

St. Francis School



May 2018



Pastor's Message—Father Pat

As the 2017-2018 school year comes to a close, we thankfully remember all the blessings that we have received from God. Our St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School children have learned all the wonders of our divinely created universe. Our children have celebrated Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter and every beautiful day in a Christian manner. Most of all our children have come to know and love Jesus. At Saint Francis, the first and last lesson is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I prayerfully ask God to bless your children during these summer months. May the angels of God watch over them and fill their hearts with joy and peace.

From The Principal—Mrs. Sikora

This school year flew by, and it is hard to believe we are almost at the end. The children have grown leaps and bounds in many ways, academically, emotionally, spiritually, and physically. They learned to read, write, multiply, divide, count in Spanish, learned about plants and trees, animals, and the world around them. They rolled in hay at Gritt's Farm, dressed in spooky costumes for the Halloween Parade, showed their acting and singing talent in the Christmas Play, increased their dexterity in Minds-in-Motion, made a video about being 'Happy,' travelled to the Clay Center, and learned about God. They learned to accept each other, treat people with kindness, and to help those less fortunate.

I am proud of the combined efforts of our faculty, staff, volunteers and families in providing the children with an outstanding educational experience at the best school in the world!

Please pray for Jameson De'Gier and his family and especially for a quick recovery for his little sister, Hallee.

I wish everyone a very healthy and restful summer vacation.

PTO Officers for 2018-2019 School Year

President: Jenn Ronen
Treasurer: Carolyn Booher

Vice President: Valerie Winiesdorffer
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Welcome and congratulations!



SUMMER ACADEMY

Our *fun-filled* Summer Academy begins Monday, June 4th!

The hours are Monday-Friday from 7:30am-5pm.

Check out our website www.sfsww.com for registration and rate information.

Session 1: June 4—July 3

Session 2: July 9—August 3

April 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: Charlie Clay

3-5: Carlee Stone



Best Dressed

The grade with the highest percentage receives extra recess!
Congratulations to 3rd Grade!

K-95.5% 1st-85.7% 2nd-94.7% 3rd-100% 4th-91% 5th-89.7%

Preschool-Ms. Burns

The last day of preschool is approaching fast, and our preschoolers are so excited! Each day we have been talking about Kindergarten, reading books about Kindergarten, and pretending to be in Kindergarten in our dramatic play center. The children love the idea of moving on to Kindergarten, and we are so happy for them! Our "graduation" celebration will be on the last day of school, and the children have been working on something special for their families. I am so proud of all they have accomplished this year!

Ms. Melissa and I would like to thank our classroom families for all of their help and cooperation this year. It has been a wonderful year full of fun and laughs! The children have all learned and accomplished so much this school year, and it is because they have such loving and supportive families. It has been a joy getting to know each child and their family, and I wish you a wonderful summer full of joy!

Preschool-Mrs. Lago

Wow! What a fantastic year! The children have all grown so much. We are very proud of each and every one of our students. Thank you for all your support and help making this year so successful for the children. It has been a fun filled year full of learning.

This month we will be completing our Flower Study and our Transition to Kindergarten Study.

Our Celebration will be held on May 23, 2018 at 10:00 am in the gym for both Pre K classes (Lago and Burns). May 23 is also the last day of school for all Preschool classes.

Preschool-Mrs. Shrewsbury

It is hard to believe the school year is almost over. We have had such a great time learning and playing together! In May we will continue to review letters, numbers, colors and shapes and learn about summer safety.

Please join us for our Preschool Celebration on May 16th at 10:00. We will distribute certificates then have a morning of fun! Additional information will be sent home soon!

A big thank you to all of the parents, grandparents and family members who helped make this year so great! A special thank you to Nicky Lyles for being our homeroom parent! It is a blessing to work with such wonderful families!

We would like to wish Aiden Caldwell, Mila Cleek and Caleb Bradley a very Happy Birthday this month! Summer birthday wishes to AJ Tibbs, Alan Moore, Maddux Withrow and Nana Kwame Agyiri.

I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer.

Kindergarten News—Mrs. Gregg

We are in the last few weeks of school and we're so glad for playground weather again. I have really enjoyed our class this year and I am sad to leave St. Francis but I will be back to visit when I'm in town.

Our class has learned so much this year and I hope everyone will continue to read each evening. Joining the summer reading club at the library is a great incentive to keep your student reading. I highly recommend something like this because continuing to practice daily will help your students transition to first grade much easier. Thank you so much for all your support this year! We have the best families here at St. Francis and a wonderful caring staff. Enjoy your summer!

First Grade News—Ms. Potter

The children had a wonderful time at the Clay Center! Our field trip began with an interesting science demonstration on solids, liquids, and gases. Next, the students enjoyed playing in “My Town” where they were able to pretend to be mechanics, veterinarians, and even the mayor. They also had fun at the Music Studio and Healthy Me exhibits. We would like to thank our generous PTO for the delicious lunch and making this field trip possible!

We are ready to visit Italy! I’m looking forward to seeing the children’s costumes. We will be taking our first trip to Caffè San Francesco (Father Pat’s backyard) and we are also planning to go to Olive Garden soon. Notes will be coming home within the next few days with more information. The children are really enjoying learning about this beautiful country. We would like to thank Ms. Ramella for creating these wonderful lessons and working so hard to find a special Italian name for each child!

The students are becoming wonderful writers! It is amazing to see their progress from the beginning of the school year. They have been working hard on their writing portfolios. Their work will be on display at school soon. If you have a chance, please stop by and look through them. You will find that we have some future authors and illustrators in our class.

It is hard to believe that we are near the end of the school year! Thank you parents for your support throughout the year! It is a blessing to work with such wonderful families! Have a safe and relaxing summer and enjoy reading with your child every day! Please visit the library over the summer break and enjoy some of the fun activities they offer for children.

Second Grade News—Mrs. Lopez

We have almost made it!! Testing is over and we are counting down the days until summer. I would like to thank all those families that sent in food for testing, it really helped and the students loved it!

Also, First communion went very well and everyone looked amazing. I am very proud of all the kids. Thank you to all the parents that sent in food for our second grade retreat, we had a small feast! Also, a big thank you for all the help on Friday with the retreat: Kelly Adkins, Kim Lacy, Julie Binion, Sara Cloer, Jeri Givens, Michelle Jividen, Katie LaGrange, Jennifer Pauley, and Mark Stone. The day would not have been as successful without your help! In addition, thank you parents for all your help this year, I couldn’t have done it without your support.

Lastly, we all worked very hard on our class book and we are all anxiously awaiting for it to be published and returned. I will send updates as I hear from the publisher. Happy Birthday to Harrison!! I hope everyone has a great summer.

Third Grade News—Mr. Swalley

I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful year we had and for letting me be a part of your child's life these past few months. We learned a lot, laughed every day, and grew closer. I have also really enjoyed getting to know the parents better, such a wonderful group!

I hope each and every one of you has an incredible summer and enjoy the time together!

Fourth Grade News—Mrs. Martin

Wow! It is hard to believe it is May! We have many celebrations this month beginning with our beautiful Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Our May Crowning was so beautiful as every student represented a rosary bead. May Queen Audrey Shamblin crowned our Blessed Mother. The choir dinner show is Tuesday, May 15 beginning with a fundraiser dinner from 5:00-6:45pm followed by "The Tale of the Three Trees" beginning at 7:00pm. The fourth graders are studying the history of our beautiful state, and completing our textbooks. It has truly been an awesome year in fourth grade. I want to thank all of our wonderful parents who have given their time, talents, and support endlessly. You are truly amazing and I love all of you from the bottom of my heart. I am so proud of my fourth graders' accomplishments. I wish each and every one a very happy and safe summer.

Fifth Grade News—Ms. S.

Wow! Where has the year gone? I am so proud of the fifth grade class and all that they have accomplished this year! This month is one of the busiest months of the year. On Tuesday, we participated in the May Crowning with Ms. Audrey as our queen. The fifth grade trip to Ohio on May 17th and 18th is quickly approaching. The fifth grade dinner at Angela's on the River will be on May 23rd, so please make sure to turn in your R.S.V.P. by the 14th. The graduation Mass is on May 24th, with a reception hosted by the fourth grade class. The annual end of the school year picnic will be held on the 25th of May.

It has been my pleasure to teach this group of outstanding students. I wish the fifth grade class a happy and safe summer! Good luck next year, and as always my door is always open if you ever need anything!





May 2018 Events

- Mass Grades K-5 – May 10, 17, 22 & 24 (Jeans Day clothing for the 24th Field Day Gr K-4)
- Choir – Wednesday, May 2 & May 9
- Tuesday, May 1 – Mass – 5th Grade
- Wednesday, May 2 – Bread Sharing for 2nd Grade Families @ 6:00pm
- Friday, May 4– Jeans Day
- Friday, May 4 – 2nd Grade Retreat
- Friday, May 4 – Mother/Son Cosmic Bowling at Venture Lanes 8-11:00pm (Can wear Star Wars Costumes)
- Sunday, May 6 – First Communion @ 11:00 am –Children’s Choir will be Singing
- Tuesday, May 8 – Mass 2nd Grade
- Tuesday, May 8 – May Crowning @ 1:00pm
- Wednesday, May 9 – PTO Meeting @ 6:00pm – Elections
- Wednesday, May 9 – Café San Francesca – 1st Grade will celebrate at Fr. Pat’s House @ 1pm
- Friday, May 11 – Popcorn Day
- Friday, May 11 – PTO Lock-In
- Tuesday, May 15 – Mass 3rd Grade
- Tuesday, May 15 – Choir Spaghetti Dinner 5-6:45 Program 7:00pm
- Wednesday, May 16 – Ms. Libby’s PK Celebration @ 10:00am
- Wednesday, May 16 – Choir Fun Day to Chuck E Cheese

- **Thursday, May 17 – Lago’s Celebration @ 1:00pm in the Church,**
- **Burns’ Graduation @ 1:45pm in the Church**
- **Thursday, May 17 & Friday, May 18th – 5th Grade Trip**
- **Friday, May 18 – Jeans Day**
- **Tuesday, May 22 – Kindergarten Graduation @ 8:15am Mass (Gr K-5)**
- **Wednesday, May 23 – 1st Grade – Olive Garden (more info to come....)**
- **Wednesday, May 23 – Last Day of School for ALL Preschool**
- **Wednesday, May 23 – 5th Grade Dinner @ Angela’s on the River 5:00pm**
- **Thursday, May 24 – 5th Grade Graduation (Gr K-5 Field Day Attire is fine)**
- **Thursday, May 24 – No School for PK – Daycare Available**
- **Thursday, May 24 – Track & Field Day at St. Francis School**
- **Friday, May 25 – Last Day of School Picnic @ FMC Sportsman’s Club in Winfield. Mass begins at 10:00am at FMC (address is: 5000 Poplar Fork Rd. Winfield, WV) NO DAYCARE AVAILABLE (This is considered a school day for K-5)**

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

