



ST. FRANCES ACADEMY

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WE CAN, WE WILL, WE MUST!!

MARCH 2010

See page 3 for important information on re-registration, financial assistance and information for families of seniors.

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SAINT FRANCES ACADEMY

THE THEME FOR
THIS YEAR IS

"Upon this Rock"

Dear Saint Frances Academy Family:

Lent is rightfully associated with sacrifice and self-denial. It is intended to remind us of the sacrifice Christ made for us and for our sins. It is a time for us as Christians to repent and reconcile ourselves with God. Part of that tradition is to deny ourselves a convenience or two in the hope of growing closer to God. I will do exactly that for the next few weeks. However, when someone asks, "What are you giving up for lent?" I proudly respond – "Nothing! I am letting go of a thing or two but, I am not giving up anything. Rather, I am gaining faith and growing closer to God!"

The point of letting go of a favorite food, hobby or other material indulgence is to remind us that we can be plenty happy without those things. Letting go of such things leaves room for spiritual fulfillment. And spiritual fulfillment can be much longer lasting. When we eliminate watching TV during dinner (my personal Lenten 'sacrifice'), we gain the opportunity to have a meaningful conversation with our families. And such a conversation is spiritually fulfilling. When we let go of a favorite dessert, we gain an appetite for something healthy. When we let go of almost any extraneous material desire, the void is filled with a greater love for Christ.

Lent is a wonderful time of the year. We don't have to "give up" a thing. Rather, we "let go" of some things and what we gain in return is a Divine bargain. Happy Lent everyone!

In God's Providence,

Deacon Curtis Turner, Ed.D.

Principal

St. Frances Academy ***Student Activities***

Senior Trip 2010 –Canceled

Due to the lack of participation and unmet payment commitments, the senior trip is canceled. All students who have made any payments will be **refunded only after ALL other financial obligations to St. Frances Academy have been met.** Mrs. Brown will contact any student who is due a refund by March 4th. No refunds will be dispersed before then.

Sophomore Pinning Ceremony

Please join the sophomores as they receive their **2012 pins** on **Tuesday, March 9th at 12:30pm**. The Pinning Ceremony will take place in the gym.

Sophomore Event

We are in the process of planning a trip to **Adventure Park USA in New Market, MD** for **Friday, March 12th from 3:00pm – 9:00pm.** Attractions include Laser Tag, Rock Wall, Ropes Course, Miniature Golf and an Arcade. All Sophomores should be in attendance. We need chaperones to assist with this event. If you want to chaperone for FPP hours please call Mrs. Torena Brown at 410-539-5794, EXT 14.

NSBE National Convention – Toronto, Canada

Our NSBE Jr. students will head to Toronto, Canada for the NSBE National Convention on March 31st – April 4th. Please make sure that all forms are completed and all payments are made on time. See Mrs. Brown for more details.

Junior / Senior Prom 2010

“An Evening of Elegance”

This year's prom will take place on **Friday, May 28th from 8pm – 12 midnight at the Pier 5 Hotel** located in the Inner Harbor. All prom information and contracts will be distributed to the juniors and seniors on March 10th. Please read them over carefully to assure understanding of rules and regulations for the prom. ***All contracts must be signed and returned to Mrs. Torena Brown no later than Monday, March 15th.*** **Students will not be allowed to attend the prom without the signed contract.**

If you have any questions or concerns about the above events, please contact Mrs. Torena Brown @ 410 -539-5794 Ext 14; Or email torena.brown@sfacademy.org

FROM THE TUITION OFFICE

RE-REGISTRATION:

All students returning to St. Frances Academy MUST re-register for the 2010-2011 school year. Packets may be picked up at the Main Office or downloaded online from our website: www.sfacademy.org.

The re-registration fee is \$150.00 until April 30, 2010. After Friday, April 30th, the registration fee becomes \$200.00.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Families desiring financial assistance must obtain a PSAS "Student Aid Form" application, complete the form and submit it to PSAS with a \$21.00 processing fee before April 2, 2010. The tuition is \$9,000.00. After April 2, 2010 tuition assistance can no longer be guaranteed.

The "Student Aid Form" may be obtained at the Main Office or it can be downloaded online from PSAS at: www.PSAS.org

The pass code is: BPIE

FAMILIES OF SENIORS:

All student financial obligations to St. Frances Academy must be paid if the student is to graduate on June 6, 2010. After April 30, 2010, any payments made to the school must be in the form of cash, money order or cashier's check. Personal checks will not be accepted.

FROM THE SCHOOL BASED HEALTH SUITE

Spring sports physicals are now available. Be sure your student has had a physical from either our clinic or from your doctor or clinic within the past year if the student wishes to participate in spring sports.

Volunteers are needed in the health suite for furniture assembly, clerical duties. Please call the Health Suite at 410-528-8747. Parents are also needed to be on the Advisory Board of the Clinic.

Senior parents. If your student will be living in a dorm next year, he/she will need a Mentra vaccination (against meningitis.) These vaccines are available in the Health Suite. Have your student get a permission slip from the Health Suite.

A MESSAGE TO PARENTS ABOUT FPP HOURS

Each year parents are required to give 10 hours of community service to the school or pay \$150 (\$15 per hour).

The Family Partnership Program (FPP) only operates during the school year. If you are a parent of a senior, you must have your hours completed or paid before May 1st. Parents of freshman, sophomores, and juniors have until May 29th to meet this obligation. There will be opportunities posted in the newsletter each month for FPP hours. Once you see something in which you are interested, contact the person in charge of the event and schedule a time to perform the volunteer service. Be sure that your time is recorded in the main office. There is a book for Parent Volunteers on the front counter in the main office where you can record your time.

- ◆ We are always in need of parents to pick up garbage on the outside of the building and dispose of it in the dumpster. 2 parents are needed 5 days a week for no more than 2 hours at a time. Please contact Mrs. Reuter in the front office to arrange your hours.

Attention Parents Needing Volunteer Hours

The SFA Boosters need your help!!
Please call: Artavia Taylor – 410-371-1484 or
Pat Sparrow – 443-722-5420

- ◆ 5 Parents needed to help set up the gym and the MPR room on March 5th at 9.am for 3 hours approx. The performing arts department are hosting a high school from New York who will be performing a show of mixed media - including singing, a jazz band, African dancing and a chamber string quartet. We will be providing lunch for those 75 students and teachers and so require some hands on deck with setting up and serving. If you are interested in this for parent hours and want to catch a good show, please email Ms Waterhouse laura.waterhouse@sfacademy.org and make the email title "MARCH 5th" Thank you.

Upcoming SAT & ACT tests

SAT Reg. Deadline late deadline

March 13 Feb. 4 feb. 18

May 1 March 25 april 8

June 5 april 29 may 13

Register online at www.collegeboard.com

SFA school code for the SAT:

210-185

SFA Center Number:

21148

ACT Reg. Deadline late deadline

April 10 March 5 march 19

June 12 May 7 may 21

Register online at www.actstudent.org

SFA school code for the ACT:

210-185

ACT School Center Number:

218000

All Tests listed above will be administered at SFA.

seniors need to take Both the SAT & the ACT tests.

Juniors should need to take the SAT.

Help your student plan for the future!

*All parents are encouraged to get an account on www.StudentEdge.com. Click new user and enter our school access code: **PKTEMHDQ**, sign up and get started!*

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Middle States Goal:

“Meeting Our Mark in Reading, Mathematics, and Technology!”

MARCH 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Blue Week	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Gold Week	8	9 Feast of St. Frances of Rome NHS Induction Sophomore Pinning	10	11	12 Sophomore Event (after school)	13 SAT testing
14 Blue Week	15	16 April Newsletter Submissions due	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Q3 Ends	20
21 Gold Week	22 Q4 Begins	23 Q3 Grades Due	24 Black Aids Awareness Day	25 Freshmen Retreat	26 Freshmen Retreat	27
28 Blue Week Palm Sunday	29	30 Lenten Prayer	31			

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

APRIL 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Easter Break School Closed	2 Easter Break School Closed	3
4	5 Easter Break School Closed	6 Easter Break School Closed	7 Easter Break School Closed	8 Easter Break School Closed	9 Easter Break School Closed	10 ACT testing
11 Gold Week	12 School Reopens	13	14	15	16	17
18 Blue Week	19	20 May newsletter submissions due	21	22	23	24
25 Gold Week	26	27 Q4 Progress Reports Due	28	29	30	

COMMUNITY CENTER CALENDAR

MARCH 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Marc Karcher Gym from 10:00-3:00 unless otherwise designated</p> <p>COTEK Sundays in the MPR from 8 AM to noon</p>	1	2	<p>3 COTEK Wednesday nights from 8-10 PM</p>	4	<p>5 SFA Board of Advisors</p>	<p>6 COTEK MPR & KIT 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM</p>
7	8	<p>9 Mrs. Wilson, MPR from 6-7 PM Junior parents—college admissions</p>	<p>10 Ms. Quabili BLEWS in the gym from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM</p> <p>MPR David Owens Admissions Directors 10 AM to noon</p>	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	<p>19 Elrod Hendricks Luncheon 10 AM-2:00 PM MPR, The Boles Bros. Joe Corbis PTA Fundraiser</p>	<p>20 Marc Boles 8:00 AM—8:00 PM Tournament in the GYM</p>
21	22	23	24	25	<p>26 Jerome Shelton Girls Clinic/ Tournament: Gym</p>	<p>27 Jerome Shelton Girls Clinic/ Tournament: Gym</p>
<p>28 Jerome Shelton Girls Clinic/ Tournament : Gym</p> <p>Dr. Curtis Turner Gym (???)</p>	29	30	31			

Scholarships and Summer Jobs

Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program – Stand-up kids deserve to stand out, recognizing kids ages 6-18 years old. Are you someone who has served your community? If you are and would like to be nominated, visit www.kohlkids.com. Nominations accepted Feb. 1 – March 15, 2010.

Body By Milk – Sammy 2010 – Are you a senior who excels in athletics, academic performance, leadership, and community service and are a milk drinker? If so, apply for the Body By Milk scholarship online at bodybymilk.com. Applications will be accepted until March 5, 2010. You may nominate yourself or have someone nominate you at www.bodybymilk.com.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Tau Eta Zeta Chapter – Sharon K. Harvey Memorial Scholarship – open to graduating seniors with a 2.5 GPA and a resident of the Greater Baltimore Area. Seniors must submit proof of Community Service activities, two letters of recommendation and the scholarship application by March 1, including official high school transcript. Visit www.zphib-thz.org. Or see Mrs. Wilson for the application.

Epsilon Omega Foundation Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. presents a four-year scholarship to two outstanding female students who reside in Baltimore City. They must have an 85% GPA, an SAT score of 1370 or 18 on the ACT, have leadership potential, be involved in extracurricular activities, will attend an HBCU and have financial need. Application deadline is March 20, 2010. See Mrs. Wilson for an application.

Need a summer job? You may still apply for **Youthworks** if you are Baltimore City resident. **Baltimore City's YouthWorks Summer Jobs Programs-** Application process will end on March 19, 2010. Open to Youth ages 14-21. Youth will participate in a 5-6 week summer employment experience. Please click onto the following link to register and interview: <http://oedworks.com/youthserv/summer.htm>.

ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

Boys Varsity Golf

Head Coach: Dr. Curtis Turner

DATE			PLACE	TIME
March	24	Wed	Baltimore Lutheran @ SFA (TBA)	3:30 pm
	31	Wed	Mount Carmel @ SFA (TBA)	3:30pm
April	7	Wed	Indian Creek @ SFA (TBA)	3:30 pm
	14	Wed	SFA @ Beth Tfiloh	3:30 pm
	21	Wed	SFA @ Key	3:30 pm
	28	Wed	Glenelg Country @ SFA (TBA)	3:30 pm
May	5	Wed	SFA@ Park	3:30 pm

B Conference Outdoor Track

Head Coach: Antoinette Stowers

	DATE		PLACE	TIME
March	31	Wed	John Carroll	
April	7	Wed	John Carroll	
	14	Wed	John Carroll	
	21	Wed	John Carroll	
	28	Wed	John Carroll	
May	5	Wed	(Patriot Games)	

Varsity Coed Spring Tennis

Head Coach: David Owens Assistant Coach: Antony Eddy

	DATE		PLACE	TIME
March	16	Tues	SJCP	4:00pm
	18	Thurs	St. Mary's	4:00pm
	23	Tues	Home (Lakeside Courts @ Druid Hill Park)	4:00pm
	24	Wed	City	4:00pm
	26	Fri	Digital Harbor	4:00pm
April	9	Fri	Home (Lakeside Courts @ Druid Hill Park)	4:00pm
	13	Tues	Western	4:00pm
	15	Thurs	Patterson	4:00pm
	16	Fri	Poly	4:00pm
	20	Tues	Home (Lakeside Courts @ Druid Hill Park)	4:00pm
	23	Fri	Home (Lakeside Courts @ Druid Hill Park)	4:00pm
	26	Mon	Home (Lakeside Courts @ Druid Hill Park)	4:00pm
	27	Tues	Home (Lakeside Courts @ Druid Hill Park)	4:00pm
	29	Thurs	Home (Lakeside Courts @ Druid Hill Park)	4:00pm

ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

Varsity Baseball

Head Coach: Brian Boles

Assistant Coaches: Marc Boles, Marcellus Boles and Carey Cheek

DATE			PLACE	TIME
March	5	Fri	Home (Druid Hill Park)	4:00pm
	6	Sat	Calvert Hall	1:00pm
	9	Tues	Home (Druid Hill Park)	3:30pm
	11	Thurs	Gilman	4:00pm
	15	Mon	Home (Druid Hill Park)	4:00pm
	19	Fri	TBD (Elrod Hendricks Invitational)	TBD
	20	Sat	TBD (Elrod Hendricks Invitational)	TBD
	22	Mon	Home (Druid Hill Park)	4:00pm
	23	Tues	St. Michaels	4:00pm
	25	Thurs	Beth Tfiloh	4:00pm
March 29-April 1	29-1	Mon	Nation Class Tournament in Orlando, FL	TBD
April	5	Mon	St. Vincent Pallotti	4:00pm
	7	Wed	Park	4:00pm
	9	Fri	Boys Latin	4:00pm
	12	Mon	St. Mary's	4:00pm
	14	Wed	Baltimore Lutheran	4:00pm
	17	Sat	East Syracuse Minoa @ Dundalk Comm Coll	12:00pm & 3:00pm
	19	Mon	Mount Carmel	4:00pm
	21	Wed	Home (Druid Hill Park)	4:00pm
	23	Fri	Severn	4:00pm
	26	Mon	Home (Druid Hill Park)	4:00pm
	28	Wed	Home (Druid Hill Park)	4:00pm
May	3	Mon	Annapolis Area Christian	4:00pm
	5	Wed	Home (Druid Hill Park)	4:00pm
	7	Fri	Home (Druid Hill Park)	4:00pm
	10	Mon	Glencoe Country	4:00pm
	17-21		TBD (MIAA "B" Play-offs)	TBD
	23	Sun	Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen Maryland	TBD

ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

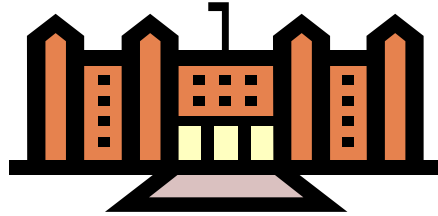
Sub Varsity Baseball

Head Coach: Carey Cheek
Assistant Coaches: Eric Grandy

DATE		PLACE	TIME
March	8	Palloti	4:00pm
	10	Calvert Hall	4:00pm
	13	Perry Hall Christian	1:00pm
	17	(Druid Hill or Hanlon)	4:00pm
	18	Gilman	4:00pm
	23	Loyola	4:00pm
	26	Druid Hill or Hanlon)	4:00pm
April	8	Elevation Park	4:00pm
	10	McDonogh	1:00pm
	12	Carroll Christian	4:00pm
	16	Patterson	4:00pm
	19	Harford Christian	4:00pm
	20	Riverdale Rec.	4:00pm
	24	Perry Hall Christian	1:00pm

Mark your calendars...
"College Planning 101"

Mrs. Linda Wilson



PTA Meeting for Junior Parents
Tuesday, March 9, 6 - 7 p.m.
SFA Community Center

Learn All about...

College Planning & the College Admission Process

Bring your Student!

All Junior Parents should attend...

RSVP to Mrs. Wilson

Name: _____

I will attend ____ My student will attend, too_____

Please mail this to Mrs. Wilson, email her at

linda.wilson@sfacademy.org or call her at 410-539-5794
x25 to confirm your attendance.

**St. Frances Academy
Parent Teacher Student Association
Joe Corbi's Pizza/Cookie Dough Fundraiser**

**Fundraiser Money is due to the SFA front office on
March 31, 2010**

All pizza/cookie dough orders will be ready for
pickup on April 9, 2010 in the
SFA Multipurpose Room
(enter through the Chase St. Gym entrance)
2:00pm – 7:00pm

Parents who need volunteer hours, please
contact Patricia Sparrow – 443-722-5420 or
Artavia Taylor – 410-371-1484
for more information.



***Any orders that are not picked up by 7:00pm
will be donated to charity.
Thank you for making this a great success .***

Thank you for your support!