



St. Francis de Sales – St. Stephen School

Family Memo – Friday, September 28, 2018

*“The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment,
and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness,
sends to us day after day.”*

~ St. Gianna Molla



*Our Liturgical Choir will lead us in
song this Sunday, September 30, at
the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Stephen
Church. Please join us at this Mass
and support our school choir!*

October Calendar

- Mon. 10/1 - Fun Walk Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- Wed. 10/3 - Open House 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs. 10/4 - **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - Blessing of the Pets** 8:30 a.m.
- Fri. 10/5 - No School for Students - Diocesan Conference Day
- Mon. 10/8 - No School - Columbus Day observed
- Fri. 10/12 - **School Mass** 8:30 a.m.
- Sun. 10/14 - Festival Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- Mon. 10/15 - One Hour Early Dismissal per GCSD
- Fri. 10/19 - **Fun Walk** - no afternoon classes
- Tues. 10/23 - Picture Day
- Thurs. 10/25 - Geneva Concerts presents **“Ladies First Jazz Quintet”** - 10:00 a.m. assembly
- Fri/ 10/26 - No School for Students - GCSD Conference Day
- **Halloween Dance** (details TBA)



The calendar is updated weekly. Please read the calendar carefully each week to stay informed about what is happening at school.



We apologize again to anyone who was confused by our pizza ordering process last week. We ask you to please be mindful of the dates at the top of each order you submit. Beginning with October lunches, we will be sending home a monthly calendar menu in addition to the weekly order forms. You can post the menus and mark the days for which your student has a lunch ordered.

Many thanks to the parent who donated the case of pasta to our school lunch program!

Open House - Wednesday, October 3, 2018



Please join us from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for our Open House and Ice Cream Social. Learn about our PTO; enjoy ice cream sundaes in our cafeteria; visit your children's classrooms and see what is on display in our hallways; sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences; and meet other school families!

We invite you to cheer on our students as they Walk for Our School! Our Students will ask family and friends to sponsor them as they walk 26 laps around the school (Grades K-2) or our school block (Grades 3-8) in our 2nd annual Fun Walk on Friday October 19, 2018.

We begin at 11:30 a.m., and end by 2:00 p.m.

Please see the enclosed flyer to **sign up to help** us make this great fundraiser happen!



Our students need instruments! Do you have gently used instruments at home that you would like to donate? We are looking for gently used flutes, clarinets, trumpets, trombones, snare drum kits, bell kits, and guitars. Several of our students would love to study an instrument, but they cannot afford the rental or purchase costs.

We would also welcome cash donations specifically designated to offset the cost of instrument lessons for a student or students in need. We need to raise approximately \$100.00 a month to offset the cost of lessons for students whose families cannot afford them. Any donation would be gratefully accepted. Please ensure that the donation is sent to Mrs. Mantelli's attention and clearly marked as music scholarship money.

Thank You to Senator Pam Helming

We recently had a special visitor come to school to make a presentation to our students. NYS Senator Pam Helming made a presentation of awards to two of our students, Leeanna Booth and Madison Scherra, for a winning poster they created last year for the Earth Day poster contest. She then gave a non-partisan talk to our students on how they can make a difference in their communities and the world by volunteering, voting, serving on committees, and running for public office, and answered some of their questions about her job. Each of the elementary students also received a coloring book about the symbols and history of New York State.



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