



ST. FRANCES ACADEMY

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WE CAN, WE WILL, WE MUST!!

OCTOBER 2011

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

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*"Do all you can
for the Glory
and Honor of
God"*

-Mother Mary Lange

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Frances Family,

A recent visitor to our school commented that we have some of the most polite and welcoming students he had ever encountered. When I pressed him to comment further, he pointed out that virtually each student in the hallways greeted him with a "good morning", held the door for him or even simply smiled as he passed. Furthermore, he is a frequent visitor to schools and he reminded me of how rare it is to find such courtesies among teenagers.

Frankly, having students welcome visitors into our school is something I have taken for granted. However, I am occasionally reminded that hospitality is an important part of our school's history and an even more important part of the life of the Oblate Sisters of Providence. It is especially gratifying to know that among the many legacies Mother Lange has passed on to us, the gift of good manners lives on at St. Frances.

St. Frances Academy has a long history of educational excellence. Our academic reputation is hard-earned and long-established. However, it is our ability to train our students to be ladies and gentlemen as well as scholars that distinguishes us from many of our counterparts.

As we continue with the routine of the school year, let us pray that our young people will further develop their academic skills, their faith in God and even their manners!
In God's Providence,

Deacon Curtis Turner, Ed.D.
Principal

Middle States Goals:
Improving Student Academic Performance
and
Student Discipline

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT AND PRINCIPAL

September 29, 2011

Dear St. Frances Family:

This week we were deeply saddened to learn of the tragic death of Mr. Keith Parker. Until very recently, Mr. Parker was the cafeteria manager at St. Frances. He was the victim of a violent crime in Northwest Baltimore.

During his employment, Mr. Parker interacted daily with virtually every member of the school community. Our students were particularly fond of him. Needless to say, this tragedy has significantly impacted our students and staff.

Wednesday, we had a prayer service for Mr. Parker. The date of his funeral has not yet been determined but we will notify the school community as soon as that information becomes available. Additionally, we anticipate that the funeral will be here on our campus. Therefore, we plan to close the school on the day of his funeral so that the community can focus its attention on our mourning and healing.

Finally, Mr. Parker's death has been covered by the local media. The details surrounding his death are being investigated. If you have any questions or concerns please direct your questions to curtis.turner@sfacademy.org.

Please keep Mr. Parker and his family in your prayers and continue to pray for peace in our city and communities everywhere.

May Mr. Parker rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him!

In God's Providence,

Sr. John Francis Schilling, OSP
President

Deacon Curtis Turner, Ed.D.
Principal

Free Money for College & Other Opportunities!!

St. Frances Academy Guidance - Are you searching for money to pay for college? A great first place to begin your search is on our website, <http://www.sfacademy.org/Guidance.aspx>, where you will find many opportunities to apply for free money for college.

My Student Edge – Your one-stop shop for scholarships, college searches, FREE customized SAT/ACT prep, and creating your resume. Set up your account, <http://www.mystudentedge.com>. Get customized access to thousands of scholarships through this website, and much more....!

Engineering Scholarships through SAE International- If you are a Senior and intend to major in Engineering, you should apply for this scholarship. Scholarship values range from \$400 to full scholarships. Application deadline is Dec. 15. <http://www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm>.

Coca-Cola Scholars Program – An achievement-based scholarship open to seniors with a cumulative of 3.0 GPA at the end of the Junior year. Top award is \$20,000 for all four years in college! Applications must be received by October 31. Go to <http://www.coca-colascholars.org/>.

Win a \$1000 scholarship at <http://www.ecampustours.com/>. Register online.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Voices of Democracy Scholarship – This is speech/essay competition open to 9 – 12 grade students. Scholarships are valued from \$1000 - \$30,000. Students will draft their essay around the theme “Is there Pride in Serving in our Military?” and record a three minute speech on a CD. Visit <http://www.vfw.org/Community/Programs/>. Deadline for the competition is Nov. 1, 2011.

Council for America's First Freedom Competition – a national essay and video contest open to 9th - 12th graders. Students examine the First Amendment and the history and relevance of religious freedom in America and the world today. The essay will address the question: "Is the free exercise of religion adequately protected in America's public schools today?" <http://competition.firstfreedomcenter.org/programs/studentcomp.html>. Registration Deadline is Nov. 14, 2011.

Prudential's Spirit of Community Award honors students for volunteer service work that they have done to make their communities a better place. Deadline is Nov. 1. It is open to all high school students. <http://www.prudential.com/spirit>.

Wendy's High School Heisman – Recognizing Senior Student-Athletes for their achievement in academics, athletics and student leadership. Winners will also be helping their school receive money in honor of their achievements. Students must complete and submit their applications by Oct. 2. <http://wendysheisman.com>.

Fire – 3rd Annual “Freedom in Academia” Student Essay Contest. Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) invites Seniors to write an in-depth essay explaining why free speech and the First Amendment rights are crucial to higher education and how abuses of these rights harm the college experience. Scholarships range from \$1000 - \$5000. Final day to submit is Nov. 5, 2011.

St. Frances Academy

Student Activities

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 is a list of clubs we will offer this year.

2011-2012 CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Student Government Association (SGA)

Thursday 3:15-4:15pm

B.L.E.W.S.

Various Dates During School Day

C.A.P.S. Pre-nursing program

Varies

Choir

Engineers

Mon & Wed 3:00-4:00pm

College Life

Tues & Thurs 3:00-4:00pm

God's Precious Gems

Tues & Thurs 3:00-4:30pm

Healthy Me

Tues & Thur 3:00-4:15 pm

Hebrew Club

Thursdays 3:00-4:00pm

Key Club

Wednesday 3:00-4:00pm

Kingdom Gents

Wednesday 3:00-4:30pm
2:50PM

Knit and Crochet Club

Mon and Wed 3:00-4:00pm

Liturgical Dancers

Friday 3:00-4:30PM

National Honor Society

Once a Month 3:00-4:00pm

NSBE Jr. –National Society of Black

Tuesday 3:00-4:00pm

Peer Ministry

Every other Monday 3:15-4:00pm

Prom Committee

Various days during 2nd & 3rd quarter

SAT Prep

TBD

Student Ambassadors

Varies

Travel Club

Thursday 3:05-3:45pm

Yearbook

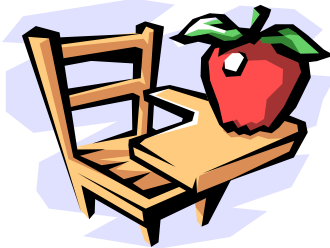
Mon & Fri 3:00-4:00pm and Thurs 2:10-

Come to....
Applying to College

For Senior Parents

And any other parents who wish to attend.

Mrs. Wilson will be presenting.



Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011 6 - 7 p.m.
SFA Community Center, Room 152

Get your questions answered about...
applying to college, filling out applications,
& paying for college.

All Senior parents should attend!

RSVP please!

Mrs. Wilson, 410-539-5794 x25 or
linda.wilson@sfacademy.org.

SAT & ACT Dates 2011-2012

<u>SAT (\$49)</u>	<u>Reg. Deadline</u>	<u>Late (+\$26)</u>
Oct. 1	Sept. 9	Sept. 21
Nov. 5	Oct. 7	Oct. 21
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)		
Sept. 10	Aug. 12	Aug. 26
Oct. 22	sept. 16	Sept. 30
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

Senior Activities

Mandatory Overnight Retreat

October 10-11

October is a very busy month for the Class of 2012. Seniors will have a **mandatory overnight retreat October 10-11** at the New Windsor Conference Center in New Windsor, Maryland. SFA staff and teachers will serve as chaperones. The retreat is designed to bring the class together in a spiritual setting and help them prepare for the Senior Inauguration. Students are to bring their own toiletries (wash clothes, towels, soap, tooth paste, deodorant, etc.) and bedding (sleeping bag, pillows, sheets, comforter, teddy bears, etc.). We will depart SFA Monday, October 10 at 8:00 am and return Tuesday, October 11 at 3:00 pm. Students are not required to be uniform during the retreat. Electronic devices and things of value should not be brought to retreat. St. Frances Academy is not responsible for loss, damage or theft of these items. School rules as it relates to discipline are strictly enforced during the retreat as well as travel to and from the retreat site.

Senior Inauguration

October 14

Senior Inauguration is Friday, October 14 at 12:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Senior Inauguration is a time to celebrate students becoming seniors and their accomplishments up until this point in their matriculation. Class officers will be installed and seniors will officially take the leadership of the school. Seniors are out of uniform for this day and need to arrive to school by 12 noon. Seniors should be dressed in "Sunday Best" attire. Jeans and tennis shoes of any kind or color are not allowed. Tight fitting clothing or anything that has holes or exposes the chest or back is not acceptable. No leggings are allowed. Family and friends are invited.

October Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Cheese Steak Sub, corn, mixed fruit, milk	4 chicken patty on a bun, baked beans, applesauce, milk	5 fiesta mac & cheese, green beans, pears, milk	6 Lasagna, tossed salad w/romaine lettuce, fresh apple, roll, milk	7 pizza, French fries, fruit cocktail, milk
10 meatball "N" gravy, green beans, applesauce, roll, milk	11 chicken tenders, steamed broccoli, pineapple, roll, milk	12 turkey salad wrap, sweet potatoes, pears, milk	13 Pancakes "N" Sausage, oven fries, fresh oranges, milk	14 pizza, green beans, peaches, milk
17 ham and cheese sandwich, carrots, peaches, milk	18 turkey w/gravy, mashed potatoes, fruit cocktail, roll, milk	19 toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, pears, milk	20 grilled chicken, Caesar salad, applesauce, roll, milk	21 pizza, green beans, pineapple, milk
24 hamburger/ cheeseburger on a bun, beaked beans, fruit cocktail, milk	25 chicken nuggets, broccoli, peaches, roll, milk	26 macaroni and cheese, steamed carrots, pineapple tidbits, milk	27 ravioli, carrots and celery, fresh apple, roll, milk	28 pizza, tossed salad w/romaine lettuce, pears, milk
31 No classes				

FROM THE SCHOOL BASED HEALTH SUITE

The Health Suite serves the community as well as the students. If you need a medical home or know someone who does, refer them to our clinic. We accept all insurances or have a sliding scale for those uninsured. We will also help those who qualify to obtain insurance.

Immunizations are the way we take care of ourselves and our children. All St Frances students must be fully immunized to remain in school. Students who are missing immunizations have been notified. There is a short grace period to get the reports to the health suite. A startling story below shows you why immunizations are important.

DuBose, Standing On Her Own Virginia Tech Student Rebounds After Losing Arms and Legs to Illness

The above is a headline from the Washington Post about Rayna DuBose, an 18 year old Maryland resident and basketball player who was not immunized against meningitis and found herself unable to move in her dorm room at Virginia Tech. Her roommate and another team mate carried her to the hospital. Ninety-six days later she was discharged from the hospital to a rehab facility, but without arms and legs.

What Is Meningitis

Meningococcal meningitis, a form of meningococcal disease, is a serious bacterial infection. Unlike viral meningitis, it can potentially kill an otherwise healthy young person within 1 day after the first symptoms appear.

Meningococcal disease can be difficult to recognize, especially in its early stages because meningitis symptoms are similar to those of more common viral illnesses. But unlike more common illnesses, meningococcal disease can cause death or disability within just 1 day.

Many of the people who survive meningococcal meningitis can be left with serious medical problems that may include amputation of limbs, fingers, or toes, severe scarring, brain damage, hearing loss, kidney damage, and psychological problems.

Who's at Risk for Meningitis

Even people who are usually healthy can get meningitis. However, data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have shown that the risk of getting meningitis increases in teens and young adults: <http://www.healthline.com/health-experts/outdoor-medicine/meningococcus-vaccine-update>

Sport Physicals

All students must be cleared to play sports for St Frances by the Health Suite. This may be done in one of two ways. Either obtain a physical from the practitioner in the health suite or from your own doctor or clinic. If you choose your own doctor or clinic, you must send the clearance report to our Health Suite. Fax number is 410-528-8747.

Congratulations to the Football team! All team members were cleared.

Exciting Happenings

Two new programs are being offered from the Health Suite:

The first is **Healthy Me**, a program for 9th graders for their PE credit. Half hour devoted to healthy eating and half to fun exercises including Dance, Dance Revolution. More details to follow. Program to start in October.

Reality Works, a program that provides young women and men with a life like experience of caring for an infant. Many 9th graders are involved in this program in Sisters, Sisters, but now 10 thru 12 graders may participate after school in this program. Details to follow.

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
2 Gold	3	4 Class Meetings	5	6 General Mtg Senior Inauguration Practice 8:00	7 Senior Inauguration Practice 3:00	8
9 Blue	10 Senior Retreat	11 Senior Retreat	12 National Test Day 8:00-12:00 1st qtr progress Reports due	13 Departments and Communication Senior Inauguration Practice 8:00	14 Senior Inauguration 12:30	15
16 Gold	17	18 November Newsletter submissions due	19	20 Athletics Mtg	21	22 ACT
23 Blue	24	25 ID Picture and Senior Portrait Make Up Day	26	27 Councils and Communication Mtg	28 1st Quarter Ends	29
30 Gold	31 Comm. Center Halloween Event Prof. Dev. Day No classes					

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Qtr 2 begins Class meetings 1st Qtr grades due	2 All Souls Day Prayer Service 9:30am	3 General Meeting	4	5 SAT
6 Blue	7	8	9 Parent Teacher Conferences 1pm-6pm No classes	10 Departments and Communication Meeting	11 Pastors and Principals Breakfast Open House Midnight Madness No Classes	12
13 Gold	14	15 December newsletter Submissions due	16	17 Athletics	18	19
20 Blue	21	22 Thanksgiving Prayer Service and 1st Quarter Awards	23 Noon Dismissal	24 Thanksgiving	25 Thanksgiving Holiday No Classes	26
27 Gold	28 School Resumes	29 2nd quarter Progress Reports due	30			

COMMUNITY CENTER CALENDAR

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5-10 PM (Lambert) Gym
2	3	4	5	6 11:15 AM-1:00 PM (Quabili) MPR 5-10 PM (Lambert)	7 5-10 PM (Lambert)	8 8:00 AM- 3:00 PM (Sister Brenda Motte) New Item Sale
9	10	11 6:30 PM (L. Wilson) Parents meeting	12	13 5-10 PM (Lambert) Gym	14 5-10 PM (Lambert) Gym	15 4:00-8:00 PM MPR (Kim Speaks)
16	17	18	19	20 5-10 PM (Lambert) Gym	21 5-10 PM (Lambert) Gym	22
23	24	25	26	27 5-10 PM (Lambert) Gym	28 5-10 PM (Lambert) Gym	29
30	31 10th Annual Frightening Halloween Party, Haunted House, Hayrides and Blood Drive in Community Center & Cafeteria 5:00-8:00 PM					



St. Frances Academy Varsity Tennis Schedule

Principal- Dr. Curtis Turner Varsity Head Coach – Melvin Vines
President- Sister John Francis Schilling OSP AD: Nicholas L. Myles

	Date		Opponent	Times
October	4	Thursday	@Friends	3:45p.m.
	11	Tuesday	@Baltimore Lutheran	3:45p.m.
	18	Tuesday	Quarter-finals	3:45p.m.
	19	Wednesday	Semi-finals	3:45p.m.
	21	Friday	2011 IAAM Tennis Championship	T.B.A

***** PLEASE NOTE ALL HOME GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AT *** Druid Hill Park Lakeside Tennis Courts**

ADDRESS: 1301 E DRIVE BALTIMORE, MD 21217

St. Frances Academy Varsity football Schedule

Principal- Dr. Curtis Turner Varsity Head Coach – Messay Hailerman
President- Sister John Francis Schilling OSP AD: Nicholas L. Myles

*****Please note all home games will be played at the Historic Patterson Park*****

	Date		Opponent	Times
October	8	Sat	@Lutheran	12:00pm
	14	Fri	@Friends	3:45pm
	21	Fri	@St. Johns	6:00pm
	27	Thur	@Mt. Carmel	7:00pm
November	6	Sat	MIAA C Conference Semi-Finals	TBA
	13	Tues	MIAA C Conference Championship	TBA

School Service Hour Opportunities

Students can receive service hours for participating in the following Clubs or service to the school.

All students not paying \$9,000 in tuition must do 120 hours of school service for the year (30 hours must be completed each quarter). If not, parents will be billed the full tuition rate.

Clubs

Business Club—Tuesday
Choir— Monday and Wednesday
Liturgical Dance—Tuesday and Thursday
Newspaper—Tuesday
Peer Mediation—Tuesday
Pep Squad—Tuesday
Recyclers—Thursday
Student Ambassadors— every 2nd Tuesday
Yearbook—Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Building Clean Up

Cafeteria— Daily
Crew— as needed
Grotto/landscaping—Monday
Landings—1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors-daily
Library— Monday—Thursday
New Building— 1st and 2nd floor-Daily
Vans—as needed

Service Jobs-Assistants to the following departments

Administrators
Admissions
Athletics
Lab
Community Center
Development
Guidance