

Friday, December 8, 2017

We have had a wonderful week here at St. Francis and are ending with an exciting trip to the Polar Express! Thanks to all of the wonderful parent volunteers who transformed our K-1 hallway into a magical train ride! We even had a visit from our St. Francis elf, Ernie. Ernie is the brother of beloved elf, Eli. He has been spreading Christmas cheer and reminding us the true reason we celebrate Christmas: Jesus!



A big congratulations goes out to the recipients of the High School Placement Test Scholarship award winners who scored among the top 30 of test takers. Andrew Hardman and Nichole Dehlman were awarded scholarships to attend Archbishop Hoban High School and Constantine Nonno was awarded a scholarship to attend St. Vincent- St. Mary High School. The entire SFdS community is proud of these students and their commitment to academic excellence!

During the week of December 11, all students will be participating in the worldwide movement to engage students in Computer Science. This activity is called, The Hour of Code. The website [www.code.org](http://www.code.org) is a great resource for all ages and has many activities for people of all abilities.

Code.org describes The Hour of Code as the following, "The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. The Hour of Code started as a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code", to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. It has since become a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science, starting with 1-hour coding activities but

expanding to all sorts of community efforts. This grassroots campaign is supported by over [400 partners](#) and 200,000 educators worldwide." We are excited that, thanks to Mrs. Wyszynski, our SFdS students will participate this year!

Below are few reminders for the upcoming week:

- We hope you will join us for Mass this Tuesday, December 12 at 9:00am. We will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Fr. Tom O'Connor. We will also have a special presentation of the story of La Virgen de Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego featuring the 2nd grade class as well as some guests from the 3rd and 4th grade classes.
- The registration to be a member of the Ski Club ends December 22. Please reach out to [Susan Payne](#) if you have any questions or would like to register your child(ren).
- Our next FFN meeting will be next Wednesday, December 13. It will take place in the Upper Room. That meeting will start at 6:30p and run until about 7pm. Immediately following the FFN meeting, the Decorating Committee for our annual Night of Giving Silent Oral Auction will meet. Anyone who attends the FFN meeting is welcome to stay for the Decorating Committee Meeting as many more volunteer hands are needed. Anyone who signed up for this committee on the forms at the beginning of the year and anyone else interested in helping decorate for that evening are encouraged and welcome to attend. Please contact [Jamie Smeiles](#) if you are interested in helping with the decorating committee but are unable to attend the meeting.
- We will have our Winter pep assembly on Monday, December 18 beginning at 2:00pm. Students are permitted to dress down this day. Student Council will be hosting a crazy Christmas sweater contest this day! Leggings and distressed jeans are not permitted. Also, all crazy Christmas sweaters should be Catholic school appropriate.
- Tuesday we will host our Advent parties. Students in grades 5-8 will attend a field trip to the North Canton Skate Center. Permission slips were due today. If you have not filled out your child's permission slip or sent in the money, please do so by Monday, December 11. Tuesday will also be a dress down PRIDE day for the entire school. Leggings and distressed jeans are not permitted.

Please join us this weekend for our Santa Shop. Students, accompanied by parents, are able to shop Saturday, December 9 from 9:00am-12:00pm and Sunday, December 10 from 10:00am-1:00pm. We will also have a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus on Sunday between 10:00am and 11:00am. I hope you have a wonderful, blessed weekend!

In Christ,

Miss Buzzelli