

# St. Francis School



## October 2017



### Pastor's Message—Father Pat

Our special day of celebration in October is the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Our school is named in honor of this holy man because he is a Christian inspiration for our boys and girls. Through the years and centuries, Francis has taught generations of young people how to live an authentic Gospel life.

Francis dedicated His life to living like Jesus. He lived the words Jesus taught us, “To love God with all our heart and soul and to love our neighbor as ourselves.” He appreciated the wondrous beauty of God’s creations. Francis showed gentle kindness to all God’s creatures. At our St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School we teach our children to pray like Francis: “Where there is darkness, let me bring light; where there is despair, let me bring hope; where there is sadness, let me bring joy, where there is hatred, let me bring love.”

### From The Principal—Mrs. Sikora

The leaves are beginning to change as October is upon us. The warm afternoon temperatures make the days absolutely beautiful. At St. Francis the first quarter of the school year will end on October 19. It has been a busy quarter with so many new opportunities for the children. The Minds in Motion maze is popular with the children. Each class visits the room daily and completes the 15 stations. The soccer program has been enjoyable for many of the students. We are learning our way around the league, and I want to thank parents for their patience. I also want to thank the coaches who are donating their time to work with the children. Information about basketball will be coming home soon.

I am so proud of our school! We accomplish so much with so little, and it is all to benefit the children. We want our students to have the best educational experience possible. Recently KCS educators informed me that we are the only private school in the area to offer students the amount of academic support found here. Way to go, St. Francis!

Condolences to the family of Sydney Miller on the loss of her great grandmother and to Mrs. Oxley on the loss of her grandmother. Prayers for Mr. Tom Cloer, grandfather of Mia and Graham.



### Good Samaritans—September

K-2: Eien Booth

3-5: Tristen Kelly

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



### Best Dressed

K-99%    1st-92%    2nd-94%    3rd-93%    4th-92%    5th-92%

Our littlest students are the winners! Congratulations to Kindergarten for winning extra recess!

### Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures

Thank you for doing a wonderful job at afternoon pick-up in keeping to the right so that Holley Street is not blocked. The dismissal car line begins at the Holley Street double doors, so upon arrival please take the next place in the line rather than parking ahead of the first car in line. 'Walker' students will be dismissed after the car line finishes. Please continue to follow this pattern at morning drop off. For the safety of the children, please enter Holley from Lincoln Street facing Sixth Avenue so that children are dropped off on the school side of Holley Street. Thank you for your cooperation.

### FUNDRAISING FUN!

At St. Francis School we offer families a variety of fundraisers which are designed to appeal to everyone. Please do not feel obligated to support every fundraiser, but rather choose the ones that best help your family.

Please help St. Francis School raise money by participating in the Kroger's Community Rewards Program. This does not interfere with your gas points or any discounts. Every time you swipe your Kroger "Plus" card (or input your phone number) a percentage from your purchase will go back to St. Francis, so if you're shopping there anyway, it's a great way to help the school.



To sign up go to [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards). The St. Francis **Organization Number is 80360**. If you have enrolled in the past, to continue donating you must re-enroll once in August or later in 2017. If you are having trouble registering, please call 1-800-576-4377, option 3. Also, feel free to call the school office (304) 727-5690 and we will be happy to help.

### RenWeb

Our school management system, RenWeb, provides assignment and grade information for students in grades 1-5. Kindergarten is skill based, and does not have assignments. To gain access, please set up an account:

- Go to: [www.renweb.com](http://www.renweb.com)
- Select "Logins"
- Select Parent Web Login
- Create a New Parents Web Account
- District Code: SFA-WV
- Enter email address, and then select "Create Account"



### Preschool-Mrs. Lago

We have been very busy learning about balls and water pipes. We bounced, threw, kicked, passed, rolled, and inflated balls of different sizes. We also had fun exploring and learning about water. Keep practicing our Nursery Rhymes. Thanks for all your hard work on our Celebrate Learning Family Projects. They are awesome! Keep up the great work and have fun.

This month we will investigate wheels and practice writing or tracing first names. See our class dojo page for more information. Our Wheels project is to create a page for our class book about wheels. Halloween Parade is Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017 @ 1:00 (wear your costume to school).

### Preschool-Ms. Burns

We have been moving right along in our classroom! We have been studying our units on Balls, Water Pipes, and Wheels. The children are learning so much by investigating and exploring their environments at school and home. They also love the letter of the week and weekly Show and Tell. Thank you to my parents for helping them pick out a show and tell weekly! We now have a "Leader of the Day" who helps to demonstrate our classroom and school rules. We will all take turns having this special job, and so far we have had some fabulous leaders!

Our Family Hot Dog Day and Family Celebration was a huge success. The children loved eating with a family member, doing a craft in the classroom, and playing outside with chalk on the playground. Thank you to everyone who came and spent time with us. It means a lot to both the teachers and the children to spend time together! Much thanks to my Homeroom Moms, Lisa Greenlee and Annette Underhill, for organizing the day. Please check out our "Family Tree" in the classroom! It is so beautiful! We are looking forward to a fun Halloween Celebration in a few weeks.

### Preschool-Mrs. Shrewsbury

Happy Fall! We have many fun activities planned for October. This month we will be working on the letters "E" "F" "G" and "H". We will also be taking walks around the big playground to collect leaves to make leaf rubbings and a nature collage, and learn about fire safety during National Fire Prevention Week. The preschoolers are looking forward to Oktoberfest and our Halloween party at the end of the month! We will be sending home additional information soon.

A special thank you to Nicky Lyles for volunteering to be our homeroom mother!

Happy Birthday to Braelynn Lively who celebrates a birthday this month!

### Kindergarten—Mrs. Gregg

Everyone enjoyed the play Peter Pan that we watched at the Little Theater this last Friday. The children were all so well behaved on the bus and in the theater. They are looking forward to the next field trip to Gritts Farms in a couple of weeks.

The students have the first phonics reader in their folders. Listen to your child read it each night, sign the calendar on the back and place it back in their folder and when they have read it five times they will get a special sticker.

Thanks so much for the donations for the caring kids club. Christ's Kitchen does so much to help in our community, I'm glad we can help them help others. We have been talking about showing Gods love to others and this is a great example!

### First Grade News—Ms. Potter

Happy fall from the First Grade Class! The students are very excited to go on their first field trip to the Children's Theatre to see Peter Pan Jr. We are also planning a field trip to Gritt's Farm later this month.

The first graders will be reading *How Animals Communicate and A Musical Day*. They have many new vocabulary words to learn with their new stories. Thank you for reviewing the words on their homework each evening. Also, visit [www-k-6.thinkcentral.com](http://www-k-6.thinkcentral.com) and read the stories with your children at home. The students will be working on comprehension skills by identifying the setting, characters, details, and sequence of the stories.

The students have been practicing the double facts by singing the "Doubles Rap" and using Wrap Ups. Please use the small fact cards to practice at home too! The children have been acting out math stories to show addition and subtraction problems and drawing pictures to show the stories. They have also been counting pennies and learning to identify ordinal positions.

In Religion, the children will be learning the Scripture story about the Good Samaritan and discussing ways they can be a good neighbor. They will also be reading about Commandments and learning that these are laws to help us live as God wants. We will discuss how Jesus taught us to love God, ourselves, and others.

### Second Grade News—Mrs. Lopez

Welcome Fall!! We are all adjusting well to second grade. We will be doing a class leaf collection and each student will be responsible for bringing two leaves to contribute to our book. I will send home details by the end of this week. I recently sent home login information for Accelerated Reader and Sumdog. If you did not receive the information, please let me know by emailing me at [jillopez@sfsww.com](mailto:jillopez@sfsww.com).

I would like to welcome five new families to our St. Francis family: Arthur, Bunch, Lagrange, Murray-Shrader, and Oiler. We are so happy to have Maddie, Jordyn, Harrison, Reagan, and Shaedyn in second grade!!

A few dates to remember: Children's Theater field trip on October 6th, Gritt's Farm field trip on October 19th, End of 1st nine weeks on October 19 (last day for AR goals to be met), Oktoberfest on October 21st 11-2, and our School Halloween parade & party on October 27th, dismissal at 11:30. We would like to wish Maddie a very happy birthday this month!!

### Third Grade News—Mr. Swalley

Last month, we started our "Read Aloud" program and the students have enjoyed it greatly. We thank the parents who have donated their time to come in and read to us.

This month, we will begin our "Caring Kids" program. Please see month's flyer (last page of this newsletter) that has the item wish-list. Each Tuesday and Thursday, Caring Kids will visit each classroom and collect donations. Donations can be sent in any day of the week and we will collect donations throughout the month.

### Fourth Grade News—Mrs. Martin

Welcome Fall! Fourth grade students have become well adjusted to the routines in our classroom. The students work diligently on their chrome books with Math, Reading, and Spelling. By the end of the month, we will be adding assignments in English and Religion as well. We are studying the branches of government and how the government works.

We began our month with the feast of the Guardian Angels followed by the feast of St. Francis and ending the first week with a trip to the Children's Theatre to see "Peter Pan." We will be observing Columbus Day on the ninth. On the nineteenth, we will be joining our school with a trip to Gritt's Farm, (thank you PTO!!). The nineteenth will also mark the end of the first nine weeks. We are looking forward to Oktoberfest, Scholastic Book Fair, and our annual Halloween Parade. Have fun picking a costume!

### Fifth Grade News—Ms. S.

Wow! September has flown by! October is going to be another busy month for the fifth graders. We will be continuing to learn about our country and forefathers in Social Studies. In Math we will be dividing into fractions! I encourage all parents to please practice multiplication facts with their child every night. I will also be starting a reading log, so be looking for that soon!

Here are some helpful sites that the students can use to strengthen their skills in all subjects, in a fun environment! [www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com) and [www.arcademics.com](http://www.arcademics.com).

## 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](http://www.sfsww.com)

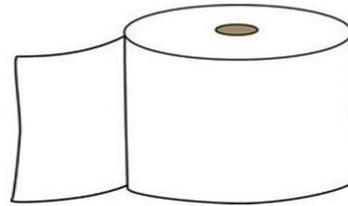
- Choir—Every Wednesday until 3:30 pm
- Monday, October 2nd—No School for Collaborative PK Students—Daycare will be available
- Tuesday, October 3rd—Mass 5th Grade
- Tuesday, October 3rd—School Uniform Pictures for Grades K-5, Collaborative PK, and Traditional T/TH PK
- Tuesday, October 3rd—PTO Meeting @ 6 pm
- Wednesday, October 4th—School Pictures for Traditional M/W/F PK
- Wednesday, October 4th—Mass Grades K-5—Feast of St. Francis—Please bring a stuffed animal to be blessed
- Thursday, October 5th—No Mass
- Friday, October 6th—Popcorn Day—\$.50
- Friday, October 6th—Field Trip to Children's Theater (leaving at 8:30 am, returning around 11 am)
- Friday, October 6th—PTO Fundraiser Pickup after 2 pm in the Gym
- Monday, October 9th—No School—No Daycare
- Tuesday, October 10th—Mass 2nd Grade
- Thursday, October 12th—Mass Grades K-5
- Friday, October 13th—Jeans Day—\$.50
- Tuesday, October 17th—Mass Grades K-5
- Thursday, October 19th—Gritt's Farm Field Trip Grades K-5—Please pack your child a disposable bag lunch
- Friday, October 20th—Popcorn Day—\$.50
- Saturday, October 21st—Oktoberfest 11am-2pm
- Monday, October 23rd—Friday, October 27th—Book Fair
- Tuesday, October 24th—Mass 4th Grade
- Thursday, October 26th—Mass Grades K-5
- Friday, October 28th—Dismissal at 11:30 am for Halloween Parade & Party. Please be back at the playground at 1:00 pm. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am for children that plan to stay.





## St. Francis of Assisi School CARING KIDS PROGRAM

3rd Graders will be collecting most needed items each month. This month's requests are Sugar and Toilet Paper. There will be collection boxes outside the classrooms. The 3rd Graders will also come around to each class to collect items. THANKS SO MUCH!



Benefiting the  
*Christ Kitchen Food Pantry*  
located at 419 B Street in St. Albans

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.



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