



Sept 14 .....	Robotics Team Virtual Meeting 7-8pm
Sept 18 .....	Live Stream School Mass 10:00am
Sept 22 .....	Band Classes Begin
Sept 25 .....	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

We thank Nurse Young for her continued efforts at St. Francis as our Director of Health Services and for her newsletter inputs. Be sure to read the school newsletter for health news updates. It will also always include the Home Health Screening on the last page for your reference.

We ask parents to please be mindful of the following in order to maintain health, safety and ensure a successful learning experience for all of our students.

- Please make sure your child has a mask in place daily upon exiting your automobile in the morning carpool drop-off.
- Every student's mask needs to be form-fitting to cover both the nose and the mouth. Students should not need to adjust mask placement repeatedly or be frequently reminded to cover their nose because of an ill-fitting mask.
- Every student must have a freshly laundered mask on a daily basis. Students should not be wearing a mask repeatedly throughout the week without laundering.
- Please provide a spare mask in your child's backpack, just in case, if needed.
- Most importantly, please continue to follow the Home Health Screening protocol for students each morning before arrival to school.
- Please ensure your child has a refillable water bottle with them every day. The water fountains/drinking spouts have been disabled in the school building. Only the mechanism for refilling a water bottle is available.
- We ask, emphatically, parents schedule and obtain an annual flu vaccine for all members of your household.

Nurse Young and I thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safe, in the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 and maintaining a successful learning experience for all of our students, faculty and staff.

## Campus Traffic Safety

We ask all drivers to be mindful of families picking up and dropping off students to the Kindergarten classrooms. These classrooms are on the parish side of our campus and have pedestrian and vehicle traffic moving in patterns different from those dropping off at the main school building. Also, please note that the traffic pattern in front of the church and school is one way. Our campus has one entrance and one exit on Fuller Heights Road, neither serve dual purpose.

Also a request from our maintenance team, please do not park in the hill parking spots leading up to the church before the start of school, whether or not cones are present to prevent you from doing so. Thank you!

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## Robotics Competition Team and Club

The Robotics Competition Team will be meeting virtually by Zoom in the evening beginning tonight, September 14th from 7:00-8:00pm. Each team will meet 1-2 days per week until we get closer to the tournament which will be scheduled towards the end of January. We have two openings remaining on our two teams for interested 6th-8th grade students. The Robotics Competition Team involves not only programming for table game missions, but also a research project. Please contact Jodi Salley at [salleyj.sfas@gmail.com](mailto:salleyj.sfas@gmail.com) if you would like more information. As we are limited by the First Lego League rules for team sizes, this activity does have a cap for the number of participants and does have an application process.



Our Robotics Club will begin virtually in February and is open to all in grades 6-8 that would like to have fun with robots in club challenges while learning about how to build them and how to maximize the robot performance. We will use some apps to virtually program missions for this activity as well.

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## Box Tops for Education

The next generation of Box Tops is here!

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Questions? Please contact

Chanel Marquis (Box Top Coordinator) at [cmarquis@stfrncis.org](mailto:cmarquis@stfrncis.org).

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# Join the St. Francis Virtual Band



Have you ever been interested in playing a musical instrument? We are looking for a few good musicians from grades 4th-8th!

Virtual lessons starting soon!

Please email [mebandteacher@gmail.com](mailto:mebandteacher@gmail.com) with any questions.

### 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. There is online training provided through [www.GSCNC.org](http://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 serving in another volunteer role, please contact Lisa Heatwole (St. Francis Troop Organizer) at [tigr11874@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:tigr11874@comcast.net).

Daisy Troop 4981 – girls grade K-1 \*\*\*\***One more leader is needed for Daisy Troop 4981. A minimum of 6 girls is also required to maintain the troop.**\*\* No experience is needed.

Brownie Troop 4431 – girls grade 2-3

Junior Troop 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](http://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. The Girl Scout 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_Girl_Health_History_and_Emergency_Medical_Authorization_Form.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.