



St. Francis de Sales High School

Celebrating 75 years

*"Be who you are and be that well."
- St. Francis de Sales*

27 May 2016

St. Philip Neri

Dear Parents,

I am very excited to announce that we have entered into a partnership with **Loyola University!** Through a grant that is generously offered by *Aspire* and the *Big Shoulders Fund*, as well as support from the *Andrew M. Greeley Center for Education* at Loyola University, we are able to obtain **three years** of professional development for our teachers centered around the concept of *differentiation*, or the practice of making curriculum more accessible to a wide variety of students. Our teachers will have additional university-level training which will aide them in helping students who excel to excel even more and helping us implement additional support students who need extra assistance...I even get to go back to school one night a week! [Click here](#) to learn more about this initiative.

We are very grateful to the Greeley Center and the AspireFoundation for their support of this grant, as well as the Big Shoulders Fund for their support of this endeavor and for being here for SFDS every step of the way!

We had a *beautiful* graduation! Look for the recap next week...congratulations to the Class of 2016!! Please pray for the Class of 2016, our newest alumni!

The last day of school for grades 9-11 is **Friday, June 3rd**. Please note that the last day for lunch here at school is *Tuesday, May 31st*.

Uniform shorts may be worn next week. When wearing the warm-weather uniform,

students may wear gym shoes and boys do not need to wear ties. All other dress code rules apply.

John Kimec

Class of 2016

Our hats are off to the St. Francis de Sales' Class of 2016! They leave us embodying everything we dedicate ourselves to teaching here at St. Francis de Sales: faith, critical thinking, a life of service, and a commitment to leadership. Proving that hard work and dedication to excellence pays off, the class 2016 received over **\$3,000,000 in academic and athletic scholarships from 57 colleges, universities, and organizations across America**. By raising our school's composite ACT score nearly two points, our graduates' definitely raised the academic bar for our class of 2017 and beyond. We will not just miss their academic accomplishments, but also their inspiring leadership and commitment to family and community, a testament to their belief that if you want something you've never had, do something you've never done. Their unique and inspiring lives will forever remain with the teachers and staff here at St. Francis just as their accomplishments will soon be celebrated within the numerous college campuses they will soon attend.

Final Monthly Chapel Mass on Friday June 3rd

Come and celebrate the 1st Friday of the Month! The final morning Mass of the year in the School Chapel will be on **Friday, June 3rd** at **7:15**. Join us after Mass for coffee and donuts in the library to celebrate a great year and hear about what is to come for next year!

Final Exams

Final exams for grades 9-11 will be on **June 1st, 2nd & 3rd**. [Click here](#) for the full schedule.

Senior Final Transcript Request Form Due May 31st

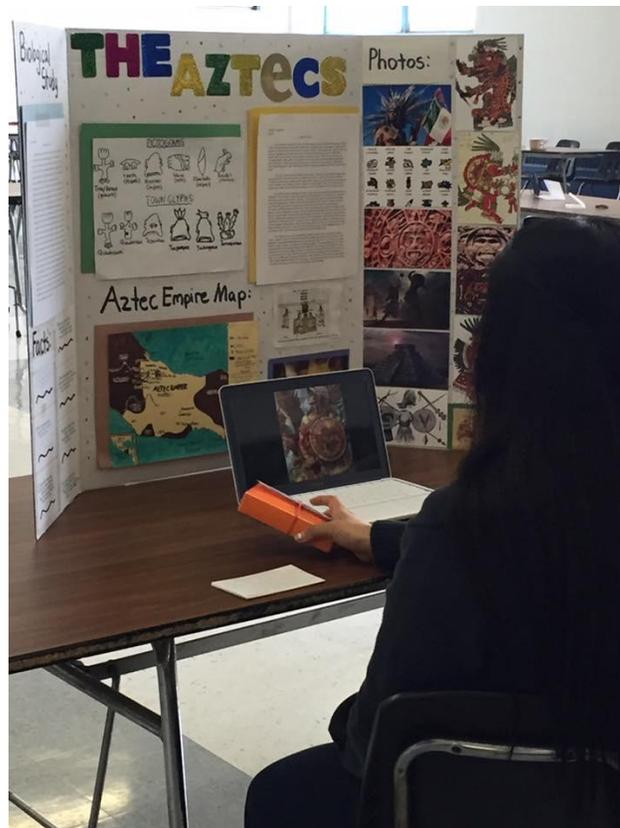
We have provided all graduating seniors with our Final Transcript Request form. This form is due in our Main Office on May 31st. **A parent signature is required!** We allow three transcripts to be sent for free. Afterward transcripts are \$5 per transcript. In order to ensure that your graduate's college(s) receive transcripts as soon as possible, please be sure that your student has submitted their form to our Main Office by May 31st. If your graduate has misplaced their form a printable form has been emailed to all seniors. Failure to submit a final transcript to a college can greatly jeopardize scholarships and acceptances. If your student is not 18, this form must be signed by a parent/guardian.

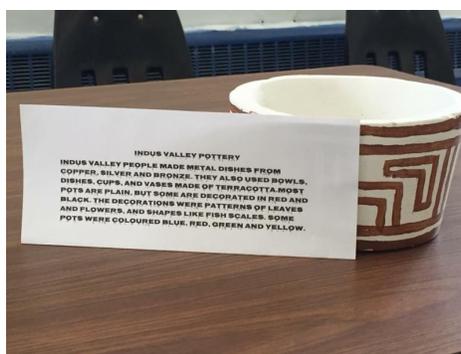
Grades 9-11 Picnic

The Parent's Club will sponsor an end of the year Hot Dog Lunch Tuesday May 31st. Lunch for the students will be outside on the breezeway. We will follow the normal school-day and lunch schedule.

World History Class Museum Project

Ms. Rodenbeck's sophomore World History class put together their own "museum" exhibition based on a semester long project using ancient civilizations. Each student chose an ancient civilization to study and within the project, each student studied their ancient civilization through the four disciplines of anthropology to gain the most knowledge on the topic. Each student created their own museum exhibit showcasing their ancient civilization. The students had to learn and research their culture and provide artifacts, writing samples, cultural and biological studies of their civilizations and act as a docent of their exhibit when it came time to host patrons in our miniature museum. The students also visited the Field Museum to learn how museum exhibits were constructed in order to teach museum patrons about their topic. Some of the students even had artifacts that went to the Field Museum for an evening event and sat "on display" for the night.





Summer Camps

This summer St. Francis de Sales will offer one-week athletic camp sessions for boys & girls in grades 3rd-8th (grade levels vary depending upon each specific sport camp). The camps are a great way to improve sports skills, stay active in the summer, and make new friends. Sports offered will include volleyball, soccer, basketball, softball, baseball and wrestling.

Sport camp sessions will run from **June 27-July 21**. We strive to keep the cost of camp low enough to allow any child in the Chicagoland area the opportunity to attend the sports camp. Each individual sport camp session will cost \$50 per child and fees will include a camp t-shirt. Fees can be paid with cash, check, or money order. There is limited enrollment available for each camp session.

To guarantee enrollment, please register as soon as possible if interested. For additional information, call 773-731-7272 or please visit the website at www.sfdshs.org.

Pioneer Village

Each summer, St. Francis de Sales High School offers K-8 graders a fun, learning experience with Pioneer Village. This program is offered M-F beginning July 5th and running until July 29th. If you have a child who is interested, call 773-731-7272 to sign up. If you know a family who might be interested, [please share this information!](#)

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