



ST. FRANCES ACADEMY

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WE CAN, WE WILL, WE MUST!!

OCTOBER 2008

**THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS...
A COMMUNITY ON ONE ACCORD**

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**“SAINT FRANCES ACADEMY:
A Community on ONE ACCORD”**

NECESSITY

There is a great need for unity. The way things are going in our society with an unstable economy, senseless crimes plaguing our communities, and more and more people are in need of help, we must unite to make some changes.

We cannot let our differences of opinion prevent us from dealing with the problems we have in front of us. Each one of us is vital to making the necessary changes in our community. With the Presidential election right around the corner (November 4), we have the power to put someone into leadership that represents our best interests. Each vote counts! .

1 Corinthians 12:18-27 (New Living Translation)

18 But God made our bodies with many parts, and he has put each part just where he wants it. 19 What a strange thing a body would be if it had only one part! 20 Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. 21 The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." 22 In fact, some of the parts that seem weakest and least important are really the most necessary. 23 And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect from the eyes of others those parts that should not be seen, 24 while other parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together in such a way that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. 25 This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other equally. 26 If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. 27 Now all of you together are Christ's body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRINCIPAL DR. TURNER

Dear St. Frances Family,

In the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus likens the Kingdom of God to a wedding feast. For this feast, the King dispatched servants to bring the invited guest to the feast. Some ignored the invitation and others mistreated the servants. In turn, the King rejects the invited guest and offers an invitation to all who would take advantage of it and be grateful.

Our Academy is a microcosm of the Kingdom of God. St. Frances is a banquet of academic knowledge, morals, character and history, prepared for your children by our Lord and His servant, Mother Mary Lange. The symbolism as presented by the Evangelist Matthew is not an exaggeration when applied to St. Frances. We are a school with high standards and lofty goals for our students. Those who choose not to partake of the banquet are rejected by their own fault.

As we start to settle into the routine of the school year, I encourage you to talk to your sons and daughters and ask them, "Are you accepting God's invitation as best as you can?"

In God's Providence,
Deacon Curtis Turner, Ed.D.
Principal

OFFICE OF RECRUITMENT AND PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Families can begin performing their volunteer service to obtain their 10 hours needed by the end of the school year. Please check this newsletter monthly and check your email regularly to see what opportunities are available to you. You will find the opportunities for this month below. 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.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

◆ MIDDLES STATES PARENT NIGHT

There will be a Middle States Meeting especially for Parents on Monday, October 6. Meetings will be held throughout the day in two hour intervals: 7-9 am, 11-1 pm, 2-4 pm, 5-7 pm and 7-9 pm. Any parent who attends the two hour session will receive credit for two Family Partnership hours. Refreshments will be available. Please call Rev. Pulley to register: 410-837-0881 or 410-539-5794 ext.15. Time slots will be cancelled if no one registers for them.

◆ OPEN HOUSE

Parents are need to assist with our open house scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2008 from 1 pm-4 pm. Please contact Coach David Owens to sign up for this event. David.Owens@sfacademy.org.

◆ RUMMAGE SALE

Parents are needed to assist the PTSA with the Rummage Sale on Saturday, November 15, 2008 from 8 am-12 pm. Please contact Ms. Patricia Sparrow if you are interested. She can be reached at 443-722-5420.

◆ GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND RECYCLING

2 parents are needed 5 days a week for no more than 2 hours each day to pick up garbage on the outside of the building and dispose of it in the dumpster. 2 parents are also needed to collect the recycling bins around the school and dump them in the recycling receptacle in the back of the school 2 days a week for no more than 2 hours each day. Please contact Mrs. Sabra Reuter at 410-539-5794 ext. 17 or email Sabra.Reuter@sfacademy.org to sign up.

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE BOOKSTORE

Students will be required to return textbooks rented from the book store at the end of the school year. The fees paid for books this year were rental fees. The only books they will not be required to return are the workbooks (Vocabulary Builder Workbooks, Algebra I and II Workbooks, Geometry Workbooks, Spanish Workbooks, and French Workbooks). A list of books that must be returned will be provided soon. Books must be returned and returned in the condition they were given or a fee will be assessed to order a new book to replace the one given to the student. Penalty fees will have to be paid before a student is allowed to return to Saint Frances the following year or before they are allowed to graduate.

Book orders have been made for some classes. Other classes have a class set of books that your student will be able to use in class. They may or may not be able to take the book home, but teachers have made provisions in those cases. Students have received paper copies of assignments or homework is posted online. For now, this is what students will have for their classes. If things change, I will let you know.

I want to personally thank all of the parents who have paid for their child's books in full. Unfortunately, all parents have not done so. The school does not have the money to purchase new books for each course, for every student, each school year. Therefore it is vital that parents pay for their child's books in full as soon as possible. All money paid for books goes directly into the fund used to purchase more books. I cannot order more books at this time because we simply cannot afford to do so. This is why we stress the importance of each family paying their fees on time and in full. I hope that this clears up any confusion.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.
Ms. Stanley

FROM THE SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CLINIC

Thanks to all the parents who have sent in their student's updated immunization records. All students who are non compliant will be notified in the next two weeks.

Next weeks screenings will begin for students. This includes height, weight, BMI (body mass index) vision and blood pressure. If any students have issues in these areas, parents and guardians will be notified.

Health Suite Staff

PTSA NEWS

St. Frances Academy
Parent Teacher Student Association
(PTSA)

NEEDS YOUR PARTICIPATION!!!

**2008 -2009 Project: Revitalization of the
Cafeteria**

**Monthly meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each
month at 6pm
in the
Conference Room of the
Main School Building**

**October 14
November 11
December 9
January 13
February 10
March 10
April 21
May 12**

PTSA NEWS

**St. Frances Academy PTSA
(Parent Teacher Student Association)**

RUMMAGE SALE

**scheduled for October 4, 2008 has been
postponed.**

**The NEW DATE is
November 15, 2008
8 am-12 pm**

**Profit from all items sold will go to
support the SFA PTSA.
Please come out and support us.**



DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

RELIGION DEPARTMENT

Community Service Hours

We are well into the new school year. Therefore, most students should be settling down into their respective routines and well on their way to a successful school year. It's also time to focus on the Community Service Hours commitment required of each student to graduate from St. Frances Academy. Freshmen need 10 hours, Sophomores need 20, Juniors need 30 and Seniors need 40 hours which total 100 hours. However, students who transfer into SFA are to begin their service hours at the point where they enter SFA. For example, if a student transfers into SFA during his/her Sophomore year, he/she is responsible for the 20 hours required at the Sophomore level, the 30 hours required at the Junior level and the 40 hours required at the Senior level. He/she will not have to make up the 10 hours missed when not enrolled at SFA as a Freshman. The exception, however, is that every transfer student must have earned at least 70 hours in order to meet graduation requirements regardless of what point in time he/she entered SFA.

Please be mindful that students volunteering for community service are engaged in performing a needed service for our communities. Students may volunteer at schools, hospitals, libraries, help with after-school programs, help with tutoring, etc. In addition, there are established agencies like *Our Daily Bread*, *My Sisters Place*, *Beans and Bread*, *Christopher's Place*, and more. Students are not to engage in activities that monetarily benefit friends and family. For example, it's acceptable for a student to help build a house through *Habitat for Humanity*; it is not acceptable to help a friend or relative who owns a construction company to build a house because as owner of the company the person profits financially.

Freshman, Sophomore and Junior students should have one-half of their service hours completed by January 16, 2009, and the remainder by May 11, 2009. Senior students will have an earlier cut-off date.

While the Objectives, Contract and Evaluation forms are initially distributed through each Religion teacher, those same forms are available on the SFA Website under Campus Ministry.

FROM THE THERAPEUTIC COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

SFA Kinship Care Support Group
(Grandparents & Family Members Raising Teens)

The St. Frances Academy counseling department sponsors a support group for grandparents and extended family members raising teens. More and more grandparents and family members are being called on to become the primary caregivers for their grandchildren and adolescent relatives. Many times this is an unexpected role that brings both the challenges and rewards of raising teens in today's world. The SFA Kinship Care Support Group offers an opportunity to share with others who are going through similar experiences. Some of our discussion topics include communicating effectively with teens, building resiliency, and understanding the developmental tasks and issues that adolescents face. Additionally, individuals experience mutual support and spiritual sustenance through participation in the group.

SFA Kinship Care Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month. The first meeting for this school year will be held on October 1st, in the Community Conference Room from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

Individual and family counseling is also available by appointment.

Please feel free to contact, Ms. Donna Shannon or Ms. Kenya Brown at 410 539-5794 ext. 26, if you would like to schedule an individual appointment or if you would like more information about the Kinship Care group.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

FROM THE ACADEMIC GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

SAT & ACT Dates 2008-2009

SAT

*Oct. 4

*Nov. 1

*Dec. 6

*Jan. 24

*March 14

*May 2

*June 6

Registration Deadline

Sept. 9

Sept. 26

Nov. 5

Dec. 26

Feb. 10

March 31

May 5

School Code:

210-185

ACT

*Sept. 13

*Oct. 25

*Dec. 13

*Feb. 7

*April 4

*June 13

Registration Deadline

Aug. 12

Sept. 19

Nov. 7

Jan. 6

Feb. 27

May 8

Student edge

School access Code:

PKTEMHDQ

*Test will be administered at SFA.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Middle States Goal:
“Meeting Our Mark in Reading, Mathematics, and Technology!”
OCTOBER 2008

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2008

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2008

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

JANUARY 2009

COMMUNITY CENTER CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2008

7th Annual!

Halloween Party

Friday, October 31st, 2008

5:00-8:00pm

St. Frances Academy Community Center

501 E. Chase St.

Trick-or-Treats!

Hayrides!

Games!

Costume contest!

Refreshments!

Prizes!

Open to children ages
12 and under.

Children under 5 years
old must be accompanied
by an adult.



It's Free!

Call Ralph Moore at 410-539-5794 ext 30 or Melissa LaFayette at ext 28 for more information

ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

BOYS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE 2008

OCTOBER	1	Wed	@Curley	4:00
	3	Fri	Boys Latin	4:00
	6	Mon	Calvert Hall	4:00
	9	Thu	@Spalding	4:00
	17	Fri	Mt. Carmel (Sr. Farewell)	5:30
	20	Mon	Loyola	4:00
	22	Wed	@St. Paul's	5:00
	24	Fri	AACS	4:00
	27	Mon	Quarterfinals	TBA
	29	Wed	Semi-finals	TBA
	31	Fri	Finals	TBA

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE 2008

OCTOBER	1	Wed	T. Catholic	4:00
	3	Fri	@Oldfields	4:00
	8	Wed	Catholic	4:00
	10	Fri	Beth Tfiloh	4:00
	15	Wed	@Glenelg	4:15
	17	Fri	Friends(Sr. Farewell)	4:00
	24	Fri	IAAM Tourn	TBA
	28	Tue	IAAM Tourn.	TBA
	30	Thu	IAAM Tourn.	TBA
NOVEMBER	1	Sat	IAAM Championship	TBA

VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 2008

OCTOBER	4	SAT	@MAHONoy(PA)	2:00 PM
	11	SAT	CALVERT HALL(FR/SO)	7:00 PM
	17	FRI	CARAVEL ACADEMY(DE)	7:00 PM
	23	THU	@ABERDEEN (F/S)	6:00 PM
	25	SAT	@LINE MOUNTAIN(PA)	2:00 PM
NOVEMBER	1	SAT	@FERRIS SCHOOL	3:00 PM
	7	FRI	FRIENDSHIP CHARTER(DC)	7:00 PM
	15	SAT	@CALVERT HALL (V)	TBD

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS SCHEDULE 2008

OCTOBER	1	Wednesday	McDonogh	3:45
	3	Friday	@John Carroll	3:45
	8	Wednesday	Glenelg	3:45
	10	Friday	@SPSG	3:45
	13	Monday	Spalding	3:45
	20	Monday	IAAM Tournament(1 st RD)	TBA
	21	Tuesday	IAAM Tournament (Semi-F)	TBA
	23	Thursday	IAMM Tournament(Finals)	TBA