



ST. FRANCES ACADEMY

OCTOBER 2006

Saint Frances Academy

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*The theme for
this year...*

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ANCESTRY

The Ancestry of Saint Frances Academy began with Elizabeth Lange after she professed vows as a religious sister. She created the world's first African American Congregation of women religious of African descent. This congregation spread the good news by the integrity of their faith, their love for God, and their firm hope and trust in God's providence; upon this ancestry, an ongoing legacy continues through us today. For the month of October let us remember that we are *standing on the shoulders of our ancestors*. Let us make them proud of the accomplishments we will make this year.

SPIRITUAL VITAMIN

Three things in life that, once gone, never come back -

1. Time
2. Words
3. Opportunity

Three things in life that can destroy a person -

1. Anger
2. Pride
3. Unforgiveness

Three things in life that you should never lose-

1. Hope
2. Peace
3. Honesty

Three things in life that are most valuable -

1. Love
2. Family & Friends
3. Kindness

Three things in life that are never certain -

1. Fortune
2. Success
3. Dreams

Three things that make a person -

1. Commitment
2. Sincerity
3. Hard work

Three things that are truly constant

- Father - Son - Holy Spirit

Student Photographs!

Galeone Photography has taken wonderful pictures of our students. If you are interested in ordering pictures of your child, or you need to get your child's picture taken please contact Galeone Photography at 410-252-3684.

WE CAN, WE WILL, WE MUST!!

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSINGS FROM SR MARCIA

My, how time flies! Didn't we just start classes? Welcome to the month of October. Fall brings with it changing leaves, cooler temperatures and increased activity around the school. Progress reports go out the week of October 9 and I meet with freshmen parents on October 11. Expect your child to bring home a catalog for the first school fundraiser during that week, also. The SAT is offered here on October 14, while the NEDT and PSAT are being given on October 18. At the end of the month is the Community Center's Annual Halloween Party. Enjoy the season with some apple cider and a couple of spiced wafers. God Bless!

WORDS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

We need your email address! We will not mail any newsletters home after this one. It is too costly. Please go to the home page of the SFA website and register your email address if you would like to continue to receive the newsletter.

When you get to the website, go to **Resources**, scroll down and click on **Parents @ SFA**. Once there, update your contact information.

Please review the school's website weekly. News pertaining to meetings and other information is posted on a regular basis.

Remember to pay your after-care bills in a timely fashion. All monies can be mailed or brought into the school office.

All parents must be STAND trained in order to volunteer.

STAND training (the Archdiocesan training to heighten awareness of child abuse)
Please contact Coach Owens if you plan to volunteer this year, and have not had this training.

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

- ▷ **October 11 = freshmen parents**
- ▷ November 8 = senior parents
- ▷ December 13 = Christmas gathering for all parents
- ▷ January 10 = sophomore parents
- ▷ February 14 = senior parents
- ▷ March 14 = junior parents
- ▷ April 11 = **no meeting (Easter break)**
- ▷ May 9 = freshmen parents

All meetings take place on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Multipurpose Room of the Community Center. Reminders will be emailed and posted on the school website.

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FROM THE AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

There is a misconception that students who need to stay at SFA past 3:15 pm have to pay the \$25 when they walk into the cafeteria for after-care. This is not true! Families will be billed for this service.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TUITION OFFICE

Remember that monthly and quarterly payments to INTUITION are due on the first of the month. The company gives you until the 15th before they impose a \$15.00 late fee. This late fee goes to the Company not to the school.

I notice more than a few families are sending in payments just a few days late and they are being charged the late fee.

Also, if you miss a monthly payment, then each succeeding payment will be a month late, and you will be charged an extra \$15.00 each month.

Our thanks to those who are paying the tuition in a timely manner.

Brother Edward Gallagher

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOOKSTORE

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL PAYMENTS ON BOOK BILLS IS DECEMBER 1, 2006.

The book bill is a one time fee that every student must pay each year to be issued textbooks and supplies that your child will need. Once you purchase the items listed on your book bill, they are your items to keep. At no time is any student required to turn in books. If your child should chose to turn in some or all of their books, they will receive a partial credit toward the next year's book bill. The credit will only be given if the books are turned in on time, if they are in good condition, and if we are using the book the next year. Only hard cover books will be accepted. No paperback books can be turned in for a credit.

This policy may be different from what you have heard or experienced in the past, but this is the school's policy on this procedure. If you have any questions concerning this or any other policies related to the book store please call the school at 410-539-5794.

If there are any students that have not paid the balance on the book bill, their names will be submitted to the administration and these student will not be allowed to receive their grades or diploma.

Ms. Stanley

WORDS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED)

ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for Prayer around the Square! On Sunday October 29 at 3:00 pm, members of the Saint Frances Community will be joining together to cover the school in prayer. Plan to meet in the foyer of the 1870 building, rain or shine.

Saint Frances Academy and Loyola/Notre Dame Library embarked on a partnership in November 2005 to build a library of excellence for the students and faculty at Saint Frances Academy. Senior administrators of SFA and LNDL have been developing a school library facility that will meet the twenty-first century needs of secondary education to prepare students to enter and excel in college.

Utilizing the experience of the LNDL librarians in developing an academic library to meet the demands of two higher education communities for scholarly materials and services, the staff plans to transfer best practices on materials acquisition, academic integrity and information literacy, instruction on the use of materials, proper selection and installation of computer equipment and software and design of library space to enhance and improve the library facility, collection and services needed by Saint Frances students and faculty. The LNDL staff will provide long –term support and consultation for continuous school library improvement and resource sharing over the next five years by collaborating with administrators, library staff, and faculty at Saint Frances.

The Loyola Notre Dame Library has been a national leader in developing digital and online resources among comprehensive-level colleges. One of the first initiatives has been developing an improved technology environment for the SFA library. Ten flat screen workstations were installed this past summer in order to allow students and faculty to directly access the online materials available at LNDL that best support the Saint Frances curriculum. A pilot group of four faculty members from the following departments English, History, Religion, and Science met over the summer with LNDL to develop digital resource modules that contain articles, books, media and selected links to Internet materials that the students in their classes will have available online at school or home for studying and assignment completion. Loyola College has donated \$4,000 to support this initiative through their Year of the City program.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Middle States Goal:

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Gold Week	2	3 Placement Testing for Freshmen	4	5 Council Meetings 8:00-9:15	6 Tag Day for Seniors October Newsletter and Powerschool Information Distributed	7
8 Blue Week	9 Fundraiser Packets Distributed	10 1st Quarter Progress Reports due	11 Freshmen Parents Meeting 7:00 p Multipurpose Room	12 Senior Retreat General Meeting 8:00-9:15	13 Senior Retreat	14 SAT Testing
15 Gold Week	16	17	18	19 Team Meeting 8:00-9:15	20 Senior Inauguration 1:00-3:00	21
22 Blue Week	23	24 SALT Retreat 9:00-3:00	25	26 Departmental Meeting 8:00-9:15	27	28 ACT Testing
29 Gold Week	30	31 Happy Halloween				

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ACADEMIC GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT



College Corner

From the Desk of Linda Barbosa...

The SAT test will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2 at SFA. The registration deadlines for the Oct. and Nov. have passed and is Nov. 1 for the Dec. 2 test. Please pick up the registration forms in the guidance office or register online at www.collegeboard.com, which is much easier than the paper version. If your child receives free or reduced lunch, you may receive a total of 2 SAT fee waivers and 1 ACT fee waiver to take the tests, and they may be used online. Please fill out a lunch form found in the front office for our free lunch program. Please return immediately for consideration into the program. The ACT will be held at SFA on October 28 and December 9. The registration deadline for the October ACT has passed and is Nov. 3 for the Dec. test. You may register online at www.actstudent.org. The ACT includes science and an optional writing portion. The SAT has a mandatory writing section.

Please have your student prepare and practice for the SAT and ACT test. Reviewing 15 minutes/night between tests will help improve test scores. A good place to practice is www.collegeboard.com. Click onto students and test preparation. You can purchase reasonably priced practice materials to prepare for the test.

We will be having standardized testing on Wed. Oct. 18. Sophomores and Juniors will take the PSAT (a practice test for the SAT) and Freshman will take the NEDT. Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and English Teachers will be practicing with the students for these tests. On this day, there will be NO SCHOOL FOR SENIORS.

I will be meeting individually with the Seniors in October to begin the college application process. Seniors should be sending college applications out by November, and they should also be searching for scholarships to pay for college. If you would like to have an online list of college scholarship websites, just go to our website and click onto Academic Guidance and Scholarship links or stop in my office to view my scholarship book and look through my scholarship binder. The following are good websites for searching for colleges:

<http://apps.collegeboard.com/search/index.jsp>

<http://cnsearch.collegenet.com/cgi-bin/CN/index>

<http://www.collegeview.com/collegesearch/>

<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/stepbystep/step2.htm>

<http://www.petersons.com/ugchannel/code/searches/srchCrit1.asp?sponsor=1>

http://www.allaboutcollege.com/colleges/united_states/usa.htm

<http://www.globalcomputing.com/university.htm>



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College Corner Scholarships and Opportunities

Do you have financial need? Have you exhibited integrity and perservance in overcoming an adversity in your life? Please pick up a Horatio Alger Scholarship Application in my office or apply online at <http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships>.

AXA Achievers for seniors who set and reach ambitious goals, demonstrate drive, determination and the ability to succeed in college and who have respect for self, family and community. If you think you may qualify, www.axa-achievement.com and apply by Dec. 15, which is the deadline.

Go to the world's largest scholarship database at www.SchoolSoup.com to look for scholarships. It is free to sign up and have a wealth of knowledge for searching for money for college.

University of Baltimore is giving free tuition to the Freshman class next year, only for the Freshman year. As soon as I have more information, I will give it to you.

www.scholarships.com can help you find money for college. This site will also help you with Financial aid and loans.

Bennett College is a prestigious HBCU for females in Greensboro, NC, and they are offering scholarship money. They are looking for more students to attend and have money to help you pay for their college tuition. Click online to get more information at www.bennett.edu.

Are you interested in Government and want to participate in City Council meetings? You can be involved in the City Youth Commission by attending the meetings that will be held at 5:30 pm in City Council Chambers, City Hall- 4th Floor, 100 North Holliday Street, the 2nd and 4th Thursday in each month. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday	Sept. 28
Thursday	Oct. 12
Thursday	Oct. 26
Thursday	Nov. 9
Thursday	Nov. 23
Thursday	Dec. 14
Thursday	Dec. 28

If you want further information, contact Sabrina Sutton, Dir. Of Youth and Education, Office of Council President Sheila Dixon, 410-545-3659, or www.baltimorecitycouncil.com.

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THERAPEUTIC COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Attention: Grandparents and Extended Family Members !!

There will be a meeting for grandparents and extended family members who are raising teenagers prior to the PTA meeting on **Wednesday, October 11, 2006.**

General information on “Issues that Adolescents Face” will be provided at this meeting. The formation of an on-going support group and topics for future meetings will also be discussed.

The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Community Center. Refreshments will be served. Please feel free to contact Ms. Donna Shannon or Mrs. Kenya Brown, 410 539-5794 ext. 26, if you have questions or concerns.

FROM THE DESK OF ALYSON BLOOM

Hello my name is Alyson Bloom and I am the Academic Support / Resource Specialist. Prior to coming to Saint Frances Academy I was at Kennedy Krieger for five years. While I was there I worked in several of their educational programs including the lower, middle and high schools, as well as in their public school partnership program at Montebello Elementary. I have worked with students with a wide range of learning, emotional, physical, and neurological and developmental disabilities. I also just completed my Masters of Arts in Teaching with a focus in Special Education at Goucher this past spring.

How I can help here...

- Modify materials being used in the classroom as well as homework
- Co-teach or collaborate in the classroom
- Implement an academic referral system
- Provide informal and formal assessments
- Provide strategies and supports the students can use independently i.e. outlines, graphic organizers etc.
- Tutoring- individual and small group

When and if we receive any kind of record (assessments, IEP's, etc.) for a student, I will provide all teachers who work with the student a “snap shot” so that they are informed and can prepare accordingly for the student, as well as keep the paperwork on file for your reference.

Get Your Child Involved!

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St. Frances Academy Student Activities & Athletics

There are many opportunities for students at St. Frances to excel academically as well as socially. We are encouraging all students to participate in at least one club and/or sport this school year. Here are a list of clubs and sports we will offer this year.

Join A Club!

2006 - 2007 CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| Student Government Association | Maryland MESA / N.S.B.E. Jr.
(National Society of Black Engineers) |
| Step Team | Outdoor Club |
| Biology Club | Peer Ministry |
| Chess Club | Prom Committee |
| Choir | S.A.L.T.
(Service And Leading by Teens) |
| FCA-Fellowship of Christian Athletes | Social Cinema |
| Game Squad (Video Game Club) | Student Ambassadors |
| Garden Club | The Crew |
| It's Academic Team | Travel Club |
| Liturgical Dancers | U.M.O.J.A.
(Us Mentoring Our Juniors Association) |
| Math Team | |
| National Honor Society | |

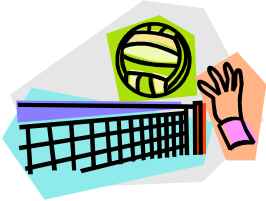
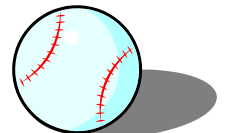
Play A Sport!

ATHLETIC TEAMS

- Boys Volleyball
- Girls Volleyball
- Boys/Girls Tennis
- Boys/ Girls Outdoor Track
- Boys/ Girls Indoor Track
- Boys Varsity Basketball
- Varsity/JV Cheerleading



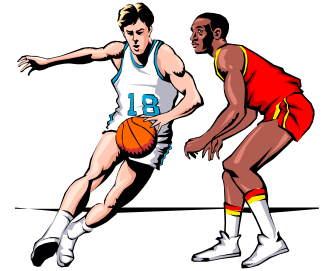
- Boys JV Basketball
- Girls Varsity Basketball
- Girls JV Basketball
- Varsity Golf
- Varsity Baseball
- Boys/Girls Step Team



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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Athletic Department Personnel 2006-2007



Athletic Director
Assistant Athletic Director

Jerome Shelton
Marc Boles

Athletic Trainer

Stefanie Myerson

Sports Team Head Coaches:
Boys Volleyball

Mark Felton

Girls Volleyball

Regina Nolan

Boys/Girls Tennis

David Owens

Boys/Girls Outdoor Track
Boys/Girls Indoor Track

Antoinette Stowers

Boys Varsity Basketball

William Wells

Boys JV Basketball

Nicolas Myles

Boys Fr/Sop Basketball

Marc Boles

Girls Varsity Basketball

Jerome Shelton

Girls JV Basketball

Kristi Webb

Varsity/JV Cheerleading

Carla Singleton

Varsity Golf

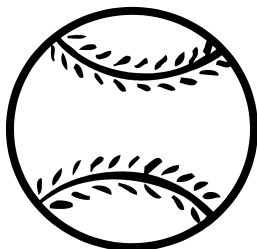
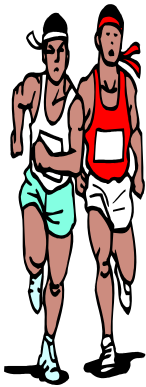
Darrell Hopkins

Varsity Baseball

Brian Boles

Step Team

Janaya Stanley

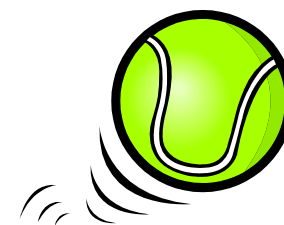


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ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS SCHEDULE

October	10	Tue	Severn	4:00
	12	Thu	St. Timothy's	4:00
	16	Mon	Lutheran	4:00
	23-24	Mon-Tue	IAAM TOURNAMENT	TBA
	26	Thu	IAAM FINALS	TBA



GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

October	4	Wed	Friends	4:00
	6	Fri	@Glenelg	4:00
	11	Wed	@AACS	4:00
	13	Fri	St. Timothy's	4:00
	20	Fri	Mt. Carmel	4:00
	23	Mon	Beth Tfiloh	4:00
	27-2 Nov	Fri-Tue	IAAM Playoffs	TBA
November	4	Sat	IAAM Championship	TBA

BOYS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

October	3	Tue	@Boys Latin	5:00
	4	Wed	Spalding	5:15
	10	Tue	Calvert Hall	4:00
	12	Thu	Loyola	4:00
	16	Mon	Mt. Carmel	4:00
	18	Wed	@AACS	4:00
	20	Fri	Towson Catholic	4:00
	23	Mon	@St. Paul's	4:00
	25	Wed	Boys Latin	4:00
	27	Fri	@Spalding	4:00
November	1	Wed	MIAA SEMI-FINALS 4@1 3@2	TBA
	3	Fri	MIAA CHAMPIONSHIPS	TBA

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Coming Soon
SFA Talent Show
Friday,
November 10th
... more details to
follow...

Class Meetings & Elections – Tuesday, October 24, 2006

During the next class meetings, the classes will elect the office of **President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chaplain.**

Encourage your students to run for office. Forms can be picked up from Ms. Ward or the Main Office. All forms are due by **October 11th.**

Campaign Week is October 16th – 20th.



Halloween Costume Contest



On **October 31st**, each student who wants to participate in the Costume Contest may **wear their Halloween costume to school.** The costumes will be judged throughout the day. Costumes must be in good taste. No bloody, inappropriate or mask-only costumes will be allowed. **If you are not in costume, you must wear your uniform.** The class with the most participants will win the spirit points for this activity.



NSBE Jr. Students go to Pittsburgh, PA !!

The MESA / NSBE Jr. members will participate in the National Society of Black Engineers - Region II Fall Regional Conference. The conference this year will be held in Pittsburgh, PA from November 17, 2006 – November 19, 2006.

The regional theme is “Committed to Excellence”. The students will take part in various workshops, lectures, and keynote addresses from some of the most prominent Black leaders in computer science, engineering, and other technical fields.

There will also be both a science design and math competition during the weekend. Additionally, students will be able to participate in a career and technology and a college fair. This is definitely a chance for them to participate in a worthy adventure. The total cost of the trip is \$185. The payment schedule is as follows:

1. Wed, October 11, 2006 - \$50
2. Wed, October 25, 2006 - \$50
3. Wed, November 8, 2006 - \$50
4. Tue, November 14, 2006 - \$35

It's not too late sign-up for MESA / NSBE. We have activities all year long. Interested students should see Ms. Ward ASAP.

COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

Five Years of Frights and Fun...BOO!

We are about to hold our fifth annual Halloween Party and Haunted House in the Community Center of St. Frances Academy. So far, 3,000 children have come through over the last four years. We expect another 1,000 or more this year.

This year we want to make everything "BOFFO!". That is, we want this to be the best party ever. In the Gymnasium, we will have games, refreshments, costume contests, arts and crafts, music, and prizes. Also, for all of our guests, we will have goody bags that will contain a toothbrush with a gentle reminder to brush after consuming large quantities of candy. And of course, we will feature a haunted house in the Multi-purpose Room with the darkness of the room, a fog machine, the perennial visit from a real coffin from March Funeral Homes and scary surprises.

The event is free and open to the public for children 12 years old and under. Children under five years old must be accompanied by an adult. The Halloween Party and Haunted House will take place on Tuesday, October 31st from 5:00 to 8:00 PM in the Community Center and Gymnasium.

After Halloween, we'll start working on the Martin Luther King's birthday holiday and its Day of Service and Self Help for Jobs and Freedom. The fifth annual job fair will take place on January 15, 2007. We can use your help.

Ralph E. Moore, Jr.
Director of the Community Center

School Lunch Entrees Menu for the Month of October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beefaroni	Chicken Nuggets	Fish Filets	Chicken Nuggets	Pizza
Spaghetti and Meat Balls	Chicken Patties	Tuna	Chicken Patties	
Cold Cuts	Turkey BBQ	Grilled Cheese	Turkey BBQ	
Tacos	Deli Turkey		Deli Turkey	
Hamburgers	Macaroni and Cheese		Macaroni and Cheese	

Each day a student receives an entrée, a vegetable (green beans, collard greens, corn, a salad or mixed vegetables), a fruit cup, milk (chocolate, white or strawberry), juice (apple or orange), fresh fruit, and a starch (french fries, potato wedges, or mashed potatoes). Tomato or Vegetable Soup is often available.

COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Counseling Department MPR 8-10 AM GVoIB vs. Friends 4:00 pm Gym BVoIB vs. Spalding 5:15 pm Gym	1 Caroline Center — Medical Terminology MPR 8:00 am-1:00 pm Gym Fashion Show rehearsal 6:30 pm	6 SFA Board of Directors MPR 8:00 am—3:30 PM	7 Peg Prentice Science Advisory Com. 8:30a-12p MPR Caroline Harmon Community Mediation Rm 259 Signature Inc. Fashion Show Gym 9am-9pm
8	9	10 BoysVoIB vs. Calvert Hall 4:00 Gym	1 Counseling Department MPR 8-10 AM FORE Family Safety MPR 5-7 pm Counseling Conf Rm 6-7pm	12 BoysVoIB vs. Loyola 4:00 Gym	1 GirlsVoIB vs. St. Timothy's 4:00 PM Gym	14 Celestine Gibson Baby Shower MPR 5-7 PM ???
15 Marty Wilson B'day party 5:00-9:00 pm MPR	16 BoysVoIB vs. Mt. Carmel 4:00 Gym	17	18 Counseling Department MPR 8-10 AM	19	20 BoysVoIB vs. Towson Catholic 4:00 PM Gym	21
22	1 Mother Lange Retreat with IND in the Gym and MPR all day GirlsVoIB vs. Beth Tfiloh 4:00 PM Gym	24 SALT-Bowles MPR all day	25 Counseling Department MPR 8-10 AM KIT Caroline Center 8:30-1 FORE Family Safety MPR 5-7p BoysVoIB vs. Boys Latin 4:00 PM Gym	26 KIT Caroline Center 8:30 am-1:00 pm Miller Flooring Company cleans the gym floor	27 KIT Caroline Center 8:30 am-1:00 pm Miller Flooring Company cleans the gym floor Lock in— gym	28 Lock in ends Delta Teens 9-1 Rm 259 ? Christopher Place MPR Alum Assoc.
29	30 NSBE sorts candy MPR 3:00-6:00 PM MPR and Gym set up for Halloween 6:30 PM	31 Halloween Party and Haunted House 5-8 PM in the Gym & Community Center		Rev. Truesdale's Church meets in the MPR on Sunday mornings from 8:00 AM to Noon	Ms. Stanley and the STEP Team meet in the MPR Mon-Thur afternoons from 4-5 pm	