



ST. FRANCES ACADEMY

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER *WE CAN, WE WILL, WE MUST!!*

FEBRUARY 2012

**Reclaiming our Identity,
Rebuilding our Culture,
Recommitted to our Legacy**

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“We prayed for enlightenment”

-Mother Mary Lange

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IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Report Card Conferences
and
SPECIAL MANDATORY PARENT MEETING

Parents/Guardians:

Since there are a number of financial changes for the 2012-2013 school year that will affect all St. Frances Academy families, we are requiring one adult family member of the present Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors to attend one of the following mandatory meetings in the Multipurpose Room:

12:30-1:00pm

2:30-3:00pm

6:00-6:30pm

Report card conferences will be held as they normally do from 1pm-6pm. Please remember that if you are not completely up to date with all of your financial obligations to the school you will not receive your student's report card but may still speak to your student's teachers about their progress.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Saint Frances Family:

Whenever Black History Month comes around, we love to say that at St. Frances Academy, we do not simply study Black history; we are Black history!

Almost daily, an individual or a group comes to St. Frances for the first time. They are typically given a tour of the school by a student, a teacher or sometimes me. The tour always includes stops in the Mother Lange Room and Chapel. They get an explanation of the artifacts in the 1st floor hallways and the main lobby. They often comment on the impressive history of our school.

Recently, one visitor made an observation that is worthy of note. Many historic sites boast of the great events that happened there. St. Frances on the other hand can boast of the great things that are STILL happening here. We are a registered historic site but more importantly, our history is still being written.

This February, remember, Black American History cannot be fully told without mention of Mother Lange, the Oblate Sisters and their Academy. And remember, that our story is still unfolding in the personage of the young men and women whom God has entrusted to our care.

In Providence,

Deacon Curtis Turner, Ed.D.
Principal

February Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<u>1</u> <i>Turkey Wrap Carrots Pears Milk</i>	<u>2</u> <i>Cheese Steak Subs Oven Fries Applesauce Milk</i>	<u>3</u> <i>Pizza Green Beans Pineapple Milk</i>
<u>6</u> <i>Hamburger/ Cheeseburger on a Bun Baked Beans Fruit Cocktail Milk</i>	<u>7</u> <i>Chicken Tenders Carrots Pineapples Roll Milk</i>	<u>8</u> <i>Toasted Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Pears Milk</i>	<u>9</u> <i>Fiesta Mac Applesauce Milk</i>	<u>10</u> <i>Pizza Broccoli Peaches Milk</i>
<u>13</u> <i>Cheese Steak Sub Carrots Pears Milk</i>	<u>14</u> <i>Chicken Patty Parmesan Oven Fries Roll Peaches Milk</i>	<u>15</u> <i>Turkey & Cheese Wrap Bakes Beans Applesauce Milk</i>	<u>16</u> <i>Ravioli Salad w/ Romaine lettuce Fruit Cocktail Milk</i>	<u>17</u> <i>Pizza Green Beans Pineapple Milk</i>
<u>20</u> PRESIDENT'S DAY SCHOOLS CLOSED	<u>21</u> <i>Pancakes & sausage Tatar Tots Fruit Cocktail Roll Milk</i>	<u>22</u> <i>Fish Fillet w/Cheese On a Roll Broccoli Pineapples Milk</i>	<u>23</u> <i>Chicken Caesar Salad Dinner Roll Pears Milk</i>	<u>24</u> <i>Pizza Carrot Sticks Peaches Milk</i>
<u>27</u> <i>Meatball Subs Baked Beans Pears Milk</i>	<u>28</u> <i>Chicken Patty On a Roll Corn Diced Peaches Milk</i>	<u>29</u> <i>Toasted Cheese sandwich Tomato Soup Pineapples Milk</i>		<u>"NO MEAT ON FRIDAY'S DURING LENT"</u>

St. Frances Academy Homecoming 2012

"Great Wonders Never End"

Spirit Week:

January 30th – February 3rd 2012

- Mon., Jan 30th **Wacky Tacky Day** - students wear attire that does not match or is backwards
- Tue., Jan 31st **Athletic Day** - students must wear tee-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, or jackets with local, collegiate or professional sport's team name or logo
~Afternoon Assembly for Contests~
- Wed., Feb 1st **No Classes** – Report Card pick up 1pm – 6pm
- *Thu., Feb 2nd **Throw Back Thursday** - all students are asked to wear something from the 60's, 70's, 80's, or 90's.
*School Starts at 8:00am
- Fri., Feb 3rd **Black & Gold Day** - students should wear something black and/or gold. Be creative and decorate your clothes, hair, or face with "Panthers" or SFA symbols.

~ Pep Rally – Team Recognition, Class Contests, & Games ~

***You must wear the appropriate items for each day, or be in uniform.**

Spirit points will be awarded all week for **individual** and **class** participation in all events and attendance at the homecoming games on Friday, February 3rd.

Campus Ministry



Mother Mary Elizabeth Clarisse Lange Born circa 1784 – died February 3, 1882

Mother Mary Lange founded **St. Frances Academy in 1828** and the **Oblate Sisters of Providence in 1829**. She was a courageous, loving and deeply spiritual woman. She came as a strong, independent thinker and doer to Baltimore in 1813. Through Mother Mary and the Oblate Sisters of Providence, thousands upon thousands were educated and evangelized.

Mother Mary Lange practiced faith to an extraordinary degree. In fact, it was her deep faith which enabled her to persevere against all odds. To her Black brothers and sisters, she gave of herself and her material possessions until she was empty of all but Jesus, whom she shared generously with all by being a living witness to his teaching. In close union with her God, she lived through disappointment and opposition until God called her to himself February 3, 1882.

In 1991 William Cardinal Keeler, Archbishop of Baltimore, with the approval of Rome, officially opened formal investigation into her life of union with God and works of charity which could lead to her Canonization as Saint in the Catholic Church. As a school community we celebrate the life of Mother Lange near the anniversary of her death. (<http://oblatesisters.com/MotherLange.html>)

Upcoming Events

February 10th – Mother Lange Prayer Service - 9:55am in SFA Chapel

February 22nd – Ash Wednesday Mass – 9:55 in SFA Chapel

S.I.G.N Community Service Reminder

Students must complete community service each year to graduate from St. Frances. This is service done **outside** of St. Frances. All forms are on the website under Campus Ministry.

Half of the required hours for the year were due by **January 19, 2012.**

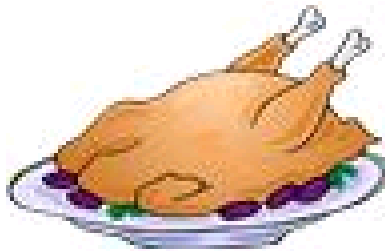
All hours must be complete and forms handed to religion teachers by Monday, May 14th.

Freshman – 10hrs, Sophomores – 20hrs, Juniors – 30hrs, Seniors – 40hrs

Failure to complete S.I.G.N hours results in a failure for Religion.



The Oblate Sisters of Providence Annual Take-Out Chicken Dinner



*Saturday, February 25, 2012
11:00 am-3:00 pm*

Menu

***Fried or Baked Chicken, Potato Salad, String Beans & Rolls
(Beverages and Desserts Sold Separately)***

\$10.00 per dinner

***Place: St. Frances Academy Community Center
501 E. Chase Street, Baltimore, MD 21202***

410-536-5687 or 410-539-5794, ext. 30

A MESSAGE TO PARENTS ABOUT FPP HOURS

Parents/Guardians: If you have performed any FPP hours this year make sure that you get the coordinator of the event to sign an FPP Tracking Slip and turn the signed form into Ms. Drew in the Front Office.

We are in need of parent volunteers for the following events:

- ◆ Parents are needed for Homecoming February 3rd 3-10pm (contact Coach Nick Myles).
- ◆ Parents can provide lunch meat, Gatorades, and fruit for the girls and boys basketball teams before games. Please contact either Coach Nick Myles or Coach Nillion Lambert to be put on the schedule.
- ◆ Parents can provide assistance in the gym with any home basketball games. Please contact Coach Nillion Lambert.
- ◆ Parents may receive 3 FPP hours for donating a case (10 ream) of regular copy paper.
- ◆ Food donations and volunteers needed for SFA Annual **Soul Food Luncheon** in honor of Black History Month on **February 24th**. This is an opportunity for parents to receive their required FPP hours We need to feed 250 people including students, parents and staff who join us on this day. The menu is as follows:

Entrees/Sides:

Fried Chicken	Potato Salad	Collard Greens	Hot Rolls
Baked Chicken	Mac N Cheese	String Beans	Corn Bread
BBQ Chicken	Sweet Potatoes	Sauerkraut	Biscuits
Fried Fish	Rice & Gravy	Corn on the cob	Baked Beans
BBQ Ribs	Mashed Potatoes	Pig Feet	Ham

Desserts

Sweet Potato Pie	Banana Pudding	Rice Pudding	Chocolate Cake	Coconut Cake
Lemon Cake	Lemon Meringue Pie	Apple Pie	Cheese cake	Cookies

Drinks

Juice Soda Water Tea Ice

Paper Goods

22 Tablecloths needed in the colors of red, green, yellow, orange, and brown

8 round 16 long

Festive design for tableware to feed 250 people paper plates, forks, spoon, knives, napkins & cups

Serving Utensils needed also (large spoons, slotted spoons, spatulas, large prong forks, large soup ladle, large cutting knife, cake knife)

Please email Rev. Dorsey directly if you would like to donate for the Soul Food Luncheon
gina.dorsey@sfacademy.org or cell 410-935-0249

FPP Opportunities continued

◆ March 17th ~5pm

Food Donations and volunteers needed for God's Precious Gems Commitment Ceremony
GPG is a Christian Mentoring Group for Young Girls at SFA. This is an opportunity for parents to receive their required FPP hours We need to feed 150 people including students, parents and staff who join us on this day. The menu is as follows:

Entrees/Sides:

Fried Chicken	Potato Salad	Collard Greens	Hot Rolls
Baked Chicken	Mac N Cheese	String Beans	Ham
BBQ Chicken	Sweet Potatoes	Corn on the Cob	Rice & Gravy

Desserts:

Sweet Potato Pie Apple Pie Chocolate Cake Coconut Cake Strawberry Shortcake Cookies
Fresh Fruit Salad

Drinks:

Juice Soda Water Tea Ice

Paper Goods:

22 Tablecloths needed in the colors of purple, green, yellow, and light pink

8 round 16 long

Festive design in the colors of purple, green, yellow, and light pink for tableware to feed 150 people
Forks, spoon, knives, napkins, plates (large & small) & cups

Serving Utensils needed also (large spoons, slotted spoons, spatulas, large prong forks, large soup ladle, large cutting knife, cake knife,

Please email Rev. Dorsey directly if you would like to donate for the God's Precious Gems Commitment Ceremony gina.dorsey@sfacademy.org or cell 410-935-0249.

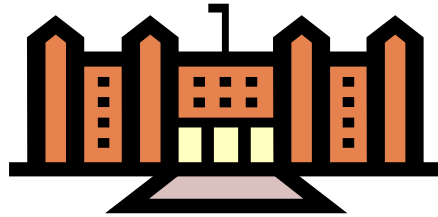
Attention Parents of 9th Graders:

Healthy Me

For all 9th graders that did not complete Healthy Me or played a sport for the first semester they must attend this second section of Healthy Me for the needed PE credit for graduation. The Healthy Me will start on Tuesday February 7 and end May 3. The students must attend every Tuesday and Thursday from 3pm until 4pm.

Mark your calendars...
“College Planning 101”

Mrs. Linda Wilson



PJA Meeting for Junior Parents
Wednesday, March 7, 6 – 7 p.m.
SFA Community Center

Learn All about...
College Planning & the College Admission Process
All Junior Parents should attend...
RSVP to Mrs. Wilson



Name: _____

I will attend _____

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.

Opportunities from the Guidance Office

Young Scholars Program – The University of Maryland College Park invites talented students to maximize their summer and participate in this pre-summer program. The program is open to exceptional high school with exceptional ability and promise to pursue their academic interests, discover career opportunities and explore university life while earning college credit. Qualified students may be eligible for a \$700 scholarship toward the cost of the program. Please email ysp@umd.edu or call 301-405-7762 if you are interested.

The George E. Sonnefeld Foundation, Inc. – has a scholarship for a Senior who plays golf and has an established handicap. Application deadline is March 15. Contact DiLorenzo2@aol.com or 410-841-5670 to apply.

Baltimore Community Foundation – encourages Baltimore students to apply for any of the 16 scholarships they have at www.bcf.org/Scholarships. Applications need to be submitted by April 2.

UMES – It pays to attend UMES! – UMES will give you \$4000 if you meet the financial aid priority deadline of March 1, apply and accept admissions to UMES by March 1, reserve housing and enrollment 101 by March 1 and have a cumulative high school GPA of no less than 2.0, declare a major at the time of application and score 950 on the SAT (CR and M combined). Apply online at www.umes.edu.

Junior Parents – Mark your calendars for the Junior College Parent Night – **Wednesday, March 7, 6 pm in the Multipurpose Room of the Community Center.** *The last newsletter stated that the meeting was on Tuesday, March 13, but that was written in error. *

Senior Parents – Don't forget the FAFSA is due by March 1 if you want to receive financial aid for college - www.fafsa.gov. If you need help filling it out, contact Mrs. Wilson or attend a College Goal Sunday - <http://collegegoalsundaymd.org/locations.htm>.

SAT & ACT DATES 2011-2012

<u>SAT (\$49)</u>	<u>Reg. Deadline</u>	<u>Late (+\$26)</u>
MARCH 10	FEB. 10	FEB. 24
MAY 5	APRIL 6	APRIL 20
JUNE 2	MAY 8	MAY 22

<u>ACT</u>	<u>Reg. Deadline</u>	<u>Late (+\$21)</u>
	(\$34 – No Writing, \$49.50 Plus Writing)	
FEB. 11	JAN. 13	JAN. 20
APRIL 14	MARCH 9	MARCH 23
JUNE 9	MAY 4	MAY 18

ALL TESTS LISTED ABOVE WILL BE ADMINISTERED AT SFA.

SCHOOL CODE:: **210-185.**

WWW.MYSTUDENTEDGE.COM
SCHOOL ACCESS CODE: PKTEMHDQ

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SENIORS NEED TO TAKE BOTH TESTS AND
ALL JUNIORS NEED TO TAKE THE NOV. OR DEC. SAT**

SFA Family please join us
Monday February 13th - 5pm-9pm
Pre-Valentine's Day Family Fun Night Rollerskating Party

Sponsored by The Kingdom Gents & God's Precious Gems Shake & Bake Family Fun Center

Tickets ~ \$10.00
Skate Rental ~ \$3.00

Concession Stand will be open with food & drinks to purchase

Tell Your Family! Tell Your Friends!
To meet us at Shake & Bake for our
Pre-Valentine's Family Fun Night

Tickets can be purchased by any member of The Kingdom Gents or God's Precious Gems

Questions please email or call Rev. Dorsey, Inspirational Advisor
gina.dorsey@sfacademy.org cell 410-935-0249

FROM THE HEALTH SUITE

Stop the Spread of Colds and Flu Germs

This time of year everyone knows someone who has cold or flu symptoms. There are several preventative steps that everyone can take to minimize the spread and hopefully keep yourself and others well.

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Put your used tissue in the waste basket.
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.
- You may be asked to put on a facemask to protect others when visiting the hospital or nursing home. Better yet stay home and talk by phone.

Frequent Hand washing: the single most effective way to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

Frequent and Often Hand Washing Technique

1. Wet your hands with warm running water for at least 20 seconds.
 2. Add soap, then rub your hands together, making a soapy lather. Do this away from the running water for at least 20 seconds, being careful not to wash the lather away. Wash the front and back of your hands, as well as between your fingers and under your nails.
 3. Rinse your hands well under warm running water. Let the water run back into the sink, not down to your elbows.
 4. Dry hands thoroughly with a clean towel. Then turn off the water with a clean paper towel and dispose in a proper receptacle.
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Flu Vaccine is still available in the Health Center

Parents, Grandparents, Guardians
Anyone need help keeping those New Year's Resolutions?
Would you be interested in a Weight Watchers type program?
Contact the Health Center at St Frances 410-528-8747

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Middle States Goal:

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

FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	HOMECOMING WEEK		1 Parent Teacher Conferences 1pm-6pm Mandatory Financial Meetings	2 General Meeting	3 Homecoming Day Mid Year Open House 6pm	4
5 Gold	6	7 Black AIDS Awareness Day	8	9 Councils and Communications Meeting	10 Mother Mary Lange Prayer Service 9:55am 2nd Q Awards NHS Induction	11 ACT
12 Blue	13	14 St. Valentine’s Day	15	16 Athletics Meeting	17	18
19 Gold	20 President’s Day NO SCHOOL	21 3rd Qtr Progress Reports Due March Newsletter submissions due	22 Ash Wednesday Ash Wednesday Mass 9:55am	23 Departments & Communications Meeting	24 Black History Month Program	25
26 Blue	27	28	29 Holocaust Museum Visit			

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 General Meeting	2	3
4 Gold	5 Sophomore Retreat	6	7 Junior Parent's College Meeting	8 Feast of St. Frances of Rome Councils & Communication Meeting	9 Sophomore Pinning	10
11 Blue	12	13	14	15 Athletics 3rd quarter ends	16 Professional Development Day 9am-3pm NO CLASSES	17
18 Gold	19 Quarter 4 begins	20 3rd quarter Grades due April newsletter Submissions due	21	22 Departments and Communications Meeting	23	24
25 Blue	26	27	28 Parent Teacher Conferences 1pm-6pm	29 General meeting	30	31

COMMUNITY CENTER CALENDAR

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1. Varsity Girls Bball vs. Mercy 6:00 PM	2.	3. Varsity Girls Bball vs. Roland Park 5:30 PM	4. Basketball Shoot-out in the Gym 10:00 AM-3:00 PM Gary Brooks &
5. Howard Roberts? Wheel Chair Basketball 12:00 PM-6:00 PM	6. SFA Board meeting 8:00 AM MPR Varsity Girls	7. Canteen Food Services MLK Day Program 10:00 AM-2:00 PM	8. Varsity Girls Bball vs. Spalding 6:00 PM	9.	10. Girls Bball Varsity vs. Severn 6:00 PM	11. Baseball Clinic for Middle School students Gym and MPR 2-5 PM Brian
12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18. Brockbridge Basketball Game 4-8 PM in the Gym
19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25. Oblate Sisters of Providence Chicken Dinner and Rummage Sale 8:00 AM-4:00
26. Bringing Unity to the Community Event in the Gym 3:00-10:00	27.	28.	29.	All of the Boys Basketball Ball games, Varsity and JV will be away in the month of February		

Detroit Tigers & St. Frances Academy

Youth Baseball Clinic

When: Saturday February 11, 2012

This clinic is **FREE** but you must call or email to reserve a spot (Space is limited)

Time: 2:00-5:00 pm

Where: St. Frances Academy-Panthers Gymnasium
501 E. Chase St.
Baltimore, MD. 21202

Who: Middle School Age (11-14)

What to bring:

Baseball Uniform, Tennis Shoes, Bat, Glove, and Hustle

St. Frances Academy Coaching Staff:

Head Coach- Brian Boles (*Detroit Tigers, Scout*)

Assistant Coaches: Marc Boles, Marcellus Boles,
Carey Cheek, Rick Straub

Along with other youth coaches and special guest former Detroit Tiger great, 7- time MLB All-Star, 1968 World Series Champion, **Willie Horton** (*Detroit Tigers, Special Assistant to the President*)



ST. FRANCES ACADEMY BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Principal- *Dr. Curtis Turner* Varsity Head Coach – Nick Myles
 President- Sister John Francis Schilling OSP AD: Nicholas L. Myles
 Assistants-Kevin Bullock-Damon Fisher-Warren Smith

	Date		Opponent	Times
February	3	Friday	Glenelg CS Homecoming	7:30p.m.
	7	Tuesday	@Spalding	7:00 p.m.
	10	Friday	@Loyola	7:00 p.m.
FEBRUARY & March		Post Season Tournament	MIAA (UMBC) BCL (LOYOLA COLLEGE)	TBA

ST. FRANCES ACADEMY JV BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

President: Sr. John Francis Schilling OSP
 Principal- *Dr. Curtis Turner* JV Head Coach – *Juawaun Forrester*
 Assistants– David Jones, Horace Woods

	Date		Opponent	Times
February	3	Friday	Glenelg CS Homecoming	3:45p.m.
	7	Tuesday	@Spalding	5:15 p.m.
	10	Friday	@Loyola	5:15 p.m.
FEBRUARY & March		Post Season Tournament	BCL Tournament	TBA

ST. FRANCES ACADEMY GIRL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

President: *Sr. John Francis Schilling, OSP* Principal: *Dr. Curtis Turner*
 Athletic Director: *Nick Myles* Head Coach: *Jerome Shelton*
 Assistants: *Nillion Lambert, Melba Chambers*

	Date		Opponent	Times
February	1	Wednesday	Mercy	6:00 p.m.
	3	Friday	Roland Park	5:30 p.m.
	6	Monday	Masonville	6:00 p.m.
	8	Wednesday	Spalding	6:00 p.m.
	10	Friday	Severn	6:00 p.m.
	14	Tuesday	IAAM Quarterfinals	TBA
	16	Thursday	IAAM Semi-Finals	TBA
	18	Saturday	IAAM Championship	TBA