



St. Francis of Assisi School News

Principal's Corner

Dr. Tricia Barber, Principal

The faculty/staff appreciate all of our parents who viewed SFS Back-to-School presentations. Presentation links may continue to be reviewed on the SFS website under Academics.

A friendly reminder that on the days that inclement weather is forecast, please ensure that students have raingear/umbrellas for carpool. In addition, all uniform items, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc. should be labeled so that our "lost and found" remains empty!

SFS classes will continue live-stream Masses during the month of September. Communion is distributed in the gym following the Mass.

The Catholic Virtue for the month of September is Respect/Responsibility. Respect often determines what we refrain from doing and Responsibility determines what we do. Students are encouraged to listen when others speak, greet others cheerfully by name, and include others in class activities.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." PSALM 119:105

Student Directory

Our student directories will be shared in October, each family receiving the single class directory for only their child's specific grade. Please note that directory participation preference was included in the new electronic back-to-school form system. If you indicated "No" that you did not want your child included in the directory, their name and family contact information will not be included. If you indicated "Yes" that you did want your child included in the directory, their name, family home address, primary family email address, and the number indicated as the home number will be included in the directory. The school directories are not to be shared with those outside of our school and may not be used for solicitation. The directory intent is to provide class contact information to foster our parent and student community. If you have any questions, please contact Jodi Salley at salleyj.sfas@gmail.com.

Care for Creation Club

The Care for Creation Club is conducting a school-wide drive collecting baby wipes, diapers, pack and plays (new or gently used) for the Afghan Refugees being brought to Quantico. This drive will take place until next Wednesday, September 8. Donations can be dropped on the bench in the foyer or given to your classroom teacher. In advance, thank you for your continued generosity.

Dates to Remember

Sept 6	Labor Day Holiday—NO SCHOOL
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

Robotics Team and Club

Middle School students interested in participating in either the Robotics Competition Team that typically runs from September to December or Robotics Fun Club that typically runs from January to June, should attend a short student interest meeting being held in the school library on Friday, September 3rd. Students attending the interest meeting, may be picked up from the front of the school at 2:20pm. Any students not picked up by 2:25pm will be checked into aftercare. Standard aftercare charges will apply beginning at 2:25pm until parent checkout from aftercare. Please contact Jodi Salley at jesalley@yahoo.com with any questions.

Finance News

Extended Day Reminder:

The St. Clare Extended Day Program operates on days school is in session. The cost is \$10.00 per hour for one child, \$15.00 per hour for two children, and \$2.00 per hour for each additional child. The program registration fee is \$25.00 per family. All Extended Day charges will be charged to your FACTS tuition agreement account.

Future Finance:

The electronic invoice for your August billing will be emailed to your address on file on September 7, 2021. If you have any questions, please email Lisa Bongiorno @ lbongiorno@stfrncis.org.

Lunch Program and Birthday Treats

Reminder: the lunch program through Catering by Darlene will begin offering meals for purchase next Tuesday, September 7th. Please be sure your student brings in a bagged lunch each day this week.

Birthday Treats are available to purchase from Catering by Darlene—they include ice cream treats and other sweets. In addition, families may now send in birthday treats that are in their original sealed box, and within that box, are also **individually wrapped**. Examples include: fruit snacks, fruit roll-ups, Little Debbie snacks, granola bars, goldfish crackers, chip snack bags or Rice Krispy treats. Items must be tree nut and peanut free.



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.



St. Francis of Assisi Elementary and Middle School Library Reading Incentive Program

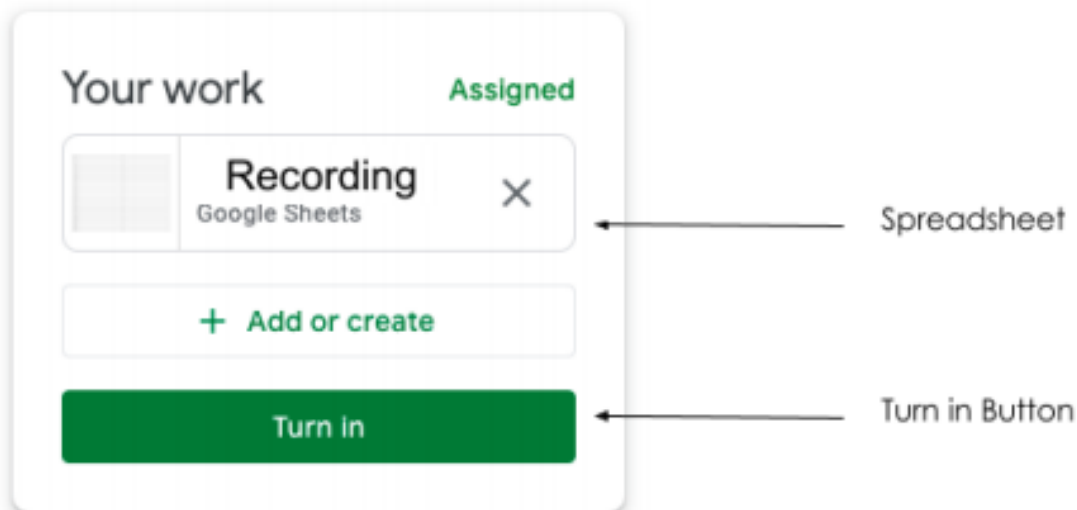
Dear Parents/Guardians:

At St. Francis of Assisi Elementary and Middle School, the Reading Incentive Program is an integral part of our reading program. It has been designed to encourage reading in a wide range of areas and thus enrich each child's world view. Students in all grades may participate in the program.

The program is voluntary and is based on the student's completion of 40 books read. Students may read any books that interest them (both fiction and non-fiction titles).

Students (with the help of their parents, if needed) should record books read on the Google Spreadsheet posted in their grade's [Library Google Classroom](#). The recorded books should be age and reading level appropriate and should be books that students are currently reading. No short stories or story-excerpts from their reading textbooks should be recorded on the recording form.

When the Google Spreadsheet recording form is completed, please submit it by clicking the TURN IN button in Google Classroom. Each student who has read at least 40 books will be given a reward for their reading accomplishment. After submitting the first recording form, students will be given an opportunity to submit another recording form and earn more rewards.



Please encourage your child to read. If your child is unable to read, anyone may read to him/her. As soon as reading skills are developed, the student is expected to read together with someone until he/she is able to read alone.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Ms. Rayhel via email at rayhele.sfas@gmail.com.

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.