

St. Francis School



November 2017



Pastor's Message—Father Pat

In the month of November, Christians give thanks to God, from the youngest to the oldest. No people should be as grateful as we Americans who have been so blessed through the centuries. At St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School, we teach children to thank God for the wonderful people in their lives, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, grandparents, aunts, and uncles.

We thank God for precious loyal friends. Thanksgiving is in reality a holy day rather than a holiday. Created, redeemed and sanctified, we all give praise to the God who made us, died for, us and awaits for us in heaven.

From The Principal—Mrs. Sikora

Thanksgiving is a time for us to reflect on the many blessings in our lives. At SFS I am thankful for the wonderful children and families at the school. I am also thankful for my fabulous co-workers, who go above and beyond in their service to the children. In looking ahead, I am convinced we have the best Family Thanksgiving Luncheon in the world! Our cooks and volunteers do an amazing job preparing the food. If your family is new to St. Francis School, please do not miss this delicious meal on November 14.

Ms. Natalie Larson, our Spanish, Art and Music teacher accepted a full-time position at National Travel. Ms. Larson's nickname at the school is 'Renaissance Woman' because of her many talents. We will miss her, but wish her all the best. Mrs. Jennifer Ronen will teach Music, Mrs. Mita Larson will teach Spanish, and Mrs. Andrea Alden will teach Art.

I would like to give the PTO a huge thank you for providing the field trip to Gritt's Farm, and for the amazing Oktoberfest. Thank you officers Erin Vriendt, Erica Master, Kristin Lemaster and Jessica Davis for all of your hard work.

Prayers for E.V. Triplett's grandfather as he recovers from heart surgery.

Start by doing what is necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible. - St. Francis of Assisi



October Good Samaritans

The Good Samaritan Award is given to a child who shows concern for his/her classmates. *Keep up the great work!*

K-2: Gracie Harpold

3-5: Bella Brown

Best Dressed

The grade with the highest percentage receives extra recess.

K-95% 1st-93% 2nd-89% 3rd-95% 4th-91% 5th-92%

Congratulations to Kindergarten and 3rd Grade !

Preschool-Mrs. Lago

We all had a great time learning about wheels. The children also loved decorating and playing in our Ice Cream Truck center. We served up small, medium, and large cups of chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, and banana ice cream.

A big thank you goes out to our homeroom parents Kerri and Katie for planning our Halloween Celebration. The children had a lot of fun.

Next month we will be learning about Exercise. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Preschool-Mrs. Shrewsbury

October was wonderful month! A special thanks to Nicky Lyles for planning such a wonderful party for our class. Also, thank you to parents who sent in money and yummy treats. The children had fun pinning bones on "Mr. Bones", "painting" delicious cookies, and opening the awesome treat bags.

Our class also put together two fabulous pet baskets for the Oktoberfest raffle. Thanks to all that donated items. We also appreciate the donations of hand sanitizer and play dough for our classroom!

In November we will learn about the first Thanksgiving and talk about what we are thankful for. We will also work on the letters "I" "J" "K" and "L".

We are looking forward to all the fun times in November, especially our Family Thanksgiving Luncheon.

We would like to wish Cason McComas a very Happy Birthday this month!



Wishing everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

Preschool-Ms. Burns

We are having so much fun in preschool! Each day we learn in many different ways, and the children are growing so fast. We have been studying wheels, and now we are moving on to "EXERCISE". Each day we discuss the importance of exercise, how to stay healthy, and how healthy food is important for our bodies. We are doing yoga each day along with Minds in Motion. Exercise is one of our favorite topics, and the children are having so much fun with it. We have even turned our Dramatic Play area in our classroom into a "Doctor's office / Veterinarian Clinic"!

Our Halloween Parade and Party was a huge success. Thank you so much to all of our parents that came and helped to make the day so special. A special thank you to our Homeroom moms: Annette Underhill and Lisa Greenlee.... You did a great job planning the day! I really appreciate all of our parents and their support. The school year is moving right along, we can't believe it is almost Thanksgiving! I am so grateful for all of the children, their parents, and my aide Melissa Barnes. Thank You!

Kindergarten News—Mrs. Gregg

October sure went by quickly. We really enjoyed our trip to Gritt's Farm. Thanks so much to all the families for your help with the Halloween Party. The children had a wonderful time and it couldn't have been better. I was glad to see so many parents at the party.

As Thanksgiving approaches we will be talking a lot about all the blessings that God gives us. Thanks so much for all your support with our reader and homework each night!

First Grade News—Ms. Potter

Thank you parents for the wonderful Halloween party! The children had a great time eating the delicious treats. They really enjoyed their goody bags too. Their costumes were great and it was fun to get to walk around the neighborhood for our annual Halloween Parade. Thank you again for your hard work to make all of this possible!

The students are enjoying the stories that we have been reading in class. This week they are reading *How Leopard Got His Spots*. I appreciate the extra practice you are providing at home with the vocabulary words. Daily practice makes a tremendous difference in their reading fluency. Remember you can access their reading books online at <https://www-k6.thinkcentral.com>.

In math, the children are continuing to practice addition and subtraction facts. They will begin telling time to the hour and counting dimes and pennies. They will also be predicting the capacity of containers and then measuring to see if their estimations are correct. They have been creating different designs with the pattern blocks and estimating how many pennies different items in the classroom weigh.

The first graders are beginning a study of West Virginia. They have been learning about the state fruit and tree. They will continue learning different facts about our wonderful state throughout the school year.

Second Grade News—Mrs. Lopez

Welcome fall!! We have been busy in the classroom reading, writing, and learning new math concepts. We are beginning our reading passages this week. There is a reading passage sent home each Monday for the students to read daily to improve reading fluency. Please check your student's folder daily for homework and other important information. The leaves collected for our class leaf collection is due on November 13. Thank you in advance families for all your help with the daily reading and collecting the leaves.

I would like to thank all the parents that helped make our class Halloween party a huge success, I know the students and I really enjoyed it! Also, thank you to all those families that donated items for our WVU basket for Oktoberfest. We had enough items for two baskets and I actually won one of them! A special thanks to Tina Coakley for getting WVU items donated for our basket!

Also, our class would love to thank the wonderful PTO for two great field trips last month!! We are so appreciative to each of you for all your hard work and dedication to our school. We are all looking forward to Thanksgiving lunch on November 14th. Please get your forms turned in for this wonderful lunch! Don't forget no school on November 22-24. Lastly, Happy Birthday this month to Connor, Nana, and Leila!!

Third Grade News—Mr. Swalley

Thank each and every one of you who contributed to the class Halloween party, I know the kids had a great time! It was also nice to have an opportunity to sit and chat with you.

I would like to take a moment to get you up to date on Swal-Mart. The first quarter profits are much lower than the projection. This year's class is a group of frugal young people! As you know, that is not a bad way to live life at all, I'm just very impressed. Fortunately, I do not have to answer to any shareholders as to why the profits are low!

Fourth Grade News—Mrs. Martin

What a great October! Many fourth grade students achieved their AR goals for the first quarter. I am very proud of them! All were treated to ice cream cones from Dairy Queen. I am confident that we could have 100% of goals achieved in the second quarter. As a reminder, this is mandatory and for a grade. Please encourage your child to read each evening.

Fifth grade Religion students began the first day of November dressed in character of their favorite Saint. They also read a little biography of each one. We did this in celebration of the holy day, Feast of All Saints.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are counting our blessings for our awesome school, faculty, staff, friends and families. Happy Thanksgiving from the fourth grade class.

Fifth Grade News—Ms. S.

First off, I want to express a big “thank you” to our homeroom mothers for a wonderful and spooky Halloween party. The past few months have flown by and November brings even more excitement!

This month the fifth graders are going to explore our country through the eyes of the pioneers. Also, we have our Thanksgiving family dinner on the 14th and I hope to see everyone there. Thanksgiving vacation will start the Wednesday the 22nd and the students will return on Monday. I hope everyone has a safe and fun holiday!



The links are on our homepage at www.sfsww.com
Stay connected!

UPCOMING EVENTS—REMINDERS—DATES

For more information on the calendar of events, school lunch menus, and much more, visit our school website: www.sfsww.com!

- Choir – Every Wednesday 2:45-3:30
- Wednesday, November 8 – Limo Ride Reward for PTO Fundraiser
- Thursday, November 9 – Mass Grades K-5 – Special Veteran’s Mass
- Thursday, November 9 – Early Dismissal 12:00 pm—Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Friday, November 10 – No School – Veterans Day
- Tuesday, November 14 – Mass 2nd Grade Only
- Tuesday, November 14 - Thanksgiving Luncheon
 - 11:00 – 11:35 Ms. Libby PK 12:00 – 12:35 Mrs. Lago PK
 - 11:15 – 11:50 Ms. Burns PK 12:15 – 12:50 Second Grade
 - 11:30 – 12:05 Kindergarten 12:30 – 1:05 Third Grade
 - 11:45 – 12:20 First Grade 12:45 - 1:15 Fourth & Fifth Grade
- Thursday, November 16 – AEP Read To Me Day Gr K&1 @ 1:00
- Thursday, November 16 – Mass Grades K-5
- Friday, November 17 – Jeans Day—\$.50
- Tuesday, November 21 – Mass 3rd Grade
- November 22- 24– No School—HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- Tuesday, November 28 – Mass 4th Grade
- Thursday, November 30 – Mass Grades K-5





St. Francis of Assisi School CARING KIDS PROGRAM

For November, Caring Kids will participate in Operation Christmas Child. The goal is for each class to fill two shoeboxes, one for a boy and one for a girl. We ask that every child donate small items such as: toothbrushes, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), combs, washcloths, small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch-A-Sketches, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinkys, hard candy and lollipops (please double-bag candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, and flashlights (with extra batteries).

Age groups are as follows:

Items for Ages 2-4	Preschool Classes
Items for Ages 5-9	Grades K-2
Items for Ages 10-14	Grades 3-5

PLEASE SEND THE ITEMS TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM BY NOVEMBER 15TH. The third grade "Caring Kids" will help with packing the boxes. **THANKS SO MUCH!**

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Tina Coakley 304.741.4467, Mr. Swalley, or the School Office at 304.727.5690.



SAVE THE DATE!
**St. Albans Christmas
Parade**
SAT. DEC. 2