

Thursday, October 13

I wanted to say what a beautiful time I had this week with our 8th graders during their retreat. They showed their maturity and love for one another, and it was truly a beautiful time. I am so proud of the leaders we have in our building who are wonderful examples to all of our younger students! Next Tuesday our 7th graders will participate in their class retreat. Students are permitted to wear jeans and a St. Francis t-shirt or hoodie. Please look for a separate flyer for more information.

Please help me to congratulate our newly elected Student Council! Adam Reese, Alaina Lah, Hannah Benoit, Ellie Hardman, Andrew Hardman, Oleg Pesut, Annie Watson, Andrew Griffith, Lukas Cinko, Austin Lah and Campbell Miller. STUCO kicked off their year with their first meeting held this morning. I am excited for our whole student body to be under the leadership of this group of students as they have already begun to plan some new and exciting activities! We pray that they continue to model the Falcon Five each day and that they are successful in all of the endeavors.

This Thursday's letter will be full of good information so please read this carefully.

- You are able to schedule Parent/Teacher conferences using the buttons on the homescreen. Please note that instead of having two separate days for conferences we are trying something new by having them on one day from 10a-8p. Additionally, to maximize the amount of time spent with each teaching team, conferences for grades 3-8 will be held in the cafeteria. K-2 conferences will be held in individual teacher's rooms. **Please note that students will enjoy Thursday, October 20 and Friday, October 21 as free days.**
- The end of first quarter will be Wednesday, October 19. Grades will be finalized in Gradelock by Monday, October 24 and report cards sent home on Thursday, October 27.
- We hope that you will join us Monday, October 17-Wednesday, October 19 for our book fair. You can see a schedule [here](#) of when your student will be attending the book fair with their class. All checks can be made payable to St. Francis de Sales Parish School. The book fair also accepts cash and credit card (by use of an adult, please). We have challenged our students to purchase 400 books! If they reach this goal, I have agreed to dress up for one whole day as a pirate! We would like to thank Mrs. Masters for all of her hard work with the organization of such a wonderful event for our students. We also thank Jamies Smeiles and her bookfair crew for making crafts with our students and helping to set up, run the fair, and clean up afterward. This is no small task and these ladies have made it a truly memorable activity for our students.

- We will also be hosting our annual uniform swap alongside of our book fair. Please note that all items are **free** and there is no limit, except for jumpers (one per family, please). I am always amazed at the amount of uniforms that are donated each year, and am grateful for so many giving families in our Parish School community!
- Please remember that the last day to wear shorts is tomorrow, **October 14**. Going forward all students should wear pants or their skirt/jumpers.
- Please keep our 6th graders in your prayers as they travel to Camp NuHop next Monday and Tuesday. We pray that they arrive safely and truly enjoy their educational experience in God's beautiful nature setting.
- Our next PRIDE day is **Tuesday, October 18**. Please remember that students should be in uniform from the bottom down, including shoes, but are permitted to wear any St. Francis top, jersey, or hoodie/sweatshirt that they'd like. Orders for the Falcon Five t-shirt will be distributed Monday, October 17 to Oldest/Only. We would love to get some pictures of our legacy students with their parents wearing St. Francis gear on PRIDE day. If you have time to come in to the office and get your picture taken with your students that morning, please feel free to do so. If not, please feel free to send us a picture via email at msbuzzelli@stfparishschool.org.
- **CALENDAR CHANGE:** Due to the 6th grade trip to Camp NuHop we will be moving our regularly scheduled study skills group to **Tuesday, October 25 at 8:00am**. We will still hold our 7th and 8th grade session on **Wednesday, October 26 at 8:00am**.
- We would like to recognize 19 students from 4th, 5th and 6th grade who are participating with Mrs. McVicker in Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat. They are hard at work rehearsing for the Chorus. If you would like to support our students by seeing them in action, please visit [this link](#). Our students will perform on Nov. 30 at 10a, Dec. 2 at 7:30p, Dec. 3 at 11:30a, Dec. 4 at 4:30p, and Dec. 10 at 3:30p. It promises, as always with our students, to be a wonderful performance.
- Please see the button below for information regarding our Blood Drive on Friday, October 21 from 1p-7p.

We send special prayers to Matthew Jordan who will be ordained a Deacon on October 22. We are so proud of all of our Seminarrians and the true examples of Christ they are for our students and our Parish community. We ask for your continued prayers for all of our vocations as they fulfill God's call.

Have a wonderful Fall weekend!

In Christ's Love,

Miss Buzzelli