



St. Francis de Sales – St. Stephen School

Family Memo – Friday, September 7, 2018

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

~ Leo Buscaglia

Changes to our School Schedule

Some of you may have noticed, or been told by your students, that we have altered the school day schedule slightly. **My sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused to anyone this week and for not communicating the change to you sooner.** It has been necessary to make several changes to our Master Schedule over the past two weeks, and that led to the VERY recent decision to adjust the schedule times.

The new times are as follows:

- 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. – Morning Program
- 8:00 a.m. – Students may enter the building via the front door.
- 8:15 a.m. – Late Bell – Morning Prayer and Pledge
- 8:20 a.m. – First period begins.
- 11:00 a.m. – Morning Pre-K Dismissal
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Grades PK-K, 1, & 2 Lunch
- 11:10 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. – Grade 3 & 4 Lunch
- 11:40 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – MS Lunch and Recess
- 12:20 p.m. – Seventh Period Begins
- 2:15 p.m. – Afternoon Prayer
- 2:20 p.m. – Homeroom
- 2:30 p.m. – Bus Dismissal
- 2:35 p.m. – Walkers Dismissal



All walkers must be met by a parent or official parent designee at their respective doors at their dismissal times. Teachers must be able to see the responsible adult. Walkers will only be allowed to leave the building without an adult pickup if we have a note signed by parents. It is my personal recommendation that no elementary students walk in this neighborhood alone, however it is up to parental discretion to make that decision.

September Calendar

- Tues. 9/11 - 6th Grade Conservation Field Days
Wed. 9/12 - Assembly - Pam Helming 10:00 a.m.
- PTO meeting 6:30 p.m. at school
Thurs. 9/13 - Band Assembly grades 3-8
(Parents of prospective band students are welcome.)
Mon. 9/17 - One Hour Early Dismissal per GCSD
- Walk-a-Thon Committee Meeting - New Members Welcome and Encouraged to Attend!
Wed. 9/19 - Magazine Drive Kickoff
Thurs. 9/20 - Band registration forms are due
Fri. 9/21 - Mardi Gras Raffle Tickets due
Tues. 9/25 - Mardi Gras Committee Meeting - New Members Welcome and Encouraged to Attend!
Fri. 9/28 - 8th Grade Granger Museum Civil War Encampment



October - Please Save These Dates

- Wed. 10/3 - Open House 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Thurs. 10/4 - Feast of St. Francis of Assissi - Blessing of the Pets 8:30 a.m.
Fri. 10/5 - No School for Students - Diocesan Conference Day
Fri. 10/12 - School Mass 8:30 a.m.
Fri. 10/19 - Walk-a-Thon



NEW Lunch Program News *IMPORTANT*

We have been approved by the health department to prepare and serve lunches on site, but we are still awaiting delivery of pots & pans and a few other supplies for our lunch program. **Students will still need to bring a lunch to school next week Monday - Wednesday.** We will serve a complimentary hot dog lunch (which will not be a part of our regular school lunch menu) on **Thursday** of next week. We will begin our regular pizza order for next Friday. **School lunches will definitely be available beginning on Monday, Sept. 17th.** Order forms are enclosed today and must be returned by Tuesday for third and fourth week lunches. The menu for September will not be the set menu, as we want to get parent and student input before we finalize our menu plans. **Please complete the orders for those meals along with the survey in the family packet and return to school on Monday.** Freeze pops and ice cream treats will be available for purchase next Friday.

We REALLY Need Your Help!

We still need two people each day to wash a couple of pots & pans and our lunch trays, and clean up the kitchen. Please e-mail Mrs. Mantelli with days available. Hours are noon until finished (about 45 minutes to an hour) for our kitchen helpers. **THANK YOU** in advance for your help making a healthy, kid friendly lunch available for our students!

We are still enrolling new students for the 2018-2019 school year. Remember our Ambassador Program. Your family, and any new family you refer, will each receive a \$500.00 tuition credit! We especially want to build enrollment in our second grade and our kindergarten class. We also have a very special incentive program for newly enrolling second graders right now funded by some wonderful donors. The next five families to enroll a student in the "Class of 2025" will receive a \$500.00 tuition credit each year they remain enrolled at SF-SS School. Do you know any families with rising second graders?



St. Francis - St. Stephen Soccer

St. Francis-St. Stephens soccer season will begin Tuesday, September 11th for any 5th-8th grader interested in playing.

Students will need to be at Ridgewood field by 3:30. You must provide your own transportation or arrange a carpool. If your student is riding with another parent, that parent must be cleared to drive on school field trips and you must send a note allowing the carpool.

Practices will run from 3:30-5:00 every Tuesday and Thursday. This will be an intramural sport so there will also be games amongst the players. (Games are TBA)

Jen Good will be coaching SFSS soccer however, we are still looking for another coach to help. Please contact Melissa Godkin, SFSS Athletic Director @ Melissa.godkin@yahoo.com if you are interested in this opportunity.

*This Tuesday, we ask that all parents be present at the field at 4:45 so we can go over the Code of Conduct with students and families, so we can have a fun season.

I would like to renew my commitment to creating a caring Catholic educational community in which children thrive, keeping all of our children safe, promoting Catholic social teaching, and keeping the lines of communication between school and home open.

May God bless all of you!

Mrs. Mary C. Mantelli



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