



Oct 2.....	Online Scantron Testing Ends
Oct 2.....	Francis Day Mass 10:00am
Oct 5.....	Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser Begins
Oct 9.....	Live Stream School Mass 10:00am
Oct 12.....	Columbus Day Holiday—NO SCHOOL

St. Francis of Assisi School News

Principal's Corner

Dr. Tricia Barber, Principal

Francis Day on SFS campus! For more than 25 years, St. Francis School has celebrated St. Francis Day either at Locust Shade Park or a few years (due to weather) on campus. Our tradition will continue on Friday, October 2nd as we will celebrate Mass on the front grounds. The altar, sound system, and musicians will be in front of the church. Students will need to wear their PE uniforms for the day. The Mass is limited to students and faculty/staff. I regret that we are unable to invite parents and visitors. The weather forecast is sunny and cool autumn jacket weather. It promises to be a glorious celebration!

Another St. Francis of Assisi Parish tradition is this Saturday, October 3rd, the Blessing of the Animals. Families are invited to gather on the front grounds at noon. A mask or face covering is required when attending the blessing.

"But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation." PSALM 13:5

Campus Traffic Safety

AM Carpool Drop Off

- Parents please stay in your vehicle at drop off. An adult safety assistant will help your student.
- Parents please have your student unload everything they need onto the sidewalk.
- Lastly, please refrain from conversation with your student through the open window after dropping off your student on the sidewalk. Natural inclination is to step closer to the speaker to hear better and we do not want our students stepping closer to the moving vehicles along the sidewalk. Thank you!

Band News

It's not too late to sign up for Virtual Band Lessons. Please contact our wonderful band teacher, Mr. Evans, at mebandteacher@gmail.com with any questions.

Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser

Our Claire's Gourmet fundraiser begins next week on October 5th. The sale ends on Friday, October 23rd. Orders will be delivered to the school on Tuesday, November 17th. 30% of orders count towards the annual family fundraising fee of \$150. Please be sure to see next week's newsletter for more information.

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ST FRANCIS GIRLS SCOUTS



What:

Calling all girls who are interested in becoming Girl Scouts at St. Francis. No previous Girl Scout experience is required. Also, we are always looking for leaders and other volunteers to help out with our troops. No experience is needed. There is online training provided thru www.GSCNC.org. Meeting times are held at the discretion of the troop leaders. If you are interested in having your daughter join a troop, being a leader or in another volunteer role, please contact Lisa Heatwole (St. Francis Troop Organizer) at tigr11874@comcast.net. All girls and volunteers will need to register as a Girl Scout as well (see below for link). If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Heatwole (St. Francis Troop Organizer) at tigr11874@comcast.net.

Daisy Troop **80186** (formerly 4981) – girls grade K-1 ****A minimum of 6 girls is also required to maintain the troop.**** No experience is needed.

Brownie Troop **80187** (formerly 4431) – girls grade 2-3

Junior Troop **80188** (formerly 3968) – girls grade 4-5

Cadette Troop 18036 – girls grade 6-8

When:

Due to COVID-19, troop meetings will most likely be a blend of virtual with some in-person meetings held outside of school property.

How:

Girl Scout National Registration - Your daughter also needs to be registered online at www.GSCNC.org. She must be a registered member to attend meetings. This requires a \$25 fee, payable directly online. Do *not* include this on your troop dues check.

Health Form - This is different than the St. Francis Health Form. A health form will need to be provided to the troop leader prior to the first meeting. ***Your daughter cannot stay for a meeting without one.***

Link to health form:

[http://www.gscnc.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gscnc/documents/Frequently%20Accessed%20Forms/3 Girl Health History and Emergency Medical Authorization Form.pdf](http://www.gscnc.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gscnc/documents/Frequently%20Accessed%20Forms/3%20Girl%20Health%20History%20and%20Emergency%20Medical%20Authorization%20Form.pdf)

Troop Dues – \$25 annual dues to be paid to the troop.

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.