



ST. FRANCES ACADEMY

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WE CAN, WE WILL, WE MUST!!

DECEMBER 2011

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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Upcoming Events

November 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent

November 30 - Junior Retreat

December 8th - Junior Ring Ceremony

December 9th - Junior Ring Dance

December 14th - Advent Prayer Service

December 16th - Noon Dismissal

December 19-January 2nd Christmas Break



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Frances Family:

Christmas is approaching. We are about to celebrate the moment when our God became the Incarnate Word. Next to the Resurrection at Easter, it is the most important event in the history of our salvation. We often celebrate the coming of the King of Kings without reflecting on the fact that Christ humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Christ humbled himself as an example to us. Christ said, "Whoever humbles himself shall be exalted." - Matthew 23:12. The Letter of James teaches us, "Humble yourselves before the Lord and you will be lifted up." James 4:10. The First Letter of Peter reminds us that "God opposes the proud but bestows favor on the humble." 1 Peter 5:5.

Frankly, it is hard to be humble when you are associated with St. Frances Academy. We are just so very good at the many things we do. We excel in the classroom, in athletics and in our service to the Church and its people. We are a faith-filled community and the Holy Spirit of God guides all of our decisions. Many people try to knock us down, spread false rumors about us and even make unjust decisions knowing that it may adversely affect our school. And in the face of such evil, we always seem to prevail.

I submit to you that it is our humility before the Lord that empowers us. Personally, when I am having a bad day, it is usually because I forgot Jesus is really the principal of St. Frances Academy. On those bad days, I realized that I tried to run the school myself rather than allowing God to run the school through me. Therefore, I admonish you all to allow Christ to be the head of your household, allow Him to be your accountant, allow Him to be your physician and allow Him to be your boss. He humbled Himself for our sake; let's return the favor.

Merry Christmas!

In God's Providence,

Deacon Curtis Turner, Ed.D.
Principal



Campus Ministry



Advent

The first Sunday of Advent starts, November 27, 2011. Advent is a time of preparation as we eagerly wait in joyful hope the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Advent celebrates the threefold coming of the Lord: his birth in Advent cannot be prepared or celebrated in isolation from Christmas. Nor can Christmas be separated from the Paschal Mystery, whose apex is the Triduum. The interrelated nature of the seasons safeguards us against play-acting salvation history. Our rituals are not nostalgia, but a spiral through which "the church unfolds the entire mystery of Christ" (GNLYC 1). The liturgy then, actualizes the past in the present, to bring about the future.

Each Monday we will light a new candle on our advent wreath representing the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love of this season as we remember the first coming and await the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Upcoming Events

November 30th – Junior Retreat @ MSGR O'Dwyer Retreat House 8:30a – 2:30p

December 8th – Junior Ring Ceremony /

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please come out and help us celebrate as the Class of 2013 receives their class rings.

We will start promptly at 9:55am in the Chapel

December 14th – Advent Prayer Service – 9:55am in Chapel

S.I.G.N Community Service Reminder

Students must complete community service each year to graduate. This is service done outside of St. Frances. All forms as well as service opportunities 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, Senior – 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.



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE WINNERS OF THE
MIAA “C” CONFERENCE
FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP-
SAINT FRANCES PANTHERS!!**

Friday, November 18th the Saint Frances Panthers defeated Severn School, 44-17, to win the MIAA C Conference crown at Towson University’s Unitas Stadium. Way to go Panthers!!

To see the full story go to www.varsitysportsnetwork.com and search MIAA football championship.

GO PANTHERS!!!



DECEMBER LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Meatball Subs Oven Fries, Applesauce, Roll, Milk	2 Pizza, Carrots and Celery, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
5 Hamburger/ Cheeseburger, Baked Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Milk	6 Chicken Tenders, Green Beans, Pineapples, Roll, Milk	7 Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Pears, Milk	8 Ravioli, Tossed Salad, Apple Sauce, Roll, Milk	9 Pizza, Corn, Peaches, Milk
12 Cheese Steak Sub, Corn, Mixed Fruit, Milk	13 Turkey Wrap, Carrots, Pears, Milk	14 Chicken Patty Parmesan, Oven Fries (with sauce), Roll, Peaches, Milk	15 Fiesta Mac, Applesauce, Milk	16 Pizza, Green Beans, Pineapple, Milk
19 <i>Christmas Break</i>	20 <i>Christmas Break</i>	21 <i>Christmas Break</i>	22 <i>Christmas Break</i>	23 <i>Christmas Break</i>
26 <i>Christmas Break</i>	27 <i>Christmas Break</i>	28 <i>Christmas Break</i>	29 <i>Christmas Break</i>	30 <i>Christmas Break</i>

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 Nick Myles or Nillion Lambert to be put on the schedule.
- ◆ Parents are needed December 9th-11th to assist with the Basketball Tournament at St. Frances. We need help working in the kitchen and assisting in the gym. Contact Coach Lambert.
- ◆ Parents can provide assistance in the gym with any home basketball games. Please contact Coach 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@sacademy.org.

FROM THE SCHOOL BASED HEALTH SUITE

The Healthy Me Program is continuing. Last week students in the program went to Oregon Ridge for a hike after a special lunch together in the cafeteria. The group had fun and it was a welcome change.

Not that every week will be an outing, but coming this week is a trip have a Zumba class. A friend of Ms Foster's has generously provided this program for free.

By the time the class resumes after Thanksgiving, much of our new equipment will be here. Look to see students and staff with pedometers to measure their activity! 1000 steps per day is the goal.

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.

SAT & ACT Dates 2011-2012

<u>SAT (\$49)</u>	<u>Reg. Deadline</u>	<u>Late (+\$26)</u>
Dec. 3	Nov. 8	Nov. 20
Jan. 28	dec. 30	jan. 13
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)	
Dec. 10	nov. 4	nov. 18
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

Opportunities

Coppin State University – Open House – Friday, Dec. 2 – Any Junior or Senior with a 2.5+ GPA may sign up with Mrs. Wilson to attend. Limited to 13 students.

World AIDS Day – At Coppin State University. CAPS students will participating in this community service event and participating in a human red ribbon, symbolizing awareness of HIV.

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.

Junior Parents – Mark your calendars for the Junior College Parent Night – Tuesday, March 13, 6 pm in the Multipurpose Room of the Community Center.

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 General meeting Junior Ring Mass Practice 8:00am	2 Junior Retreat	3 High School Placement Test SAT
4 Blue	5 Junior Ring Mass Practice	6 Junior Ring Mass Practice	7 Junior Ring Mass Practice	8 Council and Communication Feast of the Immaculate Conception Jr. Ring Mass	9 Junior Ring Dance	10 ACT
11 Gold	12	13 January Newsletter Submissions Due	14	15 Athletics Mtg. Advent Prayer Service Comm. Center Christmas Party	16 Noon Dismissal	17
18	19 <i>Christmas Break</i>	20 <i>Christmas Break</i>	21 <i>Christmas Break</i>	22 <i>Christmas Break</i>	23 <i>Christmas Break</i>	24
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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Blue	2 <i>New Year's Holiday</i> NO SCHOOL	3 SCHOOL RESUMES	4	5 General Meeting	6	7
8 Gold	9	10 Freshmen Retreat 6pm Financial Aid Workshop	11	12 Councils and Communication Meeting	13 2nd qtr and 1st semester Ends MLK Prayer Service and Freshmen Commitment	14
15 Blue	16 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Day of Service	17 Mid Term Exams	18 Mid Term Exams	19 Athletics Mtg Mid Term Exams	20 Professional Development Day 9am-3pm NO CLASSES	21
22 Gold	23 Faculty Mid Year Retreat NO CLASSES	24 2nd Qtr and 1st semester grades are due Q3 begins	25	26 Departments and Communications Mtg	27 Freshmen Event	28 SAT
29 Blue	30	31				

COMMUNITY CENTER CALENDAR

December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 JV Bball @ Calvert Hall 5:15 PM Varsity Boys @ Calvert Hall	3 Football Banquet in the MPR/ Gym? 4:00 PM
4	5 JV Boys Bball @ Bluford, Drew, Jemison 5:00 PM Girls Varsity Bball vs. Arundel 7:00 PM	6 JV Boys Bball vs. Mt. Carmel 5:15 PM Varsity Boys at 7:00 PM vs. Mt. Carmel	7	8	9 JV Boys Bball @ Mount St. Joe 5:15 PM Girls Varsity Bball @ McDonogh 6:00 PM Boys Varsity@MSJ 7:00	10 Bluford, Drew Jemison JV Invitational 4:00 PM
11 Girls Varsity Bball Breezy Bishop Classic @Western Time TBA	12	13	14 JV Boys Bball @ John Carroll 5:15 PM Varsity Boys @ John Carroll at 7:00 PM	15	16 JV Boys Bball vs. St. Maria Goretti 5:15 PM Boys Varsity Bball vs. Maria Goretti 7:00 PM	17 JV Boys Bball vs. Montrose Christian 2:00 PM
18	19	20 JV Boys Bball vs McDonogh 5:15 PM Boys Varsity Bball at McDonogh 7:00 PM	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas Day 	26 Kwanzaa begins today: Umoja!	27	28	29	30	31



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
December	2	Friday	@Calvert Hall	7:00p.m.
	6	Tuesday	Mt. Carmel	7:00 p.m.
	9	Friday	@MSJ	7:00p.m.
	10	Saturday	UA Invitational@ St.Frances	7:00 p.m.
	14	Wednesday	@ John Carroll	7:00p.m.
	16	Friday	St. Maria Goretti	7:00p.m.
	17	Saturday	I95 Elite High school Challenge @ Towson	
	20	Tuesday	McDonogh	7:00p.m.
	27	Tuesday	@St. Benedicts Prep, NJ	7:00p.m.
	28-30		Christmas Tournament Lincoln High school NY	
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
December	2	Friday	@Calvert Hall	5:15p.m.
	5	Monday	@Blueford Drew Jemison	5:00p.m.
	6	Tuesday	Mt. Carmel	5:15p.m.
	9	Friday	@MSJ	5:15p.m.
	10	Saturday	Blueford Drew Jemison JV Invitational	4:00 p.m.
	14	Wednesday	@ John Carroll	5:15p.m.
	16	Friday	St. Maria Goretti	5:15p.m.
	17	Saturday	Montrose Christian	2:00p.m.
	20	Tuesday	McDonogh	5:15p.m.
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.
FEBRUARY & 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
December	3	Saturday	IAAM/WCAC Challenge @Spalding	TBA
	5	Monday	Arundel	7:00 p.m.
	7	Wednesday	Pallotti	6:00 p.m.
	9	Friday	@McDonogh	6:00 p.m.
	11	Sunday	Breezy Bishop Classic @Western	TBA
	16-17	Fri-Sat	Festival of Phoenix Tournament (NJ)	TBA
	28-30	Wed-Fri	Boo Williams Christmas Tournament (VA)	TBA
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