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SFA Students hit the floor for some line dancing at the February 14th dance.

A Message from the Principal: Registration for 2020-2021 continues. Recommend SFA to other Parents.

We are in the process of focusing our attention on recruitment efforts for the upcoming school year. While we strongly encourage parents who have not yet registered to complete the process soon, we are also hoping that ***your recommendations*** will prompt parents who are seeking a safe, faith-based environment for the children to consider St. Francis Academy. We have added academic support, STEM, and Algebra I classes this past year, and have also sought to increase community activities like Trunk or Treat and the upcoming Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. All of us are ever-ready to promote our school, but parents who provide testimonials are profoundly more convincing than most ad campaigns. Please share with prospective parents those experiences that have made SFA the right choice for your family.

CogATs and IOWA testing

This is just a reminder that CogATs testing will take place from March 11th to March 13th. IOWA testing will take place during the week of March 23-27. Please remember to emphasize with your children that a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast will help them to do their best on the assessments.

Calendar Adjustments

As of this date, we have used no snow days for the year. We will need to make decisions on the school calendar if we have no future weather emergencies. In past years, the administration has selected specific days to serve as school holidays to adhere to the required 180 day calendar. We will make that determination later in March. ***[One option could be to add a day to Easter holiday.]***

- Mar. 2-6—Read Across America Activities
- Mar. 5.— Godspell—Berks Catholic—Gr. 6-8
- Mar. 6 — Fish Fry
- Mar. 8 — Designer Bag Bingo
- Mar. 10 — HSA Meeting—6:30 pm.
- Mar.13 — Stations of the Cross—1:30 pm.
- Mar. 11-13—CogATs Testing—Grades 3,5 & 7
- Mar. 17—Report Cards
- Mar. 20—No School {Fish Fry}
- Mar. 23-27 IOWA Testing—Grades 2-7
- Mar. 27—Fish Fry
- Mar. 31—School Confessions— 10:00 am.
- Mar. 30-April 3—Spring Uniform Swap

Student Highlights

On March 7th, Students will be participating in the YVC of Reading and Performance Toyota CanStructure Contest at the Berkshire Mall. (Contest Cleanup date is March 14.)

The CanStructure event is part of an initiative with Penn State University. College student advisors will support the SFA students in designing and building their structure, and all the non-perishable items will ultimately be donated to Helping Harvest of Reading.

As of the date of publication, the design for the structure was still being built. With a theme of "Inspire Kindness," the group of 10 students have selected a logo, and planned the design. They have much more work to do before the construction takes place this coming Saturday. Wish them all the best of luck.



Mathletes Kelly Ryan, Allyson Bosler, Valeria Guerin, Zach McLaughlin, & Brian Mellen.