

St. Francis de Sales Newsletter

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St. Francis de Sales School Mission Statement

Saint 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.

Upcoming Events



- March 31-April 4th Spring Break School Closed**
- April 7-11 ARK Testing**
- April 8- STEM Club 3PM
- April 8- Faculty Meeting
- April 9-Home School mtng. in the cafeteria 1:30 PM
- April 9-Photography Club
- April 10-Track Meet @WWHS
- April 11- Stations of the Cross
- April 11- MS Art Club mtng.
- April 14th-May 2nd NWEA Spring Testing Window**
- April 14-Track Meet@ WWHS
- BEST Invitational
- April 17- Track Meet @ WWHS-Park Middle Inv.
- April 17- GS Jr. & Brownie
- April 18-Good Friday No School**
- April 20- Easter Sunday**
- April 21- Chess Club 3PM
- April 21- School Board Meeting 5:30
- April 22- Track Meet @SSHS
- April 25- Track Meet @ Oak Hill High School
- April 25- GS Cadette 3PM
- April 28- 4-H mtng. 3PM
- May 4- First Holy Communion Mass at 11 AM



Impressive Accomplishments

SFDS Fourth grader, Francie Lewis earned First Place at the Regional Social Studies Fair in Princeton. Francie will represent St. Francis at the West Virginia Social Studies Fair IN the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center on April 17th. We wish her good luck!

SFDS Eighth graders John and Lauren Fernald won First Place at the West Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair with their Pollinators project. John and Lauren also received the "Taking the Pulse of the Planet Award" from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in recognition for their good efforts.

SFDS Sixth grader, Jayden Dy won First Place at the West Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair with his project on the elasticity of Oobleck. Jayden also received the Thermo Fisher Scientific "Junior Innovators Challenge Award" for his project.

*May the renewal of life at
Easter bring you many
blessings of love, hope, peace,
and happiness.*



Happy Easter!

Have you completed the tasks necessary to re-enroll your student for the 2025-26 school year at Saint Francis de Sales School?
If you need assistance call the office. (304-252-4087)
We will gladly help!

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

For an increase in vocations to the priesthood. And special blessings for our own priests, Fr. Leonard and Father Rusiri.

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

For all workers who perform their jobs with attention to detail and compassion. May their efforts be noted and appreciated by those they serve.

For victims of violence and their families. May they find peace and comfort.

For all those who are sick or fighting disease. May God help them to heal and ease their pain.

For all those who have recently had a death in their family. May God help them through this time of grief and sorrow.

For all of our generous patrons and parishioners. Especially for the contributions to our school for technology, tuition assistance, and maintenance.



*Friendship isn't a big thing.
It's a million
little things!*

Education in Virtue **Courtesy**

Looks like: Letting others go first. Making eye contact and listening to others. Holding the door open for others. Giving up your seat to someone who needs it. Having good table manners. Picking up a dropped item for someone. Greeting others in the hallway. Working well with others.

Sounds like: Please, go ahead of me. You can sit here. Let me hold the door for you. Good morning. How are you doing today? Let me get that for you. Let's get to work on this together!

Home/School Association

Our next meeting for the Home/School Association is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2nd at 1:30 PM. We will meet in the church hall.

We will be planning for Teacher Appreciation Week and the end of year school carnival.

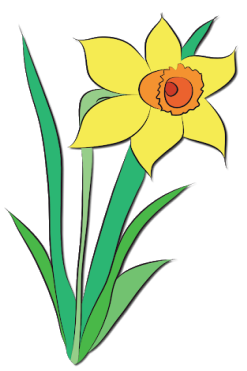
Please attend and share your ideas!



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Where Faith and Knowledge meet!



Testing- April 14th to May 9th

Students will be engaged in the Spring session of the NWEA MAP Growth Tests from April 14th through May 9th. This assessment will inform curricular decisions and individualized instructional decisions.

We want all students to put forth their best efforts! Encourage your child to do his/her best work! Please help your child get to bed early and eat well before school, send a healthy snack with your child to school, and schedule appointments for dates outside of our testing window.

Important Dates

Young Writers

Congratulations to two of our Middle School students for earning good placement in the Raleigh County Young Writers' Contest.

Sixth grader, Asad Tanveer, received Third place recognition for his submission. Eighth grader, John Fernald, received Second place recognition for his submission.

Writing reflects a focus of attention, a collection and an organization of thoughts. Writing is a way to reach others and share experiences. We are proud of our young writers!

- NWEA Testing Period– April 22nd-May 10th
- ARK Testing Period– April 7th-11th
- First Communion- Sunday, May 4th at 11 AM Mass
- Staff Appreciation Week—May 5th-9th
- Preschool Crossing Over/Graduation—May 20th
- 8th Grade Graduation— May 21st at 6:30 PM Mass.
- Last Day of School—Friday, May 23rd-Field Day - Noon Dismissal.
- Teacher Work Days– Tues., May 27th –Fri., May 30th

Secret Garden Gala Gratitude

We are so grateful for the support shown for our school and for our students at this year's gala event! We are thankful to all that purchased a sponsorship or brought in auction items. A full list of our sponsors is included in this month's communication envelope. Thank you sponsors!

Now that we have paid our vendors and such, it looks like the profit for this year's event is \$26,000. As in years past, these funds go directly into our operating account. They are used to pay for utilities or other operational costs for keeping our school "in business." We are in the business of providing our children with a strong educational foundation– which is necessary for lifelong learning, career readiness, and overall well-being.



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Appreciation to our Coaches!

St. Francis de Sales School relies on volunteers to step-up – especially for coaching positions! The Middle School just closed its winter sports season and spring sports have begun! We want to thank Dr. Fernald and Mr. Skeets Loving for coaching the MS Basketball team. Mrs. Cindy Fernald coached the MS Cheerleaders and taught them a very cute dance. We are so grateful for their volunteerism for this year and many other years!

Our MS students enjoyed a winning season! That happens because of the inner workings from our coaches and many practices!

Currently, MS Track is off and "running!" (pardon the double entendre) We send a great, big THANK YOU to Susie Osborne and to Julie Basham for coaching our team!

