



Aug 26 1st Day of School
Sept 1 Virtual Back to School Night Grade 3
Sept 2 Virtual Back to School Night Grade 4 & 5
Sept 3 Virtual Back to School Night Grade K-2
Sept 7 Labor Day Holiday—NO SCHOOL
Sept 8 Hot and Cold Lunch Program Opens
Oct 12 Columbus Day Holiday—NO SCHOOL

St. Francis of Assisi School News

Principal's Corner

Dr. Tricia Barber, Principal

Happy New Year! It was wonderful to see so many smiling eyes enter the front doors to embark on the 2020-2021 academic year! Appreciation is extended to our parents for your support of the students wearing facial covering masks, social distancing, and carpool procedures. A courtesy request from Father John O'Connor to please refrain from parking in spaces next to Church waiting for the carpool time to begin. This is for the safety of all families entering the campus.

A reminder that SFS dismisses school each Friday at 1:30 pm. We thank our parents who have informed us of your extended care morning and afternoon program interests. This greatly assists us in preparing the gym for our students.

Parent Back-to-School evening will be virtual this year. Next week, the middle school faculty will provide a video link to parents to view the details of each middle school subject. K-5 Back-to-School Zoom Meets are the following times:

Tuesday, September 1:

Grade 3 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 2

Grade 4 7:00 pm

Grade 5 7:30 pm

Thursday, September 3

Kindergarten: 6:30 pm

Grade 1 7:00 pm

Grade 2 7:30 pm

I was most delighted to receive a phone call today from Bishop Burbidge wishing our St. Francis of Assisi School community his support and prayers. Please continue to keep Bishop Burbidge and our Franciscan Friars in your family prayers.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." Proverbs

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.

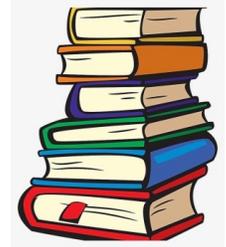
Art News

Please be sure students bring their personal kits to school on Art class days. If you have any financial concerns with purchasing supplies, please send a message to Mrs. Hess at hessl.sfas@gmail.com.



Library News

Reminder for students that have checked out books from last year—please bring those checked out books back to school and return to the school library. Thank you!



PE/Health 2020-2021

Social Distancing and Personal Health Safety Tips:

- Everyone should **practice safe social distancing by staying at least 6 feet apart**.
- It is important that we **frequently wash our hands for at least 20 seconds**.
- **Avoid touching your face**. Keep your hands away from your EYES, NOSE, and MOUTH.
- If you must cough/sneeze, **cough/sneeze into your elbow or a tissue out of the direction of others**. Immediately discard your tissue appropriately and sanitize your hands.
- Wear a mask that **covers your nose and mouth**.

Carpool Reminders

AM CARPOOL:

- **Students should exit from the passenger side only**. This may require rearrangement of car seats, but it is necessary for the safety of our students.
- Be a courteous driver at all times. Watch your speed and **pull all the way forward**. **Please do not pass any cars that are dropping off students**.
- **Follow the directions of our safety monitors** as they are trying to keep all our students safe.
- Do not leave your car or your child unattended in the carpool during drop-off and pick-up hours.

