



August 23, 2021

St. Francis of Assisi School News

Principal's Corner

Dr. Tricia Barber, Principal

Dates to Remember

Aug 26	Online Back to School Presentations K-8
Sept 6	Labor Day Holiday—NO SCHOOL
Sept 8	Back to School Parent Evening Pre-K, 6:00pm
Oct 1	St. Francis Day/Walk-A-Thon
Oct 11	Columbus Day Holiday—NO SCHOOL
Oct 12	Picture Day
Oct 29	Diocesan Professional Development Day—NO SCHOOL
Nov 11	Veterans Day Holiday—NO SCHOOL, Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov 23	End of 1st Trimester

Happy New Year! The faculty/staff cheerfully and enthusiastically welcomed our students this morning for the 2021-22 academic year. Appreciation is extended to all of our parents as you continue to support the mission of St. Francis of Assisi School.

The K-8 Parent/Teacher Back-to School presentations will be shared on Thursday, August 26. Mrs. Orille will send the links to the presentations on Thursday afternoon. If you have further questions following the presentation, please email the teacher or SFS office.

St. Francis School will begin the academic year by celebrating live-stream Masses on Friday at 10:00am. Communion will be distributed in the gym following the recessional hymn. Thank you to Mrs. Wells for coordinating the Mass schedule and Music.

"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control." GALATIANS 5:22-23

Sports News

St Francis participates in two sports leagues:

Northern VA Jr Catholic Youth Organization (NVJCYO)

Fall and Spring track

Cross Country

Basketball - non coed teams

Cheerleading

Virginia Catholic Association Conference (VCAC)

Soccer- Boys (Fall)

Soccer - Girls (Spring)

Volleyball - girls only

We are currently looking for coaches for: Fall Track, Boys Soccer, Cross Country, Basketball and Cheerleading. Please contact our Sports Director, Mrs. DeVito, if you are interested or have any questions at 540-226-6515 or Devitot.sfas@gmail.com.

Choir News

Saint Francis is excited to be offering choir as an after school activity this year each Thursday from 3:15—4:00p.m. At this time due to COVID protocols and space limitations, we are only able to invite Middle School students to participate. To enroll your student in choir, please complete the registration form making sure to read through and acknowledge the safety protocols. Completed forms can be emailed to Mrs. Wells at cwells@stfrncis.org or dropped in the school office.

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.



Select Choir

2021-2022 Registration Form

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

- Please enroll my cell number into REMIND to receive occasional reminders and last minute schedule notifications.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (Please initial your understanding of the rules):

_____ My student must wear a mask that fits firmly on the face, covering the mouth and nose, without gaps.

_____ My student must maintain a minimum of 3 feet distance from other students while singing.

_____ In the event my child is a significant distraction to himself/herself or others, I understand my child will be returned to the school and checked into daycare.

_____ I understand that if I am not available at the end of rehearsal, my child will be checked into daycare.

I fully understand the safety protocols for choir and grant consent for my student to participate.

_____ Date: _____
Parent Signature



SFAS Choirs: 2021-2022 Information

What is Select Choir?

Select Choir is the Saint Francis of Assisi School choir for students. Emphasis in this choir is on pitch, rhythm, voice placement, choral vowels and interpreting text to effectively communicate through song. Singers must make a reliable commitment to weekly rehearsals.

When is rehearsal?

For the 2021-2022 school year, the Select Choir rehearses Thursday from 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

When does the choir sing?

The choir sings during the school mass each Friday at 10 a.m. and on Holy Days. Presently, the school masses are limited to students and faculty due to COVID 19 protocols.

Important COVID related protocols:

- All students and musicians will be fully masked while singing with the exception of cantors who are at least 20 feet or more away from other students.
- Masks must fit firmly on the face, covering the mouth and nose. KN95 masks are a highly recommended investment for choral singing not only in creating good space for singing but most especially for safety.
- Rehearsals will last no more than 45 minutes with a vented door and fans circulating the air.
- Students will maintain a 3 foot distance while singing in the choir.

Still have questions: Please contact me: Colleen Wells at cwells@stfrncis.org, 703-221-4044.ext 231