

Thursday, October 4, 2018

Hello Falcon Families!

Today was a great picture day and everyone looked awesome! Picture retake day is November 15 for those students who missed today.

I hope you had the chance to read Miss Schneider's Counselor Corner post in Tuesday's eblast. It details many of the items we will be participating in for the month of October to recognize Anti-Bullying month. We will begin tomorrow by having an assembly for our K-3 students and one for our 4-8 students. Be on the lookout for more information about this very important topic all month.



We have a big group of Falcon Five award winners this week! Congratulations to 1st grader Lily Griffin, 2nd grader Macrina Frain, 4th graders Ethan Pham, Claire Miller and Diedre Drensky, 5th grader Heidi Tonhaeuser, 6th grader Grace Patton, and 8th graders Ben Hutchison and Kellen Ivey. These students have been great examples throughout our building of a super Falcon! They have been helpful to other students and adults, extremely polite, and shown great care our SFdS family. We are so proud of this bunch!

We had so many wonderful submissions for our all school "To The Heights To Sainthood" T-shirt contest and Mrs. Kowallek has chosen a winner. A big congratulations goes out to 7th grader Jesse Powers! Jesse's design depicts a young man walking up a mountain where he passes

signs that “lead him to Sainthood” and remind him that he is “blessed”. Jesse’s design also depicts a beautiful quote: “The higher we go the better we shall hear the voice of Christ”- Blessed Pier Giorgio.



We also celebrate some other great t-shirt entries. We congratulate, Kindergartener Madison Fraleigh, 4th grader Danny Lute, 5th grade Quinn Slota, 6th graders Sienna Miller and Libby Shoemaker, and 7th grader Ashley Lute as our runners up. Mrs. Kowallek mentioned that she was so proud of the artistic and creative abilities of all of our entries!

Below are some reminders:

- We will have a **jeans/Cleveland Indians pride** day tomorrow, Friday, October 5 to support our Tribe as they play their first playoff game!! Distressed jeans and leggings are not permitted.
- **MAP Scores** are coming home in today’s Thursday folder. Please do not hesitate to ask your child’s homeroom teacher about any questions you may have. Please note that oftentimes Fall scores tend to show decline from the Spring testing session. There are several factors that cause this decline. We are aware of these and teachers plan to discuss these more in depth at conferences on October 25.
- All 6th, 7th and 8th grade parents are invited, and encouraged, to join us for our Science Fair meeting at 6:30pm in the Refectory on October 11. You will hear information about the timeline of the project.

- The SignUp Genius for **Parent-Teacher Conferences** will be live next Thursday, October 11. Please be prepared to sign up early. Conferences will be on Thursday, October 25 from 10:00am-8:00pm.
- Register today for **Night at the Races** on November 10! This is a great, casual evening of food, fun and fellowship supporting our Parish School. Consider getting a group of friends together and reserving a table! Registration closes on November 2, 2018!
- Please carefully read the Car Rider flyer that is coming home in today's Thursday folder. Our process has trimmed down to 30 minutes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays as parents, grandparents and students become more familiar with the routine, and under 30 minutes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have also observed that there are no longer lines of cars blocking State Street if/when drivers mind the gap in between them and the car in front of them. We thank you for your continued diligence with this process. Please be on the lookout for an alternate flyer to come home when the weather changes that details our plan for inclement weather.

Over the past two years the Diocese of Cleveland has begun a campaign to help all Catholic schools best utilize the resources available to them in order to educate students of all learning styles and abilities. I am pleased to announce that St. Francis de Sales Parish School had already been implementing many of the best practices and procedures that the Diocese is now rolling out to its schools, including Intervention Assistance Teams (IAT) and Response to Intervention (RTI). Under the direction of Mrs. Kim Showalter, Coordinator of Special Education at SFdS, our staff has participated in a number of professional development sessions to learn more about meeting each students' learning needs. She also brings to the table plenty of knowledge of tips and tricks to make our classrooms inviting, welcoming, and suitable for all types of learners. Over the past two years, she has worked with our intervention team and classroom teachers to create academic and behavior plans, provide classrooms with fidgets and calm down boxes, as well as flexible seating in all of our classrooms. Finally, Mrs. Showalter has worked diligently with school and rectory staff and the State of Ohio to admit students to SFdS on the Jon Peterson Scholarship. This scholarship allows us to provide students with intervention services that would be similar to what the public schools offer.

I hope you have a lovely Fall weekend!

In Christ,

Miss Buzzelli