



# ST. FRANCES ACADEMY

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*WE CAN, WE WILL, WE MUST!!*

### FEBRUARY 2009

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

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NECESSITY  
EARNESTLY  
ACCORD  
CONSISTENT  
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**TO ALL GRANDPARENTS**  
Grandparent support is available.  
Contact Ms. Donna Shannon at  
410-539-5794 ext 26 for more  
information.

**"SAINT FRANCES ACADEMY:  
A Community on ONE ACCORD"**

#### **COURAGE**

To be courageous is to be fearless and to be brave. In these trying times with the economy the way it is, and with so many people out of work, now is the time to be courageous. It is not easy to be fearless, but with faith we can stand on God's promises. If you need some encouragement this month, just read these scriptures. Rely on God's word to get you through difficult times that may cause you to stress or worry.

#### **Isaiah 41:10 (New King James Version)**

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

#### **Isaiah 54:17 (New King James Version)**

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their righteousness is from Me," Says the LORD.

#### **John 10:10 (King James Version)**

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have [it] more abundantly.

#### **Psalms 27:5 (King James Version)**

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

#### **Psalms 37:25**

I have been young, and [now] am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

**February 12, 2009, 6:30 pm  
there will be a Baseball  
Parents Meeting in the  
Multi-Purpose room of the  
Community Center.**

# ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL DR. TURNER

Dear St. Frances Family:

As we celebrate Black History Month this February, the place our dear Academy holds in African-American history is unmistakable. I beam with pride each and every time I get to tell someone about the place in which I work. I am most proud of the fact that very few African-American institutions can trace their history to a point before the Emancipation Proclamation.

Over the course of the next month as we celebrate the contributions of African-Americans to our country's history, reflect for a moment on St. Frances Academy's place in that narrative. Reflect on how our school's history pre-dates many of the stories and people we will honor this month. And finally, pray that our school will continue to assert itself in the historical account of our people.

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

## A MESSAGE TO PARENTS

**Families need 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.



### **PARENT/GUARDIAN VOLUNTEERS WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR THE BOYS/GIRLS BASKETBALL GAMES!**

Boys' basketball parents/guardians are needed to assist with the girl's basketball games on Monday & Wednesday. Girls' basketball parents/guardians are needed to assist with boys' games. Please check the schedule on [www.sfacademy.org](http://www.sfacademy.org) for the schedule.

**Please contact Booster Club President: Artavia Taylor- 410-371-1484 or Vice President: Pat Sparrow- 443-722-5420 for more information.**

### **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 410-539-5794x 17 or email [Sabra.Reuter@sfacademy.org](mailto:Sabra.Reuter@sfacademy.org) to sign up.

## ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

**To access the athletic schedules go to <http://www.digitalsports.com/>**

- ◆ Choose MARYLAND where you are prompted to CHOOSE A STATE.
- ◆ In the next block choose SCHOOL.
- ◆ In the next block choose ST. FRANCES ACADEMY (the first one)
- ◆ Click GO.
- ◆ Click SCHOOL WIDE CALENDAR and choose the team you are looking for.

**REMINDERS FROM THE PTSA**

**PTSA Meeting  
FEBRUARY 10th  
at 6 PM**

**This meeting will be a  
POT LUCK, feel free to  
bring your favorite dish.**

**HOMECOMING 2009  
PANTHER'S GYMNASIUM  
FEBRUARY 6TH 2009**

<b>BOYS JV</b>	<b>VS</b>	<b>TOWSON CATHOLIC</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>GIRLS V</b>	<b>VS</b>	<b>CITY COLLEGE</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>BOYS V</b>	<b>VS</b>	<b>TOWSON CATHOLIC</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>

**COME OUT AND SUPPORT  
THE SFA PANTHER'S AS *STOMP* ON THE COMPETITION**

# DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

## FROM THE SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CLINIC

The School Based Health Center is now a reality. Sports physicals and immunizations are available as well as acute visits. Siblings of students, staff, and faculty are eligible to be cared for in the Center. Final preparations are being completed now for the clinic to be fully furnished and electronic records established. After these chores are completed, permission will be sought for the community to be able to use the clinic during after school hours.

Most importantly, all students need to be fully immunized to continue in school. Immunizations are available in the health center for most students. Please be cooperative with the state's requirements.

It is a good time of the year to renew those New Year resolutions. Keep moving. Eat healthier, more fruits and vegetables and less junk food. Now is the time to insure your future health.

All students who wish to play spring sports must be cleared through the health suite. Physicals could be obtained in our school clinic or at the students' own doctor's or clinics and then a written copy of it must be brought to our clinic.

Health Suite Staff

## FROM THE ACADEMIC GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

### Employment & Other Special Opportunities February, 2009

Students, do you need a job? The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is hosting a Job Fair for various part-time and seasonal positions within the zoo. The fair will be on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 10 to 2 pm and will be held at the Mansion House Porch. Call Lisa Grosman at 443-552-0888 or [www.marylandzoo.org](http://www.marylandzoo.org). Snow date is 2/21/2009. The Zoo is recruiting for the following departments: visitor services, security, custodial, membership, marketing/events, rides/attractions, education, animal division and more!

Do you need a summer job? Youth Works is hiring. All applicants must be Baltimore City residents and 14 years old by June 20, 2009. Last day of registration is March 13, 2009. Pick up a registration packet in Mrs. Wilson's office or download it at <http://www.oedworks.com/youthserv/summer.htm>.

Elijah Cummings Youth Program is hosting a FREE Teen Leadership Summit for youth ages 12 – 18 years old. Conference will be held on Monday, February 16 from 8:30 – 4:00 pm. All participants must be registered to participate in this event. Your student may pick up a registration packet in Mrs. Wilson's office or contact Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel (ECYP) at 410-542-4850.

### SAT & ACT Dates 2008-2009

**SAT**

\*March 14  
\*May 2  
\*June 6

**Registration Deadline**

Feb. 10  
March 31  
May 5

**ACT**

\*April 4  
\*June 13

**Registration Deadline**

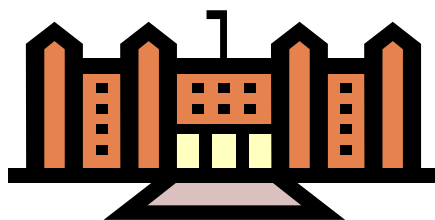
Feb. 27  
May 8

\*Test will be administered at SFA.

**School Code:  
210-185.**

**Student edge  
School access Code:  
pktemhdq**

Come to....  
*"College Planning 101"*  
Mrs. Linda Wilson



*PTA Meeting for Junior Parents*  
*Tuesday, March 12, 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

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend \_\_\_

My student will also attend \_\_\_

Please mail this to Mrs. Wilson, email her at [linda.wilson@sfacademy.org](mailto:linda.wilson@sfacademy.org) or call her at 410-539-5794 x25 to confirm your attendance.

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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

## FEBRUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Gold Week	2 Spirit Week	3 Spirit Week Spirit Week Assembly 1:15p	4 Q2 Report Card Conferences No Classes	5 Spirit Week No Faculty Meeting	6 Homecoming Day Pep Rally	7 ACT Testing
8 Blue Week	9 Mother Lange Prayer Ser- vice Sopho- more Pinning Q2 Awards Ceremony 12:30p	10	11	12 General Faculty Mtg	13 Sophomore Event 2009-2010 Admissions Application Available Online	14
15 Gold Week	16 President's Day No Classes	17 Newsletter Submissions Due Provisional Acceptance Letters Mailed, Begin Re-	18	19 Team Faculty Mtg	20	21
22 Blue Week	23	24 Q3 Progress Reports Grades Due	25 Ash Wednesday Liturgy 9a	26 Council Faculty Mtg	27	28

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## MARCH 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Gold Week Last Day to Submit FASFA for College Financial Aid	2	3 Class Meet- ings	4 Grandparents Group 6-7p MPR	5 Dept Faculty Mtg	6 Feast of Saint Frances of Rome Freshmen Commitment Ceremony	7 Spring Step Show 7p-10p
8 Blue Week	9	10	11	12 General Fac- ulty Mtg	13	14 SAT Testing
15 Gold Week	16	17 Newsletter Submissions Due	18	19 Team Faculty Mtg	20	21
22 Blue Week	23	24	25 NSBE Jr. leaves for Conference	26 Council Fac- ulty Mtg	27 Q3 Ends Sophomore Retreat	28
29 Gold Week NSBE Jr. Re- turns	30 Professional Day No Classes	31 Q3 Grades Due Q4 Begins				

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## APRIL 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Gold Week			1 Career Day Grandparents Group 6-7p MPR	2 Dept Faculty Mtg	3	4 ACT Testing Spring Fling 9p-1a
5 Palm Sunday Blue Week	6	7 Lenten Prayer Service Q3 Awards Locker Clean Out Noon Dismissal	8 Q3 Report Card Conf No Classes	9 Holy Thursday Spring Break	10 Good Friday Spring Break	11
12 Easter Sunday	13 Spring Break	14 Spring Break	15 Spring Break	16 Spring Break	17 Spring Break	18
19 Blue Week	20 Classes Resume	21 Newsletter Submissions Due	22	23 General Faculty Mtg	24	25
26 Gold Week	27	28	29	30 Team Faculty Mtg		

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## MAY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Gold Week					1 Student Activities Event 1:15p	2 SAT Testing
3 Blue Week	4	5	6 Grandparents Group 6-7p MPR	7 Council Fac- ulty Mtg	8	9
10 Gold Week	11 Student Community Service Hours Due Senior Farewell	12	13	14 Dept Faculty Mtg Senior Farewell Rehearsal 8a	15 Deadline for Early Re- Registration Senior Farewell	16
17 Blue Week	18 Late Re- Registration Senior Exams Graduation Rehearsal	19 Newsletter Submissions Due Senior Exams Graduation Rehearsal	20 Senior Exams Black Schol- ars Convocation	21 General Faculty Mtg Last of Classes	22 Junior/Senior Prom No Classes	23
24	25 Memorial Day No Classes	26 Final Exams	27 Final Exams Baccalaure- ate Mass Rehearsal	28 Final Exams Graduation Rehearsal Senior Luncheon	29 End of 2008-2009 School Year Deadline for Parent Volunteer Hours	30 Baccalaure- ate Mass Mt. Provi- dence 11a
31 Graduation St. Matthew's 4p						

# COMMUNITY CENTER CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2 Community Mediation Conf Rm 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM/ Roberta's House 5:30-9:30 PM MPR & 3 classrms	3 Roberta's House 5:30-9:30 PM MPR & 3 classrms	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Roberta's House 5:30-9:30 PM MPR & 3 classrms	11	2 Brian Boles  Baseball Parents meeting MPR 6:30-8:30 PM	13 The SFA Advisory Board Meeting MPR 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM	14
15	16	2 BLEWS Youth MPR (Marlin Omansky 9-12:30  Roberta's House 5:30-9:30 PM MPR	18	19	20 Loyola College MBA student tour & class session MPR 9:00 AM-3:00 PM	21
22	23	24 Roberta's House 5:30-9:30 PM MPR & 3 classrms	25	26	27	28 A Building Fund Benefit: Community Center Kitchen & Gym 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM \$10 chicken dinners for sale for the Oblate Sisters

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

# **Upcoming Student Activities**

### **Senior Class Trip –Orlando, FL April 23<sup>rd</sup> – April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Members of the Senior Class are planning a trip to Florida where they will attend **Grad Bash 2009 at Universal Studios**. They will also have fun at the Wet & Wild Park and shop at Prime Outlet Stores. The total price is \$397 which includes transportation, 2 nights hotel stay, tickets to the amusement park and food. **It's not too late to sign up. Payment 4 of \$70 is due January 16<sup>th</sup> and Payment 5 is due February 20<sup>th</sup>.** Please see Mrs. Torena Brown for more details or to make payments.

### **Spirit Week 2009 – February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>**

SGA is planning the theme and Spirit Days. More info is to follow.

### **Homecoming 2009 – Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

All of SFA Family (past and present) will celebrate our annual Homecoming Event. Please come out to support our Pep Rally and the games on Friday night. Parent Volunteers are welcomed.

### **Sophomore Pinning Ceremony – Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>; 12:30pm**

Come celebrate with the sophomore class of 2011 as they receive their class pins.

### **NSBE Jr. – Valentine's Rose Sale – 2/9 – 2/13**

Please support the members of NSBE by purchasing roses in our annual Valentines Day Sale. All proceeds help students attend the National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

### **SFA Annual Spring Step Show – Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>; 7:00pm**

It's back again the annual Spring Step Show. If you came last year, you saw the talent of the step teams and the competition was fierce. We're looking forward to another outstanding show. We have a special guest MC, giveaways and more.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

**Steps teams can download registration information online.**

**Entries are due February 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Parent Volunteers are welcomed.

### **NSBE National Convention – Las Vegas, Nevada March 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>**

NSBE members should see Mrs. Brown for details. Permission slips and registration is due **Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.**