



ST. FRANCES ACADEMY

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WE CAN, WE WILL, WE MUST!!

JANUARY 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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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Frances Family:

"Happy New Year" is a common greeting in January. However, it is also an expression of our faith in Christ. Specifically, how remarkable is it that one man could affect the world so much that our entire calendar system is based on his life and ministry? Once, a man who said that he did not believe in Jesus challenged me. Understand, he was not someone struggling with his faith. Rather, he was obstinate in his disbelief and openly hostile to mine. After listening to his faulty arguments about the non-existence of Christ, I casually asked him for the day's date. When he responded, I pointed out that his response was based on the life, death and resurrection of a man that supposedly did not exist.

No one else in human history can claim influence over the direction of the world like Christ. No monarch, president or billionaire will ever again change the world to the point that our entire calendar system would be based on his or her life. Only a truly divine being could do such a thing. Even without faith in Him, the life of Jesus has touched anyone who has dated a check, booked an airline or hotel reservation, disclosed his or her own birthday or simply answered the question, "What is today's date?"

In recent years, some have tried to diminish this undeniable fact. For example, some historians have abandoned the designation "A.D." or "Anno Domini", which means "Year of our Lord" in favor of the secular "C.E." which means "Christian Era." Or "B.C." or "Before Christ" is replaced with "B.C.E." or "Before the Christian Era." Despite these efforts at secularization, our calendar system is STILL based on the life of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A rose by any other name is still a rose. So, as we celebrate the New Year, think about the fact that this may be the one day everyone in the world expresses a belief in Christ, whether they know it or not.

Happy New Year – *New Year of our Lord* that is!

Deacon Curtis Turner, Ed.D.
Principal

Campus Ministry



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Each year, on the third Monday of January, the United States honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968). A prominent leader in the Civil Rights Movement, King was committed to using nonviolent methods to bring an end to racial segregation and racial discrimination. He was assassinated in 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee. King's dedication to achieving equality and brotherhood continues to inspire future generations of Americans.

Upcoming Events

January 10th – Freshmen Retreat at MSGR O'Dwyer Retreat House

Freshmen should report to School by 8:00am in Casual Clothing.

**January 13th – Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Service and Freshmen Commitment
9:55am in Chapel**

January 23rd – Faculty Retreat at the OSP Motherhouse

There will be no classes held on this day.

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 are due by **January 19, 2012**.

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

Please see religion teacher for more information.

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

Financial Aid Workshop!

Tues. Jan. 10 - 6 p.m., 2012

St. Frances Academy

Community Center MPR – Room 152



Come to our Financial Aid workshop, held exclusively for parents of SFA students, who are in search of money to pay for college.

Our financial aid guest will be Ms. Ginny Zawodny, Director of Financial Aid at the Community College of Baltimore County. Ginny is an excellent speaker, has many years of experience and will guide you through the entire process. You will learn about:

- Filling out the FAFSA On the Web
- Grants/Loans/Work Study
- Maryland State aid
- Scholarship opportunities
- ♦ A chance to ask general financial aid and college questions

You can get a head start on this process if you have access to the Internet and an email address by registering for your PIN (personal identification number). Apply for a PIN for both yourself and your student at www.pin.ed.gov. You will receive your PIN fairly quickly via your email.

In order to apply for financial aid (FAFSA), you will need your 2011 federal tax return. If you cannot file your taxes before the workshop, still come to the workshop and bring your W-2s. Ms. Zawodny will be happy to answer your questions about completing the FAFSA form.

Please RSVP to Mrs. Wilson that you will be attending this important seminar: linda.wilson@sfacademy.org or 410-539-5794 x25.

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 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.
- ◆ January 16 will be the 10th annual MLK Job fair. It is an all day event with multiple volunteer opportunities. Doors will open at 6AM. Help will be needed to register job seekers at the entrance, help create e-mail addresses for job seekers, conduct or assist with job readiness classes (resume writing, interview skills, and workplace behaviors), prepare and serve food, child-care, set-up and clean-up, and other general assistance. The event ends at around 4PM with clean-up to follow. Please contact Janet Nunnally at ext. 28 or email janet.nunnally@sfacademy.org.

FROM THE HEALTH SUITE

Happy New Years to one and all! This is a great time to resolve to live healthier. Staff at the Health Center is offering a free program with both information and exercise program. The program could be offered after work hours if there are enough people interested. This could be done with or without your students. Let us know what you think. This time of year, it seems we all know someone who is sick, or are suffering from cold and flu symptoms ourselves. There are several steps that you can do to prevent the spread of germs and diseases. These steps include staying hydrated, getting enough sleep daily, eating properly, and of course, proper hand washing techniques. Of course, even if you follow all the following guidelines, there is still the possibility of getting ill. If you are not feeling well, we are advising that you stay home and treat your symptoms. Do you know the difference between a cold and the flu? Flu shots are still available in the Health Suite. The cost is \$15 or we will bill insurance.

Symptom	Cold	Flu
Fever	Rare	102-104 lasting for 3-4 days
Headache	Rare	Prominent
General Aches and Pains	Slight	Usual, often severe
Fatigue	Quite mild	Can lasts up to 2-3 weeks
Stuffy nose	Common	Sometimes
Sneezing, sore throat	Common	Sometimes
Coughing	Mild to moderate, hacking cough	Common, can become severe
Complications	Sinus congestion, earache	Bronchitis, pneumonia
Prevention	None	Annual vaccination

SAT & ACT Dates 2011-2012

SAT (\$49)

Dec. 3
Jan. 28
March 10
May 5
June 2

Reg. Deadline

Nov. 8
dec. 30
feb. 10
april 6
may 8

Late (+\$26)

Nov. 20
jan. 13
feb. 24
april 20
may 22

ACT

Reg. Deadline
(\$34 – No Writing, \$49.50 Plus Writing)

Dec. 10
Feb. 11
April 14
June 9

nov. 4
jan. 13
march 9
may 4

Late (+\$21)

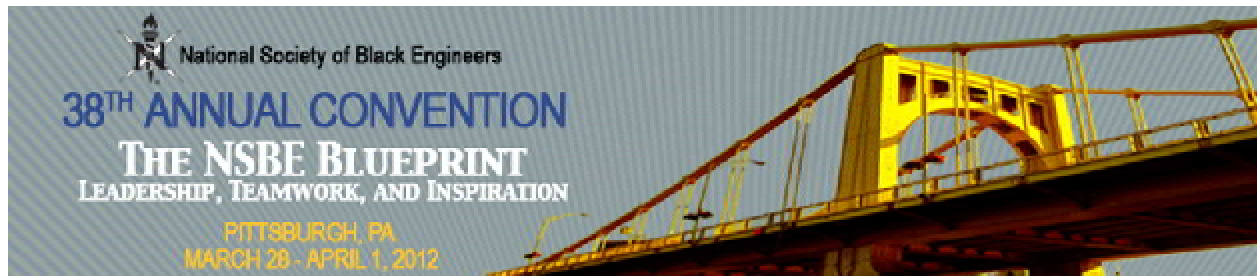
nov. 18
jan. 20
march 23
may 18

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



NSBE Jr. Students will go to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for 38th Annual Convention

The NSBE Jr. members will participate in the **National Society of Black Engineers 38th Annual Convention**. The convention will be held this year in **Pittsburgh, PA** from **March 28th to April 1st, 2012**. This year's theme is *"The NSBE Blueprint: Leadership, Teamwork, and Inspiration."* The students will take part in various workshops, lectures, and keynote addresses from some of the most prominent Black leaders in the computer science, engineering, and other technical fields. There will also be various math and engineering design competitions during the convention weekend. In addition, students will have the opportunity to tour local universities, companies, and science centers. Finally, the students will attend Pre-College Initiative Exposition in which they will see demonstrations of the latest technology. Your child's participation will be very beneficial to them.

The total cost of this trip is **\$275.00**. This includes **registration, transportation, and hotel accommodations**. All meals will be provided by the convention organizers. **The payment schedule is as follows: (See Mrs. Brown for more information)**

1. *Friday, December 16, 2011—\$60
2. Tuesday, January 10, 2012—\$60
3. Tuesday, February 7, 2012—\$60
4. Tuesday, March 6, 2012—\$60
5. Tuesday, March 20, 2012—\$35

***Deposit is non-refundable**

Fundraising will be conducted to help with the cost of the conference. Total expenses may be reduced.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Middle States Goal:

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

JANUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Blue	2 SCHOOL CLOSED	3 SCHOOL RESUMES	4	5 General Meeting	6	7
8 Gold	9	10 Freshmen Retreat 6pm Financial Aid Workshop	11	12 Councils and Communication	13 2nd quarter and 1st semester ends MLK Prayer Service and Freshmen Commitment	14
15 Blue	16 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17 Mid Term Exams	18 Mid Term Exams	19 Athletic Meeting Mid Term Exams	20 Professional Development Day 9am-3pm NO CLASSES	21
22 Gold	23 Faculty Mid Year Retreat NO CLASSES	24 2nd quarter and 1st semester grades are due Q3 begins Feb. newsletter submissions due	25	26 Departments and Communication Meeting	27 Freshmen Event	28 SAT
29 Blue	30	31				

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Homecoming Week		1 Parent Teacher Conferences 1pm-6pm	2 General Meeting	3 Homecoming Day Mid Year Open House 6pm	4
5 Gold	6	7 Black AIDS Awareness Day	8	9 Councils and Communication Meeting	10 Mother Mary Lange Prayer Service 2nd Quarter 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 quarter Progress Reports Due March Newsletter submissions due	22 Ash Wednesday	23 Departments and Communications	24 Black History Month Program	25
26 Blue	27	28	29 Holocaust Museum Visit			

COMMUNITY CENTER CALENDAR

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day 2012!	2	3 St. Frances Academy and After School Program resume Boys JV Bball @ Gleneig, CS 5:15	4 Girls Varsity Bball @ Mercy 6:00 PM	5	6 Boys JV vs. Spalding 5:15 PM Varsity Boys at 7:00 PM Girls Varsity Bball @ Roland Park	7
8	9 Girls Varsity Bball vs. Seton Keough 6:00 PM	10 MPR Ms. Linda Wilson Parent Financial Aid Workshop 6:00 PM Boys JV Bball vs. Loyola 5:15 PM Varsity Boys at 7:00	11 Girls Varsity Bball @ Spalding 6:00 PM	12	13 Boys JV Bball vs. Calvert Hall 5:15 PM Varsity Boys at 7:00 PM Girls Varsity Bball @ Pallotti 6:00	14
15	16 MLK Birthday HOLIDAY JOB FAIR (all day in the Community)	17	18 Boys JV Bball @Mt. Carmel 4:00 PM Varsity Boys at 6:00 PM	19 Girls Varsity Bball vs. Joppatowne 6:00 PM	20 Boys JV Bball vs. MSJ 5:15 PM Varsity Boys at 7:00 PM	21
22	23 Girls Varsity Bball vs. McDonogh 6:00 PM	24 Boys JV Bball vs. John Carroll Varsity Boys at 7:00 PM	25 Girls Varsity Bball at Severn 6:00 PM	26 11:30-1:30 PM Key Club & Kiwanas Lunch in MPR with Ms. Linda Wilson	27 Boys JV Bball at Maria Goretti 5:15 PM Varsity Boys at 7:00 PM Girls Varsity Bball @Seton Keough 6:00 PM	28
29	30 Girls Varsity Bball vs. Coppin Academy 5:00 PM	31 Boys JV Bball at McDonogh 4:00 PM Varsity Boys 6:00 PM				

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
January	3	Tuesday	@Glenelg CS	7:00 p.m.
	6	Friday	Spalding	7:00p.m.
	10	Tuesday	Loyola	7:00 p.m.
	13	Friday	Calvert Hall	7:00 p.m.
	18	Wednesday	@Mt. Carmel	6:00p.m.
	20	Friday	MSJ	7:00p.m.
	24	Tuesday	John Carroll	7:00p.m.
	27	Friday	@St. Maria Goretti	7:00 p.m.
	28	Saturday	Baltimore City Mayor's Academy	
	31	Tuesday	@McDonogh	6:00 p.m.
February	3	Friday	Glenelg CS Homecoming	7:30p.m.
	7	Tuesday	@Spalding	7:00 p.m.
	10	Friday	@Loyola	7:00 p.m.
FEBUARY & 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
January	3	Tuesday	@Glenelg CS	5:15p.m.
	6	Friday	Spalding	5:15p.m.
	10	Tuesday	Loyola	5:15 p.m.
	13	Friday	Calvert Hall	5:15 p.m.
	18	Wednesday	@Mt. Carmel	4:00p.m.
	20	Friday	MSJ	5:15p.m.
	24	Tuesday	John Carroll	5:15p.m.
	27	Friday	@St. Maria Goretti	5:15 p.m.
	31	Tuesday	@McDonogh	4:00 p.m.
February	3	Friday	Glenelg CS Homecoming	3:45p.m.
	7	Tuesday	@Spalding	5:15 p.m.
	10	Friday	@Loyola	5:15 p.m.
FEBUARY & March		Post Season Tournament	BCL Tournament	TBA



st. Frances Academy GIRL Basketball - 2011 -2012 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
January	4	Wednesday	@Mercy	6:00 p.m.
	6	Friday	@Roland Park	6:00 p.m.
	9	Monday	Seton Keough	6:00 p.m.
	11	Wednesday	@Spalding	6:00 p.m.
	13	Friday	@Pallotti	6:00 p.m.
	19	Thursday	Joppatowne	6:00 p.m.
	23	Monday	McDonogh	6:00 p.m.
	25	Wednesday	@Severn	6:00 p.m.
	27	Friday	@Seton Keough	6:00 p.m.
	30	Monday	Coppin Academy	5:00 p.m.
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

FROM THE TUITION OFFICE

Please remember that your tuition payments are due between
the 20th and 30th
of each month or they would be considered late.