



St. Francis of Assisi School News

Principal's Corner

Dr. Tricia Barber, Principal

The faculty/staff and I were delighted to return to in-person instruction today! We plan to enjoy several Catholic Schools Week activities during the next few days. St. Francis House has resumed the food distribution program for clients. For the next two weeks, SFS will collect box/can food items as part of our CSW altruistic endeavor. Thank you for your generosity.

Our faculty/staff were most excited to receive their first COVID-19 vaccination last Thursday. SFS faculty/staff are scheduled to have the second dose of the vaccination on Thursday, March 4th. St. Francis School has been scheduled for a Diocesan Professional Development Day/No School on Friday, March 19th. The Professional Development Day/No School will be moved to Thursday, March 4th and SFS will be in session on Friday, March 19th. Thank you for your support for this schedule change in our academic calendar.

St. Francis School will celebrate the Ash Wednesday Mass live-stream on February 17th at 8:45 am. Ashes will be distributed to students following the service in the gym.

The Catholic Virtue for the month of February is Cooperation/Community Building. Cooperation is the act of working together in a united effort.

"I thank You with all my heart, my God. Your love for me has been so great." Psalm 86

Dates to Remember

- Feb 8....CSW activities continue
- Feb 8....St. Jude Math-A-Thon Begins
- Feb 9....Author, Karen Kiefer, virtual visit
- Feb 9....Crazy Hat/Sock Day
- Feb 10..Spiritual Color Accent/Accessory Day (worn as an accent on school uniform)
- Feb 11..Favorite Team Jersey Day (worn over school uniform)
- Feb 12..Live Stream School Mass 10:00am
- Feb 15..Presidents' Day—No School**

Congratulations to our Robotics Teams!

Our two St. Francis Robotics teams had a very successful virtual tournament on Sunday, February 7th hosted from Richmond. Team 24578, the Trailblazers, were recognized with the Core Values award which is given to the team who "best demonstrates extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit, exceptional partnership, the utmost respect for their teammates and support and encouragement of fellow teams." The team also "demonstrated confidence, energy, strong problem solving skills, and great group dynamics."

Team 24577, the COVID Busters, were recognized with the Judge's Award. As described when announced, "this award gives the judges the opportunity to recognize the most remarkable team for which a standard award does not exist." This award goes to a high quality team that is profoundly set apart in a unique way. Their innovation project assisting those with disabilities was very well received.

The Trailblazers are advancing to the State Tournament to be hosted virtually from James Madison University February 27-28, 2021. The COVID Busters have been named 1st alternate to the State Tournament competition. Let's congratulate both teams on their accomplishments and wish them good luck!

The COVID Busters team members are: Noah Bayard, Jasmine Dela Vega, Garrett Jordy, Austin Kaus, Andy Kern, Veronica Kretz, Brooke Ortega, Nate Salley, and Avery Teague

The Trailblazer team members are: Christian DiCocco, Jude Donkor, Gabriel Jeanlouis, Peter Lozis, Gabriel Maleski, Olivia Morgan, and Victoria Salley

DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Academic Year 2021-2022



What is the program?

The Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program provides financial assistance to families in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Arlington through funding from diocesan parishes as well as the Rooted in Faith-Forward in Hope Capital Campaign Endowment. It is open to all qualified students whose parents might not otherwise be able to pay the full cost of tuition.

Who is eligible?

- Students attending or accepted by a Diocese of Arlington Catholic school (K-12).
 - Preschool and Pre-K are not eligible.
 - Not applicable to students of private Catholic schools associated with the Diocese and/or international students.
- Students who are Catholic and members of a parish in the Diocese of Arlington or military base parish.
- Families who reside within the boundaries of the Diocese of Arlington and are registered and active members of a diocesan parish or a military base parish.

How do I apply?

- Submit financial aid assessment application and all supporting tax documentation by due date
 - Applications will be completed electronically online at online.factsmgt.com/Signin
 - Only one application is required per family.
- Remit processing fee.
- Families seeking aid for students in BOTH ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL should follow the high school submission date.

Due Dates: HIGH SCHOOL

January 18, 2021

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

March 17, 2021

Awards

Awards are made for **ONE ACADEMIC YEAR** and are based on each family's demonstrated financial need. Individual schools determine the amount and the distribution of all awards for each academic year. The schools will contact families when award decisions have been made. Once these final award decisions have been made, the schools will then credit the tuition accounts of approved families.

\$3,688,975 awarded in 2020

● For more information ●

Questions regarding process

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Questions regarding application

FACTS Grant & Aid
1.866.441.4637
<https://factsmgt.com/parent-resources/grant-and-aid/>

Award decisions

Please contact [your school](#).

Diocesan Tuition Assistance

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Catholic-Schools/Tuition-Assistance/>

\$3,688,975 ASIGNADOS EN 2020*Año académico 2021-2022**¿En qué consiste el programa?*

El Programa Diocesano de Ayuda Económica para Estudios ofrece ayuda financiera a las familias de escuelas Católicas de la Diócesis de Arlington. El programa está abierto a todos los alumnos que califiquen cuyos padres no puedan pagar el costo total de la matrícula escolar.

¿Quién puede acceder?

Alumnos que concurren o son aceptados para ingresar a una escuela Católica de la Diócesis de Arlington (K-12).

Los alumnos prescolares o pre-K no son elegibles.

Alumnos que sean Católicos y miembros de una parroquia de la Diócesis de Arlington o parroquia en base militar.

Familias que residan dentro de los límites de la Diócesis de Arlington y estén registradas y sean miembros activos de una parroquia diocesana o una parroquia en base militar.

¿Cómo solicito la ayuda?

Presentar una solicitud, junto con toda la documentación fiscal correspondiente antes de la fecha límite.

- Se pueden obtener solicitudes impresas en cada una de las escuelas.

También se pueden completar las solicitudes en forma electrónica en el sitio web

<https://online.factamgt.com/Signin>

Se requiere solo una solicitud por familia.

- Remitir el cargo por procesamiento.
- Las familias que solicitan ayuda para alumnos **TANTO DE NIVEL PRIMARIO COMO SECUNDARIO** deben acatar la fecha de presentación de la escuela secundaria.

Fechas de presentación: ESCUELA SECUNDARIA El 18 de Enero de 2021

ESCUELA PRIMARIA El 17 de Marzo de 2021

Asignaciones

Las asignaciones se otorgan por **UN AÑO ACADÉMICO** y se basan en las necesidades financieras comprobadas de cada familia. Cada escuela determina el monto y la distribución de las asignaciones para cada año académico. Las escuelas se contactarán con las familias después de tomar la decisión con respecto a la asignación. Una vez tomada esta decisión final, las escuelas acreditarán las cuentas de las matrículas de las familias aprobadas.

~Para más información~

Otras consultas

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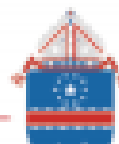
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Decisiones sobre las asignaciones

Por favor, contáctese con [su escuela](#).



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.