



Nov 11..... Veterans Day—No School

Nov 13 Live Stream School Mass 10:00am

Nov 17 Claire's Gourmet Order Pickup

Nov 20 Live Stream School Mass 10:00am

Nov 21 Virtual Book Fair Ends

Nov 24 End of 1st Trimester

Nov 24..... 11:30 AM Dismissal, Aftercare closes at 2:00pm

Nov 25-27 . Thanksgiving Break—No School

Dec 3 High School Placement Test (8th Grade)

St. Francis of Assisi School News

Principal's Corner

Dr. Tricia Barber, Principal

Appreciation is extended to our families of St. Francis School and Parish who supported the purchase of permanent live-stream video equipment to better serve Parish and SFS masses. Mrs. Wells continues to plan/coordinate weekly school masses that are live-streamed from the church to the school. We thank the Friars for adding the additional mass to Friday mornings.

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." COLOSSIANS 4:2

Health Clinic Update

Wearing a mask correctly and securely is so very important for us all. Not wearing a mask covering both the nose and mouth can prove dangerous.

The nose is a key entry point for the virus that causes COVID-19. With sneezing, the nose obviously plays an integral role in the spread of COVID-19.

Wearing a mask pulled down so it only covers the mouth, leaving the nose exposed, defeats a key purpose of wearing a mask. Research has demonstrated that the nose is highly vulnerable to COVID-19 infection. It's very clear that protecting the nose is extremely important to protecting the lungs and respiratory tract.

A number of our students are experiencing difficulty maintaining mask coverage over their nose. Please assure your child's mask has a proper snug fit and is freshly laundered daily. Also, please review the correct way to wear a mask, covering both the nose and the mouth with your child. It seems some children are more comfortable with only wearing the mask to cover their mouth. With practice, these students will become accustomed to covering both their nose and mouth.

Library News



Our virtual school book fair is now live! **The virtual book fair will run until November 21st.** Please consider supporting our school and help your child discover new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more! You'll love the fun new option to shop for Book Fair exclusives directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy free shipping to your home on book-only purchases over \$25.

You may shop our school book fair at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stfasfall20>. Please be sure to create an account (do not check out as "Guest") so that our school may receive the benefits for your Scholastic purchase.

Disclaimer: The booklists published on the virtual fair website were generated by Scholastic and not St. Francis of Assisi School.

Message from Mrs. Hess

ARTSONIA UPDATE:

Our parent participation has increased to 44%!! Thank you to all of the parents who have registered. If you have lost your child's personalized code, please send me an email and I can send a duplicate to you.

From Artsonia: We've created a special promo code - HolidayFunds20 - that you can use to order keepsakes in the Artsonia Giftshop. This code takes an additional 10% off any one item (including sale price). Don't forget that 20% of all keepsake purchases are donated to your art room!

To date, we have earned \$246.89 in funds for the art program. \$61.75 was redeemed towards materials for our Pinwheels for Peace project (I hope you enjoyed the display). My next purchase will be 140lb watercolor paper for student use. We currently use 90lb paper and I would like them to experience the difference in quality. Thank you as always for your continued support of the Art program.

Mrs. Hess



DAILY HOME HEALTH SCREENING FOR STUDENTS

Dear Parents,

Screening, monitoring and testing are essential components of limiting the spread of COVID-19. An important aspect of keeping our school community safe is actively encouraging sick staff and students to stay home if they are ill and emphasizing to all the importance of knowing the symptoms of COVID-19. Parents should assess all students for symptoms of COVID-19 daily before reporting to school.

Parents of all students are required to assess symptoms of their children daily for risk of spreading COVID-19 illness to others, before arriving at school.

“YES or NO, since my child’s/children’s last day in the building, have they experienced any of the following symptoms:”

*Temperature 100.4 degrees or higher, chills?

*Muscle/body aches?

*Sore throat?

*New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing?

*Diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal pain?

*New onset of severe headache, especially with fever?

*New loss of taste or smell?

*Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19?

*Travelled internationally or to a high-risk area?

If a parent answers YES to any of the screening questions before arriving at school, they should stay home and not enter the building. Parents are required to notify Anne Young R.N., Director of Health Services.

Your strict adherence to this daily requirement is greatly appreciated, in our efforts to maintain safety and well-being for our parish and school community.