universe  
and all  
the glories  
it has  
to offer.”**



# Kids Heart Challenge

To date St. Francis students have raised \$2052.00 for the Kids Heart Challenge- a program from the American Heart Association. This program builds on key learnings from 44 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.

The program ends on May 8th. Our top contributors currently are:

- Ledger Barber \$589.79
- Myla Tipton \$521.45
- Arrie McKinney \$275.00
- Collin Grahonya \$228.78

**BE A HEART HERO TOO!**

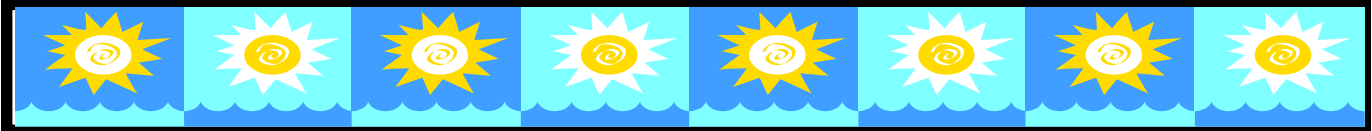


“What we learn becomes a part of who we are.”

**Start Date -School Year 2024-25**

St. Francis de Sales School will begin the 2024-25 school year on August 19, 2024. The first two days are half days.

**Reminder: Summer camp begins June 10th and runs through August 2nd.**



*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](mailto:principal@sfccwv.org)

