



Whispering Saints Newsletter

August 20, 2021

Important Dates

Aug. 11th

1st Day Back with SAINT kids!!! 😊

Aug. 17th- Aug. 20th

STAR 360/ Early Literacy BOY Assessments.

Aug. 17th

Board of Trustees Mtg. 5:30 pm

Aug. 23rd – Aug. 27th

“Scholastic Book Fair” in Library

“Spirit Week”

Aug. 23rd – Duo Day

Aug. 24th – Scrabble Day

Aug. 25th – Twin Day

Aug. 26th – Patriotic Day

Aug. 27th – Formal Day

Sept. 6th

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL

Sept. 7th

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital Math-a-Thon Campaign

Sept. 14th

Home & School Association (H&SA) Mtg. 3:30 to 4:30 pm (Child Care Available)

Sept. 17th

Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences – **NO SCHOOL FOR SAINT KIDS**

Sept. 20th

Staff In-Service Day – **NO SCHOOL FOR SAINT KIDS**

From Our Principal

WELCOME BACK!

The entire staff at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic School wants to welcome all SAINT students, as well as their parents and/or guardians, to the 2021-22 school year! We are looking forward to a great, successful, fun, and learning year here at STFCCS! It will be an exciting time for students, parents, community members, and staff as we journey together in our safe and wonderful Christian Learning Environment. At any time during the school year should you have questions and/or concerns, please let us know immediately. We believe and practice an “open door” policy **for all school community members**. We will do our very best to provide the best possible education for each Saint student in our school focusing on the mind, body, and soul!

To provide the best possible education for your child (ren), we strongly encourage every parent and/or guardian to assist us so that our children can obtain a complete, well-rounded education from school and home. As you may have heard before, **“It takes an entire village to raise a child”!** We will be sending a minimum of monthly newsletters entitled “Whispering Saints Newsletters” throughout the year with informative topics, events, suggestions, etc. Please be on the lookout for them. Individual teachers/classes will also be sending you letters throughout the year.

MEET OUR STAFF!

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our staff members as we begin this school year. They include:

Pre-School Teacher: Ms. Grace Avalos

Pre-School Assistant: Ms. Bea Millos

Kindergarten Teacher: Mrs. Tracie Eitnhear

1st grade Teacher: Mrs. Brianne Normandin

2nd/3rd Grade Teacher: Mrs. Jennifer Jackson

4th Grade Teacher: Ms. Teresa Guillen

5th/6th Grade Teacher: Mrs. Carmen Morales & Mrs. Tina George

7th/8th Grade Teacher: Mrs. Sandra Mitchell

Spanish Teacher: Mrs. Cassandra Morales-Coffman

PE/Health Teacher: Mrs. Stacie Ilchena

Music Teacher: Mr. Robert Coburn

Art Teacher: Mr. Emmett Bratusek

Pre-K through 8th Grade Instructional Assistant: Ms. Bertha Padilla

Librarian: Ms. Teri Tope

Custodian/Maintenance: Mr. Robert Sanchez

Bookkeeper: Mrs. Becky Chavez

Foster Grandparent: Grandma Honey (Ms. Blaza Madrid)

Administrative Assistant: Ms. Sonia Cardozo

Principal: Mr. Victor S. Gonzales

Please feel free to contact anyone of our staff should you have questions, concerns, and/or suggestions.

We have an **excellent staff** and are looking forward to a great year!

HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDERS

Below are some very important health and safety reminders we sent to you prior to the beginning of the school year. As mentioned previously, we are Blessed to have the help, support and consultation from parents who are doctors at HAFB. Here is the information shared:

1. In-person learning- Face to face learning provides better quality education and vital social interaction pivotal to the development of our children and should be the goal whenever safe. School interruption should be for the minimum amount of time possible when needed.
2. Vaccination- Vaccines are responsible for the wide reopening that occurred this summer due to lowered infections rates nationwide. There are vaccines available for everyone age 12 or older. The more people protected from Covid the slower it will spread. Comparing the risks and benefits of getting vaccinated is different for every individual, but we would be more than happy to discuss this with anyone. Please email us at the address below if you would like help with that decision.
3. Masking- Covid spread is much more likely to occur indoors. **Face covering/masks WILL BE mandated in-doors and large group settings.** *(Please refer to email sent on 8/18/2021 for more information and clarification.)*
4. Illness and school attendance- Another practice crucial to preventing the spread of Covid, as well as other illnesses, is avoiding school when you are sick. Students should remain home if they have a fever above **100.4 F**. For students with fevers and/or other concerning symptoms (cough, chills, fatigue, body aches, headaches, or sore throat), please contact your healthcare provider by phone for evaluation and guidance.

As we have seen over the last few weeks with the Delta variant, Covid remains a changing adversary. We will continue to monitor it very carefully to have the least restrictive school environment possible. We look forward to having a safe and successful school year.

SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE THIS YEAR A "GREAT YEAR"

The following information will help make this school year a successful one:

- 1) **Make sure your child attends school every day and on time.** Students cannot keep up with school curriculum if they are not in school. Attendance is one of most important factors for student success.
- 2) **Ensure your child eats a healthy breakfast prior to attending school daily.** Please encourage your child to eat breakfast at home daily. The mind requires energy to function, just as much as other physical parts of the body. *Good nutrition goes along with good learning!*
- 3) **Make sure your child completes their homework every evening.** Homework is assigned to give students additional help. It also provides you an opportunity to participate in your child's education.
- 4) **Attend Home & School Association (HSA) meetings.**
We have a very pro-active Parent Association (Home & School Association) who helps provide educational support throughout our school. We encourage you to get involved with this organization and help when you can. *Our next HSA meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 14th at 3:30 pm.* Meetings last no longer than one hour. Meeting are typically held the 2nd Tuesday's of the month.
- 5) **Please review all materials sent home with your child.** Our teachers and Mr. Gonzales send home important information on a regular basis. Every student will have a "Communication" folder which will hold information such as **progress reports, notes from teachers, report cards, etc.** **Please review them carefully on a consistent basis.**

MASS HELD AT ICC ON FRIDAY'S – 8:00 A.M.

We will have weekly mass at Immaculate Conception Church (ICC), which is located at 705 Delaware Street. **Masses will be held every Friday morning, starting August 13th, beginning at 8 am.** Here are some important logistics for this school-wide requirement:

a) **ALL classes/students** (*with the exception of PreK 3 & 4-year-old program*) **will be expected to attend mass every Friday.**

b) Because mass begins at 8 am, **you may drop-off your Saint child (ren) at ICC by 7:45 am/7:55 am LATEST.** All our teachers/staff members will be there and waiting for our kids. Our kids will sit with their respective classes and teachers. At the conclusion of mass, all classes will walk back to our school. Please know ALL of our Saints kids will be carefully supervised at ALL TIMES. *For the first few weeks, we will utilize our school van to drive back our kindergarten students ONLY.* As the year progresses, we will evaluate having our PreK 3 & 4-year-old program for future mass attendance.

c) Saint students who will be participating with our am Extended Care Program, will ride the school van to mass, with the exception of our PreK 3 & 4 year old program. We will depart to ICC no later than 7:45 pm. Students will then be escorted to their respective classes/teachers at ICC.

d) Please be sure our Saint kids have appropriate mass attire per our uniform policy. (I have had a few inquiries about mass attire and some of you still waiting for items you have purchased. This is not a problem. Have them wear their regular school uniforms.)

As mentioned in previous emails and as part of our unique and Blessed Catholic/Christian school and environment, weekly mass/church attendance and participation are **crucial for our faith and spiritual growth.**

STFCCS GOES "PAPERLESS"

For both financial and environmental purposes, information from our office will all be sent electronically this year. Should you wish for "hard-copies", please feel free to contact us and we can make that accommodation for you.

STSFCCS WEBSITE

www.stfccatholic.org

Please know the website is and will always be a "living and working document". In other words, we are always working on adding, editing, improving it as the year progresses.

STUDENT SAFETY REMINDER

It is our school's policy and procedure that students MUST be signed in or out by a parent/guardian or any ADULT who has been designated and/or allowed to do so, again by the parent/guardian of our Saint students. No MINOR can check in or out a student! This is for the safety and accountability for all our Blessed Saints! Your help, support and understanding to adhere to this procedure is greatly appreciated!!!

**FIND THE SCHOOL
ON FACEBOOK!**

<https://www.facebook.com/STFCCatholic/>

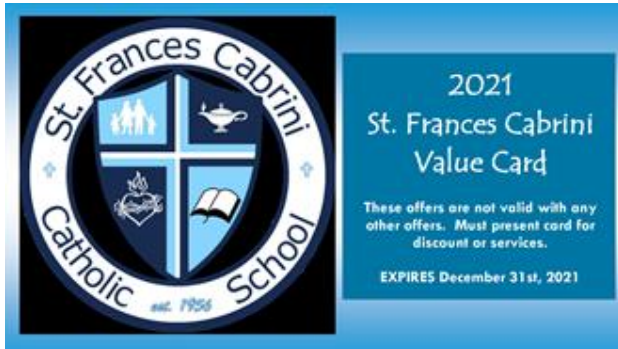
**HS&A Meetings are held the
2nd Tuesday of the Month from
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Mark your Calendars!**

Box Tops for Education



Box Tops for Education is a great way to support our school. Everyone counts!

Please turn in your grocery receipts within 7 days of purchase. We will scan them for you!



We are proud to partner with 12 area businesses to offer discounts to our community! Students in grades PreK3-8 are selling these \$5 cards to support the STFCCS Home & School Association. To purchase, contact any PreK3-8 grade student or stop at the school's main office.

👉 Alamo Jump - 15% off daily admissions. Limit 1 coupon per visit per day.
<https://www.facebook.com/AlamoJump>

👉 Believe It Nutrition - Buy 2 drinks get 1 FREE *of equal or lesser value.
<https://www.facebook.com/BelieveItNutrition>

👉 Can't Stop Smokin' BBQ - Free dessert with purchase of a combo plate.
<https://www.facebook.com/CantStopSmokin>

👉 Clay Time Pottery - 10% off purchase. Limit 1 coupon per visit per day.
<https://www.facebook.com/ClayTimeNewMexico>

👉 Color Street - B3G1 Free: Solids, Glitters, & Design. B1G1 Free: French Manicure Sets. Sew Polished with Katharina <https://linktr.ee/kyazzie>

👉 Eddie's Burritos - Breakfast BOGO 6:00am-7:30am. Limit 2 offers per offer/per day.
<https://www.facebook.com/EddiesBurritos>

👉 Fatwood Barbeque - Buy 1 brisket or pulled pork sandwich, get 2nd FREE! Limit 1 coupon per visit per day.
<https://www.facebook.com/FatwoodBBQ>

👉 The Domes Nature Retreat - 5% off any booking. 10% off one week or more.
<https://www.facebook.com/domesnatureretreat/>

👉 The MERC in Tularosa - 10% off (does not apply to already discounted items).
<https://www.facebook.com/themerctulie>

👉 Thirty One - FREE shipping with any order \$50 or more. Reimbursement check in mail next day.
www.mythirtyone.com/BriNormandin

👉 Pizza 9 - Get a large 2-topping or specialty pizza and an order of 8 wings for \$21.99.
<https://www.facebook.com/P9alamogordo>

👉 Zya Active - \$10 off an order of \$50 or more. Valid one time per month through Annie Lehmann
<http://www.myzyia.com/LIVELOVEADVENTURE>



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Ms. Bea's Classroom: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/G400J68FQ0E3/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl

Ms. Grace's
Classroom: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/4H7HP2AGU7RU/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl

Mrs. Eitnienar's
Classroom: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/R9FNMTQW7SV2/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl

Mrs. Normandin's
Classroom: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/12Q744ZQ6BACC/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl

Mrs. Jen's
Classroom: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/3IRXQKXL1KTE3/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl

Ms. Guillen's
Classroom: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/2ACE6BNJHG2T0/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl

Mrs. Morales'
Classroom: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/VXZHCH79LA1P/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl

Mrs. Mitchell's
Classroom: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/17IRCGP5XMVPI/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl

Art Class: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/82PD3TUJI50P/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl

Music Class: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/2G27U5CB2K7AU/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl

Spanish Class: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/2DKZASNLF5G14/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl

PE & Health Class: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/ZNS0MN65JS0T/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl

Library: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/1SXNQ4YPE4SLB/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl

FALL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We are working hard to keep kids reading and raise funds for our Extended Care Program with our Fall Scholastic Book Fair.

Our Fair will connect your child to notable books and inspiring characters – helping them become lifelong readers. And all purchases will directly support our school!

We look forward to seeing your child at the Fair!
Thank you for continuing to support our school.

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, August 23 to Friday, August 27
7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer at our Book Fair, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C49A5AD23A1F94-scholastic1>

SPIRIT WEEK

Monday, August 23rd to Friday, August 27th

Monday, August 23rd: Duo Day

Pick a friend and dress as an infamous pair (Buzz and Woody, peanut butter and jelly, etc.)

Tuesday, August 24th: Scrabble Day

Organize a large group of friends to spell out something using letters on your shirts.

Wednesday, August 25th: Twin Day

Pick a friend and dress the same.

Thursday, August 26th: Patriotic Day

Pull out the red, white, and blue and show your American pride.

Friday, August 27th: Formal Day

Wear your favorite fancy and formal clothes.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to all our students and staff members celebrating their birthdays in August and September!

August 2nd ~ Mr. Sanchez
August 6th ~ Elizabeth
August 8th ~ Edward
August 10th ~ Robert S.
August 11th ~ Frida O.
August 12th ~ Evan
August 15th ~ Weston
August 25th ~ Michael H.
August 31st ~ Ms. Bea
August 31st ~ James M.



September 4th ~ Mila
September 5th ~ Quinn
September 7th ~ George
September 11th ~ Isaiah R.
September 15th ~ Isaiah M.
September 15th ~ Michael G.
September 17th ~ Titan
September 19th ~ Thomas D.
September 30th ~ Lennon



First Day of School



Mass at ICC



Reading Buddies



Hot Dog Day

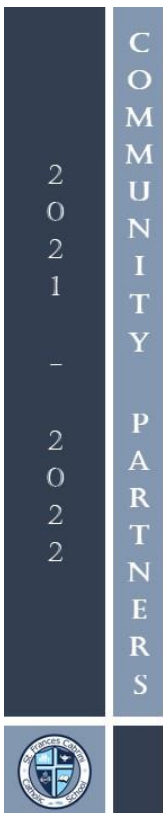


ST. FRANCES CABRINI CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY PARTNERS PROGRAM

At St. Frances Cabrini Catholic School, we value the support from our community partners. The Community Partners Program is a way to ensure that the needs of our school are being met, and that the community feels connected to the school, and our students and families.

Contact office@stfccatholic.org for more info

GOD BLESS YOU ALL! 😊



JACK WAYTE
CONSTRUCTION

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MAULDIN
CHARLES
ALAMO APARTMENTS

GIBEAU
JUNE

TURNBULL
IN MEMORY OF
NANCY TURNBULL

VINCENT
RAY & ELIZABETH

WATERMILL EXPRESS
THE DUCHENE FAMILY

WIRTA
IN MEMORY OF
RITA WIRTA