

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Just when we thought we were embarking on a normal week Mother Nature surprised us with a snow day! I hope you all enjoyed! Please remember that next week, Friday, February 16, students will be completing Blizzard Bag activities from home. Please expect students K-2 to be working for at least an hour on these activities and students in 3-8 to be working about 2-3 hours on these activities. Please check teacher pages Thursday evening for an update from teachers on what the activities will be. If activities will be posted through Schoology or Google classroom (grades 5-8) teachers will indicate that on their teacher pages. Thanks for your partnership in helping students to complete their Blizzard bag activities.



I wanted to thank each and every one of you who were able to support our Night at the Races event this past November. Above you will see two items that were purchased with some of the funds raised. When you come into our building you will notice two new branded carpets, one at the entrance, and one in the Primary side of the building. Additionally, we hope that the welcoming sign on the front of the building grabs your attention and that of future Falcon families! We were also able to purchase new stages for our drama performances. Currently, we are working with the Shoemaker family and Student Council on the Buddy Bench project. We are also partnering with the Andes family to use some of the funds raised for new Dinosaur playground equipment! Both projects should be completed this Spring!

Below are just a few reminders:

- Please head to the [homepage](#) of the website, or click the buttons below to schedule your conferences for next Thursday, February 15. There will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, February 16, but students will complete Blizzard Bag activities at home.
- All permission forms and money for the 5-8 field trip to the movies are due no later than tomorrow, February 9. We need to give a head count and drink order to the theatre. We will not be able to accept any permission forms turned in after tomorrow.
- Tuesday, February 13 students are permitted to dress down. Students are encouraged to wear Red, White, Pink or Valentine's Day wear. No leggings or distressed denim please.
- As you may remember during our CSW Pep Rally, I was challenged by the Polar Bear to jump in the Polar Bear Jump on Sunday, February 18. My goal is to raise \$500 to support the Rotary Camp. Next Thursday, February 15 will also be a dress down day for a donation in order to support this fabulous fundraiser. Students may bring in any denomination of money from spare change to larger amounts! Thanks for your support!
- Thanks to Carina Klockner and Natalie Hammer for their work to organize all of our school families information! Directories will be coming home in today's Thursday folder.

You may or may not have heard about a growing trend that has been making its way to our area schools. The "Blue Whale Challenge" is a social media game that is being accessed through Texting, Instagram, Snapchat, and Facebook. Students in surrounding school districts have received a text or message with a link to download the "After School App" with other information giving the impression that the message is coming from their district.

Please click [this link](#) to a very informative article provided by the Ohio Department of Education, posted in 2017, for more information.

During the school day at St. Francis, students are protected by our firewalls. These firewalls block them from using any social media site. In addition to this security measure, students are not permitted to use their personal devices during the school day. Please know that we are passing this information on so that you, as parents, can keep an eye out for the safety of your own children as well as the safety of all of the young people in our community. It is our hope that by passing on this information we can continue to work together for the ongoing health and well-being of our students.

We are so excited to celebrate St. Francis de Sales with all of you this weekend at our annual Night of Giving! Good luck to all of our CYO teams who are still in season and to those who are looking forward to playing in their playoff games.

Blessings,

Miss Buzzelli