



St. Francis of Assisi School News

Principal's Corner

Dr. Tricia Barber, Principal

Last summer, St. Francis School submitted a grant request to Prince William County Schools to utilize our designated federal government CARES Act allotment for technology equipment. The 46 Chromebooks have been received and we await the Chromebook charging carts to begin usage in the classrooms.

Appreciation is extended to our family and friends who participated in the Claire's Gourmet fundraiser. To date, \$5200 has been raised and our top super seller was David Thomas. A portion of the proceeds will purchase site licenses for the Chromebooks and webcams for teacher computers. Bravo to Mrs. Orille for coordinating the endeavor!

The Catholic Virtue for the Month of November is Generosity. Generosity is the disposition which prompts one to look to the needs of others as more important than one's own needs.

"Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Ephesians 5:20

Dates to Remember

Nov 6	Parent Teacher Conferences — 11:30 Dismissal
Nov 8	Virtual Book Fair Begins
Nov 8	Confirmation Zoom Meetings Year I—3:30pm, Year II—5:00pm
Nov 9	Parent Teacher Conferences — 11:30 Dismissal
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)

Artsonia Message from Mrs. Hess

Be on the lookout for Artsonia permission slips to be coming home in the next week. These permission slips are personalized to each student. Please check for your child's name at the top. Please log in to <https://www.artsonia.com/> and follow the directions to register your child. If your child was registered last year, you may not receive a permission slip and can log in as usual.

Mrs. Hess will be posting student artwork on a regular basis to the website. The site allows for family and friends to view your child's artwork and make purchases featuring favorite pieces. To date (with only 35% participation last year) the Art program has earned \$225 that can be used towards purchases for our program. Just imagine what will be possible with double that participation or 100% participation!! Contact Mrs. Hess at hessl.sfas@gmail.com with any questions.

Health Clinic Reminders

For both the flu and COVID-19, the elderly and those with underlying conditions are more susceptible. The flu hits children particularly hard and spreads rapidly in schools. The more people in all age groups who receive a flu vaccine, the more protected these vulnerable populations will be.

The time is now to receive the flu vaccination for yourself and all members of your household. This time frame will ensure that you have time, usually two weeks, to develop an immune response before there is widespread transmission of the flu.

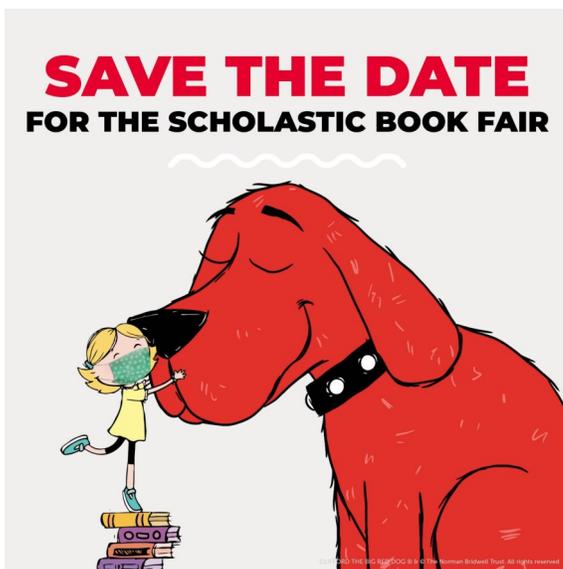
No one has time for the flu. Make sure to roll up your sleeve and get vaccinated early this autumn. Help protect yourself, your loved ones and our community from the flu and its potentially serious complications. #SleeveUp #FightFlu



Warm Weather Uniforms and Outerwear

Just a reminder that beginning this week through Easter Break, the optional warm weather school uniform that includes shorts is no longer in use, this also applies to the PE uniform. Please be sure your student wears sweatpants on PE days. Also, students do go outside for recess each day, please be sure they exit the vehicle at drop-off in possession of the outwear necessary for an enjoyable recess.

Library News—Book Fair Starts This Weekend



Our school book fair is online this fall! **The virtual book fair will run from November 8th to 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 on book-only purchases over \$25.

Beginning November 8th, you may shop 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.

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.