



ST. FRANCES ACADEMY

JANUARY 2007

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OBEDIENCE

As we take the time to look into our past, let us be mindful to be obedient to the lessons learned from those before us. We also need to be obedient to God and His will for our lives. God expects us to make sacrifices for the Body of Christ in offering of our time and resources. He wants us to worship and praise Him for who He is and for what He has done and will continue to do in our lives. Obeying God and the lessons of our ancestors will help us to live the life that God has designed us to live.

SPIRITUAL VITAMIN

RECALL NOTICE!

The Maker of all human beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units; code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been technically termed "Sub-sequential Internal Non-Morality," or more commonly known as S.I.N., as it is primarily expressed.

Some other symptoms include:

1. Loss of direction
2. Foul vocal emissions
3. Amnesia of origin
4. Lack of peace and joy
5. Selfish or violent behavior
6. Depression or confusion in the mental component
7. Fearfulness
8. Idolatry
9. Rebellion

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this SIN defect. The Repair Technician, JESUS, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required. The number to call for repair in all areas is: P-R-A-Y-E-R. Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, JESUS, into the heart component.

No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, *JESUS will replace it with:*

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self control

Please see the operating manual, the B.I.B.L.E. (Believers' Instruction Before Leaving Earth) for further details on the use of these fixes. **WARNING:** Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on JESUS. **DANGER:** The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace.

The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility.

Thank you for your attention!

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WE CAN, WE WILL, WE MUST!!

*The theme for
this year...*

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ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSINGS FROM SR MARCIA

Happy New Year to each and every one! I pray that your Christmas was everything you hoped it would be. This month at the Academy we are wrapping up the second quarter/first semester and beginning the third quarter/second semester. **Now is the time** to make sure that your child has completed and turned in all assignments – next week is too late. It is also important that your child show up on time and take any required exams. Finally, we look forward to seeing you at the various activities scheduled for this month:

- ▷ **Martin Luther King prayer service** on Friday, January 12 at 10am with Dr. Edward Cornwell, trauma surgeon, as guest speaker;
- ▷ **The Martin Luther King Day Jobs Fair** on January 15, which always needs volunteers to help serve food;
- ▷ **The Office of African American Catholic Ministries Blood Drive**, also January 15, 10:30am – 4pm in the school cafeteria;
- ▷ home and away basketball games
- ▷ **Spirit Week**, January 28 – February 3. **Homecoming Day** is Friday, February 2, 2007.

It's important that we nurture the co-curricular and academic sides of St. Frances for your child. School spirit is lagging and needs a boost! Thank you for all you do as we move forward into the new year with God's mercy and grace.

A MESSAGE TO PARENTS

A heartfelt "thank you!" to the parents who brought dishes and enjoyed fellowship at the Christmas Party last month. We look forward to making this another SFA tradition.

Calling all prayer warriors! Prayer around the Square will meet every 3rd Sunday of the month for the rest of this academic year. This means that on January 21 we will meet in the foyer of the 1870 building at 3pm and then walk around the block, stopping to pray on each corner. Mobility does not matter: we are looking for people to stay in the building and pray, while those who can will walk outside. Can't make it to SFA? Remember us at 3pm and pray where you are. We know God hears all prayers wherever and however they are spoken. Thanks so much for your support.

Report card conferences for first semester grades will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2007. Conference times are 9am – 11:30am, 1pm – 3:30pm and 5:30pm – 7pm. Students cannot pick up their own report cards, so please make every effort to attend.

Parent Meetings will be organized around classes this year. The schedule is as follows:

- January 10 = sophomore parents
- February 14 = senior parents
- March 14 = junior parents
- April 11 = **no meeting (Easter break)**
- May 9 = freshmen parents

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE

LUNCH PRICE INCREASE

On January 15th, 2007, all paid lunch prices will increase. Students will now have to pay \$3.00. Adult lunches will increase to \$3.50.

This change is only for students who pay full price for lunch. There is no change for students who have free or reduced lunch.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TUITION OFFICE

A REMINDER

If you pay tuition in two or four installments, the January payment was due January 1, 2007. If you pay by January 15, no late fee will be assessed.

SENIORS: After January 15, at least half of the Senior year tuition must be paid before transcripts will be sent to colleges.

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FROM THE BOOKSTORE

The book bill is an annual fee that must be paid. If this fee is not paid, students may not be able to receive their report card or final transcript.

All remaining balances on student book bills are now overdue. If you have a balance for your student's books, you will be receiving a letter this month. Please make payment arrangements in the main office.

Ms. Stanley

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MID-SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE 2006-2007

JANUARY 15, 2007

Martin Luther King Jr. Day-No Classes

JANUARY 16, 2007

8:30-9:45	Period A
10:00-11:15	Period B
11:30-12:45	Period C

JANUARY 17, 2007

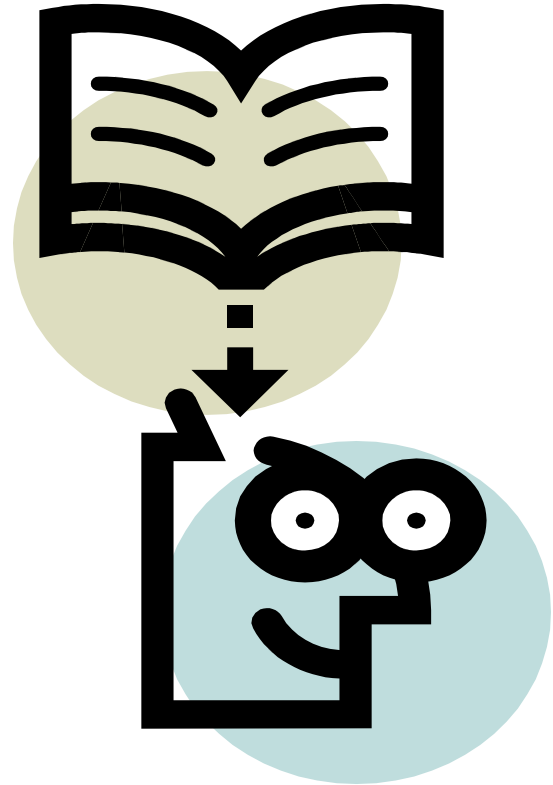
8:30-9:45	Period D
10:00-11:15	Period E
11:30-12:45	Period F

JANUARY 18, 2007

8:30-9:45	Period G
10:00-11:15	Period H
11:30-12:45	Make-up Exams

JANUARY 19, 2007

Professional Day-No Classes



You are responsible for making sure that you know when your exams will be given.

You do not have to come to school for the entire day. You must be present, in uniform, for your exams at the appropriate time.

You will not be dismissed from an exam until the end of the testing period. Students who arrive late for exams may be allowed to take the exam, however no additional time will be given.

Students who miss exams must receive permission from Sr. Marcia to take a make-up exam.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Middle States Goal:

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

JANUARY 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year	2	3 Classes Resume	4 General Meeting 8:00-9:15	5	6
7 Gold Week	8	9	10 Sophomore Parent Meeting 7:00 pm	11 Team Meeting 8:00-9:15	12 2nd Qtr/1st Sem Ends MLK Prayer Service/	13
14 Blue Week	15 Dr. Martin Luther King Day No Classes	16 Semester Exams	17 Semester Exams	18 Semester Exams Make-up Exams	19 Professional Day No Classes	20
21 Gold Week	22	23 2nd Quarter / 1st Semester grades due	24	25 Departmental Meeting 8:00-9:15	26	27 SAT Testing
28 Blue Week Homecoming Week	29	30	31 1st Semester Report Card Conferences 9:00-7:00			

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS



ACADEMIC GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

COLLEGE PANTHER CORNER

SENIORS NEED TO FINISH THEIR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS!

Please have your student see me to finish up college applications, obtain fee waivers, and begin the financial aid process. Graduation is quickly approaching; please encourage your child to get their applications done.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP- FREE MONEY FROM THE GOVERNMENT FOR YOUR STUDENT TO ATTEND COLLEGE!!!

Please come to our Financial Aid night on Wed. Feb. 14, 7-9 pm! Begin the process of applying for financial aid NOW by first applying for an electronic PIN number online. Complete 2 PIN forms online, one for your student and one for the working adult guardian in the home. Go to: www.pin.ed.gov. After 3-5 business days, you will receive your four digit PINs. Then go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and fill out the free FAFSA form to begin the financial aid process. You will need your W-2s to fill it out. I will be meeting with all seniors regarding this process, and feel free to call or email me if you have any questions regarding any of these processes.

SCHOLARSHIP MONEY STILL AVAILABLE!!!!

Please visit our website for a listing of scholarship websites for money available to seniors attending college. Also visit the white scholarship binder in my office for daily updates on scholarships.

SAT AND ACT DATES

If your student needs to take the Jan. 27 SAT, the only option left is to be a Stand-By Student. Please have them show up the morning of the test with a filled out register form and a check or money order for \$ 78 made payable to The College Board.

TEST	TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
SAT	*March 10	Feb. 2
SAT	*May 5	March 29
SAT	*June 2	April 27
ACT	*Feb. 10	Jan. 5
ACT	April 14	March 9
ACT	*June 9	May 9

*Denotes that the test is given at SFA.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

THERAPEUTIC COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Support for Grandparents and Family Members Raising Teens

The St. Frances Academy Counseling department is offering counseling services to grandparents and family members raising teens. Group meetings will focus on providing spiritual support to cope with the challenges of intergenerational parenting and discussion topics such as communicating with your teen.

Group Meetings are scheduled for:

Wednesday, January 10th

Wednesday, January 24th

Wednesday, February 7th

Wednesday, February 28th

From 6:00 -7:00 PM

In the St. Frances Academy Community Center Conference Room

Individual & Family counseling is available by appointment. This service is open to St. Frances Academy families and the surrounding community.

THE DEPARTMENT OF RECRUITMENT & PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Notes & Updates

Happy New Year to one and all!

SFA Homecoming 2007

Homecoming is rapidly approaching! We are now four and a half weeks, or thirty one days, until our big event. We are in need of parent volunteers to help in the planning, producing and administering this most fun event! This year's Homecoming will be held the week of January 29 – February 2. We call it "Spirit Week"! We need your help in almost every category you can think of! If you have never been to a Saint Frances Academy Homecoming, then you are in for quite a treat! Please call me for further details and meeting information.

The Class of 2007

We are in the active process of recruiting our next Freshman class at SFA.

If you know of a young lady or young man that is possibly interested in attending SFA, please forward me their contact information, and I will write to them.

Giant Register Tapes Program

www.giantfood.com/aplus

For those of us who shop at Giant: Be sure and go online and register to save the Register Tape Program at "A+ Bonus Bucks". It allows us to get needed items for our school. After you designate our school, each shopping trip at Giant using your **BonusCard** earns **CASH** for our school! Each month, the amount of **CASH** awarded will be updated on the Giant website. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs. Remember, even if you designated last year, you must re-designate this year for our school to receive credit. Attending to this simple process makes a HUGE difference to our school. We need your support. Please be sure to designate- Saint Frances Academy - using ID # 01224

Parent Volunteer Program

The Parent Volunteer Program has gotten off to a flying start!

When you are able to come in and volunteer with us, you must check in at the main office and sign in. Please call me if you have any questions or just need some direction.

We have quite a large wish list at Saint Frances Academy.

Coach David Owens

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

JANUARY	12	FRI	@ LOYOLA	5:00 PM
	19	FRI	@PG SPORTS COMPLEX	5:00 PM

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

JANUARY	5	FRI	ST. MARY'S	6:00 PM
	8	MON	@SETON KEOUGH	5:30 PM
	10	WED	TOWSON CATHOLIC	6:00 PM
	12	FRI	@IND	4:00 PM
	20	SAT	MERCY	2:30 PM
	22	MON	@ROLAND PARK	5:30 PM
	24	WED	SPALDING	6:00 PM
	27	SAT	@SJPH	12:00 PM
	29	FRI	@ ST. PAUL'S	4:00 PM
	31	WED	@NDP	6:00 PM
FEBRUARY	2	FRI	ST. PAUL'S	5:30 PM
	7	WED	@MCDONOGH	6:00 PM
	9	FRI	@NOTRE DAME ACADEMY(VA)	6:30 PM
	12-17	MON-SAT	IAAM TOURNAMENT @VILLA JULIE COLLEGE	TBA

GIRLS JV BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

JANUARY	5	FRI	ST. MARY'S	4:30 PM
	8	MON	@SETON KEOUGH	4:00 PM
	10	WED	TOWSON CATHOLIC	4:30 PM
	12	FRI	@IND	5:30 PM
	20	SAT	MERCY	1:00 PM
	22	MON	@ROLAND PARK	4:00 PM
	24	WED	SPALDING	4:30 PM
	29	MON	@ST. PAUL'S	5:15 PM
	31	WED	@ NDP	4:00 PM
FEBRUARY	1	THU	ST. PAUL'S	4:00 PM
	7	WED	@MCDONOGH	4:15 PM

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BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

JANUARY	2	TUE	@TOWSON CATHOLIC	7:00 PM
	5	FRI	@GORETTI	7:00 PM
	7	SUN	LOYOLA	3:30 PM
	9	TUE	@CALVERT HALL	7:00 PM
	11-12	THU-FRI	MAYOR'S ACADEMY CLASSIC @MORGAN STATE UNIV	TBA
	14	SUN	GIBBONS	3:30 PM
	19	FRI	MCDONOGH	7:00 PM
	21	SUN	@SJPH	3:30 PM
	23	TUE	MSJ	7:00 PM
	26	FRI	TOWSON CATHOLIC	7:00 PM
	28	SUN	GORETTI	3:30 PM
	30	TUE	@LOYOLA	7:00 PM
FEBRUARY	2	FRI	CALVERT HALL	7:30 PM
	4	SUN	@SPALDING	3:30 PM
	7	WED	@CENTRAL	7:15 PM
	11	SUN	@MCDONOGH	3:30 PM
	16-23	FRI-	MIAA TOURNAMENT	TBA
	25-28	SAT-TUE	BCL TOURNAMENT	TBA

BOYS JV BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

JANUARY	2	TUE	@TOWSON CATHOLIC	5:15 PM
	5	FRI	@GORETTI	5:15 PM
	7	SUN	LOYOLA	1:45 PM
	9	TUE	@CALVERT HALL	5:15 PM
	14	SUN	GIBBONS	1:45 PM
	19	FRI	MCDONOGH	4:15 PM
	21	SUN	@SJPH	1:45 PM
	23	TUE	MSJ	5:15 PM
	26	FRI	TOWSON CATHOLIC	5:15 PM
	28	SUN	GORETTI	1:45 PM
	30	TUE	@LOYOLA	5:15 PM
FEBRUARY	2	FRI	CALVERT HALL	4:00 PM
	4	SUN	@SPALDING	1:45 PM
	7	WED	@CENTRAL	5:30 PM
	9	FRI	@GIBBONS	5:15 PM
	11	SUN	@MCDONOGH	1:45 PM
	14-27	TUE-MON	MIAA/BCL TOURNAMENT	TBA

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

St. Frances Academy Homecoming 2007

Spirit Week: January 29th – February 2nd

Theme: “Walk It Out”the Vision, Achievement and Leadership

Monday, Jan 29 Cartoon Day – “Walking in Creativity”

-all students are asked to wear paraphernalia with cartoon characters or dress as a cartoon character.

Examples: Tee shirts imprinted with cartoon characters or in full costume

Tuesday, Jan 30 60’s, 70’s, 80’s Day – “Walking the Path of Our Ancestors”

- all students are asked to wear something from one of the three eras. There will be a contest for the best costume in each era.

-Afternoon Assembly for Contests

Wednesday, Jan 31 NO SCHOOL – REPORT CARD CONFERENCES

Thursday, Feb 1 Twin / Multiple Day – “Walking Together”

- all students are asked to wear an identical outfit with at least one other person. Each set/group must have the same shirts and/or pants, etc.

Friday, Feb 2 Black & Gold Day – “Walking Out Pride”

- all students should wear something black and/or gold. Be creative and decorate your clothes, hair, or face with “Panthers” or SFA symbols.

- Pep Rally – bring your best school Chant, Class Chant, Posters

***If you do not wear the appropriate items for the appropriate day, you must be in uniform.**

This week will be an on going **contest between each class**. The **classes get points for the number of students participating each day**. There will also be points awarded for Contest participation with, extra points given to the winning class. Finally classes will be awarded points for the Pep Rally for their class chant, school chant, and posters. The homecoming games are another way to get points. Each class will get points for the members who attend the games. They must show up by half-time of the final Game.

The class with the most spirit points will be announced during the last game.

St. Frances Academy
Community Center

501 E. Chase St.

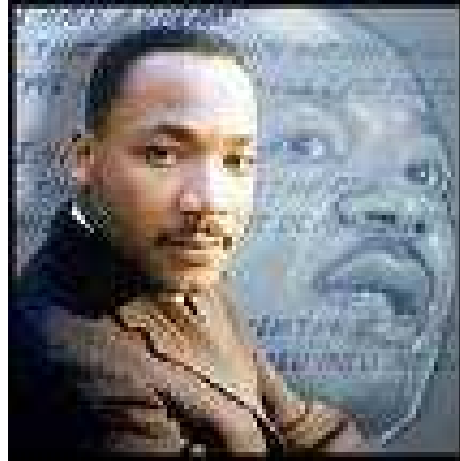


5TH ANNUAL
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY JOB FAIR

“We must create full employment...we need to be concerned that the potential of the individual is not wasted. New forms of work that enhance the social good will have to be devised...”

-Martin Luther King Jr.

Monday January 15,
2007



Doors open at 8:00 a.m.

Morning Classes:

Learn how to write effective resumes, practice job interviews, brush up on job-readiness skills.

Free Lunch Provided at Noon.

Attend Job Fair at 1:00 p.m.

Put in applications with employers!

- *Explore the possibility of starting your own business*
- *Connect with local job placement and training organizations*
 - *Meet with employers who are ready to HIRE*

Must be registered for morning events! For those not registered, doors open at 1 p.m. for Job Fair ONLY.

To Register Call:

Ralph Moore at 410-539-5794 ext 30 or

Nawal Rajeh at 410-539-5794 ext 28

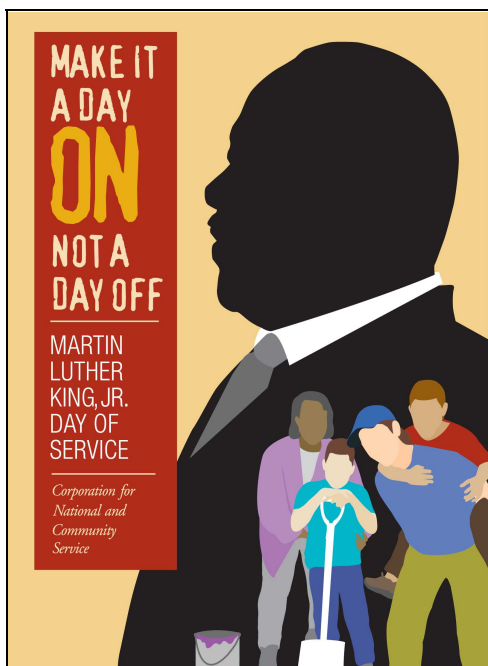
Event runs 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Free Childcare will be provided

Volunteer to Serve!

**5TH ANNUAL
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY JOB FAIR**

St. Frances Academy
Community Center

Monday January 15, 2007
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



501 E. Chase St.

Call Ralph Moore at 410-539-5794 ext 30 or
Nawal Rajeh ext 28 to sign up to volunteer

- Teach Job-readiness skills
- Run a résumé workshop
- Serve a meal
- Help with child-care
- Become a “neighbor” and be a coach to a job seeker as they look for work
- And much more!

“Anybody can be great, because anybody can serve.”

—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

JANUARY 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Girls V Bball vs. St. Mary's at 6:00 PM JV Girls at	6
7 Boys Varsity Bball 3:30 PM Gym vs. Loyola JV at 1:45 PM	8	9	10 SFA Parents MPR 7:00 PM Grandparents Meeting Conf Rm 6-7 PM Girls Varsity Bball vs. Tow- son Catholic at 6:00 PM	11	12 Medical Terminology Class Caro- line Center 8:30AM-1:00 PM MPR	13
14 Boys V Bball 3:30 PM vs. Gibbons JV at 1:45 PM	15 MLK's B-day Holiday A Day of Self Help and Ser- vice (see be- low)	16	17	18	19 Caroline Cen- ter 8:30AM- 1PM MPR Boys V Bball vs. McDonogh 7:00 PM JV at 4:15 PM	20 Girls V Bball vs. Mercy at 2:30 PM JV at 1:00 PM
21	22	23 Class mtgs MPR 8:20-9:50 Boys Vball vs. St. Joe 7:00 PM JV at 5:15 PM	24 Caroline Center 8:30AM-1PM MPR Grandparents Meeting Conf Rm 6-7 PM Girls Bball vs. Spalding 4:30 JV 6:00 Var	25 BLEWS MPR 9:15AM- 1:00PM Marlyn O'Mansky & Rabbi Ruskin	26 Boys Vball vs. Towson Catholic at 7:00 PM JV at 5:15 PM	27
28 Boys Varsity Bball vs. Gor- etti at 3:30 PM JV at 1:45 PM	29	30	31 Medical Terminolgy Class Caro- line Center 8:30AM-1:00 PM MPR	<i>The Self Help and Service events of January 15, 2007 are:</i>	SFA's 5th An- nual Job Fair, Loyola Col- lege's Forum on Race & Education and a Blood Drive from Office of AA Catholics : All events are free and open to the public	