



Oct 18	Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser Begins
Oct 27	Book Fair Begins
Oct 29	Diocesan Professional Development Day— NO SCHOOL
Nov 5	Book Fair Ends
Nov 11	Veterans Day Holiday—NO SCHOOL, Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov 23	End of 1st Trimester

St. Francis of Assisi School News

HEALTH CLINIC NOTES

COVID-19 Community Transmission

Our area continues to experience HIGH community spread, meaning the virus is spreading and infecting people. Vaccination has been proven to reduce the risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. For children who are not eligible for vaccination, using layered prevention strategies at school as well as out in the community is critical to help protect them from COVID-19 especially when there are high levels of community transmission.

St. Francis of Assisi School's layered mitigation approach includes:

- *Universal masking, consistent & effective
- *Physical distancing
- *Ventilation
- *Staying home when sick and getting tested
- *Handwashing/sanitizing
- *Respiratory Etiquette
- *Regular cleaning of surfaces

Home Health Screening

An important aspect of keeping our school community safe and healthy is actively encouraging sick students and staff to stay home if they are ill. Also, emphasizing to all the importance of knowing the symptoms of COVID-19 and securing testing if necessary. Parents, please review the DAILY HOME HEALTH SCREENING tool attached to the weekly school newsletter and make this a part of your morning routine. Please do not administer any fever-reducing/analgesic medication to your child prior to arrival at school. Instead, the child should remain at home and be monitored for further symptom development, and possibly evaluation by your pediatrician.

Flu Vaccine

This year we may experience a potentially early and severe flu season. This based upon relaxed pandemic safety measures and the population's reduced immunity to the flu after months of avoiding situations where viruses can spread. By getting vaccinated against the flu, you help protect the people around you. Protect yourself and your loved ones, take time to get a flu shot.

Art News From Mrs. Hess

Woohoo! So far we have 64% of our school students registered on Artsonia! This is an increase from our 56% at the beginning of the school year. If you have yet to go to the site, you can give permission for your child's work to be visible to friends and family anywhere in the world.

The benefits? Easy peasy lemon squeezy holiday gift shopping for personalized items with your child's masterpieces (notecards are my personal favorite) plus the school art program earns a whopping 20% for special classroom materials. Our most recent classroom purchase, using part of our accumulated funds, was a set of Gelli plates for printing fun!

To those who have already registered, THANK YOU for supporting the art program. For those who have yet to register, if you have any questions OR have lost your child's code, please email me at hessl.sfas@gmail.com.



Sports News

Track & Field and Cross Country deadline to submit the COVID waiver is fast approaching. Please see Mrs. DeVito's email for more information.

WALK-A-THON

Reminder, Walk-A-Thon donations can be sent to the front office through November 15th to count towards the class competitions. Currently 3rd grade is in the lead, 2nd grade is in 2nd place, with 7th, 5th and 4th grades closely behind. The class that raises the most money will receive an ice cream treat celebration. In addition, for every \$25 raised, students will be given a shoelace token they can use to decorate the laces of their PE shoes. It is important to remember that **ALL** contributions are tax deductible. The full amount of contributions will count towards your family fundraising goal of \$150.



Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School News

Fall Open House - Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School - October 24

Join Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School for their Open House on Sunday, October 24 from 1-4pm! Learn what JP has to offer your child - robust academic programs including STEM, DE courses and Bioethics, vibrant student life and House System, competitive athletics, faith community steeped in Dominican tradition, and more! To RSVP in advance (and to receive a JP gift!), please use this link:

https://jpthegreat.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry

2022-2023 Applications Open! [Click here to apply!](#)

Shadow a Wolf! - [Click here to sign-up](#)

Upcoming Events at John Paul!

- Oct. 16th: STEM Workshop (open to 7th-8th graders)
- Oct. 16th: Boys Baseball Clinic (open to 6th-8th graders)
- Nov. 6th: Girls Basketball Clinic (open to 6th-8th graders)

[Click here to register](#) for our middle school clinics and workshops! Please contact admissions@jpthegreat.org for further information.



SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR!
COMING SOON!

Dear Parents and Families:

We're excited to invite our students to our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. This event is an opportunity for students of all ages to build their home libraries and further their love of reading. As always, all purchases benefit the school.

After missing out on many beloved traditions, our fall Book Fair will be a familiar, welcome, and safe event for our students. Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place in the school library from Wednesday, October 27th to Friday, November 5th.

- Our Book Fair offers a cash-free payment option called eWallet. It's a convenient digital account that your child can use for shopping at our Fair. Grandparents, friends, and others can contribute too!
- Our Book Fair will only operate during school hours and is only open to our students.
- Although parents and families are not able to come to the in-school Fair, you can still shop online at our school's Virtual Book Fair. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders also will benefit our school. Our Virtual Fair begins the same day as the in-school Fair (October 27th).

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

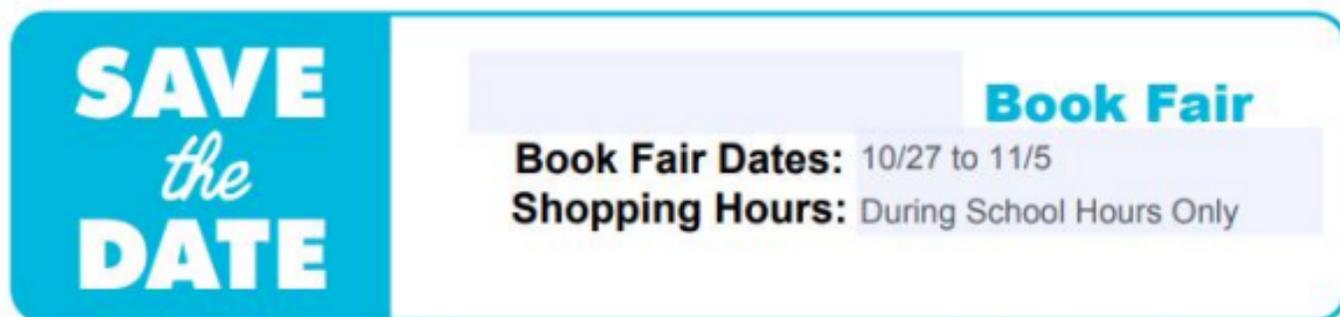
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/sfasfall21>

We're excited to celebrate our love of books together at the Book Fair. We look forward to seeing your child there!

Happy reading,

Ms. Rayhel

School Library Media Specialist



**SAVE
the
DATE**

Book Fair
Book Fair Dates: 10/27 to 11/5
Shopping Hours: During School Hours Only

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.