



# St. Francis of Assisi School News

## Principal's Corner

Dr. Tricia Barber, Principal

Happy Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi! The St. Francis community enjoyed a glorious and festive event on Friday, October 1 as we celebrated St. Francis Day on campus. Appreciation is extended to Mrs. Bowling for providing the October decor at the school entrance and Mrs. Dowdy for preparing our picnic lunch. Many classes were high spirited and the St. Francis Spirit Stick was awarded to grade 3 for their Walk-A-Thon cheer spirit and participation. Kudos to Ms. Rosemary for leading the cohort of classes.

In analyzing our afternoon carpool/dismissal procedures, it has been noted that several parents are not moving immediately to vehicles once securing the student at the elementary door. As parents are visiting with one another or their child, some children are unsupervised and his/her safety is in jeopardy. We are going to pilot a new dismissal schedule for the elementary wing beginning with the older grades exiting the hallway first. Again, please move directly to your vehicle with your focus on your child's safety. Thank you for assisting our carpool faculty team!

The Catholic Virtue for the month of October is Self-Discipline. Self-Discipline is the ability to control one's impulses. The task of maturity is to let reason determine one's actions and intellect should form free will. Students are reminded to refrain from interrupting when someone is speaking and listen attentively to others.

"God, teach me Your way, how to walk beside You faithfully. Psalm 86

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## Sports News

Track & Field and Cross Country teams have been formed and are now closed to new applicants. The teams had a fantastic first week and we look forward to team members' continued enjoyment of the program. Reminder, appropriate attire includes PE uniforms, loose fitted shorts (finger tip in length), t-shirt, supportive athletic shoes and socks. Please be sure your student brings a water bottle with their name on it to each practice.

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# 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 with 7th, 2nd and 5th very close 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.

## Dates to Remember

Oct 11	Columbus Day Holiday—NO SCHOOL
Oct 12	Picture Day
Oct 18	Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser Begins
Oct 29	Diocesan Professional Development Day— NO SCHOOL
Nov 11	Veterans Day Holiday—NO SCHOOL, Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov 23	End of 1st Trimester

## 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.