



St. Francis de Sales High School

*"Nothing is so strong as gentleness,
Nothing so gentle as real strength"
St. Francis de Sales*

31 August 2017

Dear Parents,

As we begin our year in relative peace and solidarity, may we keep in our minds and hearts those affected by the hurricane in Texas.

We're doing our part in our own small way. As you may be aware, we started a collection for the relief effort today. A second collection will be taken up again tomorrow morning to further support the relief effort.

To unite as a community, we'll be having a *Blue and Gold Day* tomorrow! Students can wear blue and/or gold shirts with jeans or khakis shorts and gym shoes...show your Pioneer Spirit!

Let's not wait for tragedy to strike to express our gratitude to God and our love for one another. It's been a great start to the year and we intend to keep it going...let's work *together* to make our school soar to new heights!

John Kimec

First School Mass

Our weekly school Masses begin on Wednesday, September 6th at the Church of St. Francis de Sales. This is right across from school on 102nd Street. Mass will be at 11:10. All families are invited to attend every week!

2 on 2 Sanchez-Stowe Basketball Tournament

The students and staff are proud to announce a fun, healthy and educational event. On September 5, students and staff have the opportunity to play in the first ever school-wide Sanchez-Stowe 2 vs 2 Basketball tournament. This service project is a fun event where students can enter a team for \$5 in a 2 vs 2 basketball tournament held in the school gym. All of the money collected through entries will then be donated to the charity of choice by the winners of the tournament. This gives students the opportunity to research a charity that is meaningful to them and experience the wonderful feelings of giving-back and helping those in need. After playing through a bracketed playing field, the final game

will find a student team taking on two teachers (Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Stowe).

Picture Day

A reminder that school pictures will be taken on **Friday, September 8th**. Look for more information next week. Information on packages will be sent home tomorrow. Students will be in full uniform for picture day.

Concert at SFDS

With the generous support of the *Big Shoulders Fund*. We are very proud proud to announce that we are very close to adding the full-time position of *Director of Extended Programming* to our team! The person in this position will also work in conjunction with classroom teachers with students who need extra assistance. In this capacity, they will work directly with both students and teachers to help *all* of our students maximize their potential!

We will be celebrating this *integral* part of our mission by having a concert for the students and the community with *internationally-acclaimed pianist and composer Eric Genuis* on **Thursday, September 14 at 11:00**.

New & Returning Clubs

Drama Club

The Drama Team will be returning for the 17-18 school year! In previous years, the Drama Team has participated in public performances, competed in the citywide *August Wilson* Monologue Contest, and been the recipient of trips to performances at the Goodman Theater, the University of Illinois - Chicago and the Court Theatre.

The goals for this year will be at least one public performance, participation in the Monologue Contest, participation in the English-speaking Union's Shakespeare Contest and, hopefully, participation in the IHSA Dramatic Competition, among other activities.

Meetings will take place after school two or three times weekly; it is hoped that class time can be arranged for rehearsals, as well.

Although membership in other clubs and teams is perfectly acceptable, members must state any conflicts right away so proper rehearsal and meeting times can be arranged.

We plan to "hit the ground running," with membership established and work on the first performance begun within the first weeks of school. Listen for announcements!

Look for information in the coming weeks on the possibility of *two new clubs!*

Automotive Club-New!

We have a '93 mustang that needs fixing! This new club will have the chance to tinker on cars to get them running again! The first meeting will be **Wednesday, September 6th at 3:00**.

Cooking Club-New! (MK)

We are excited to offer this year a Culinary Arts Club moderated by an SFDS alumni, Ms Jen Melendrez. She is a pastry chef for Rick Bayless and has also worked closely with

Ms Gloria Hafer here in the East Side community. The first meeting will take place Monday, September 11th immediately after school. The meeting will be brief and its purpose will be gather interest and begin planning its objective for the year.

Bus Departure

In order to allow time for students to meet with teachers after school, the busses will leave daily at 3:00. Bus drivers are not able to wait past 3:00 unless prior notice has been given, so it is important that students are **on the bus promptly at 3:00.**

Volunteer Requirements

For the safety of our students and volunteers, all those who volunteer in our school must meet the requirements set by the Archdiocese. See below and click on each for more information:

[EApps](#) [Virtus](#) [Code of Conduct](#) [CANTS](#)

Medication Authorization Form

It is the policy of this school that school personnel, including teachers, administrators and staff, shall not administer medication to students except when necessary for the critical health and well being of the student. We will allow a student to store medicine in the Main Office for the purpose of self-medicating. In either case, the family and the student's physician must complete the following:

1. Medication Authorization Form
2. Physician's Request for Self-Administration of Medication Form
3. Medical Information and Emergency Notification Form

Please return the [completed forms](#), as they apply to your student, to the attention of Mrs. Arlene Ramos, Main Office. *You need only return these forms if your son or daughter needs to take medication or medicine during the school day.*

Warm Weather Uniform

A reminder that this uniform may be worn until **Friday September 15th**. The regular *full uniform will be required on Wednesday, September 6th* and **13th** for Mass and **Thursday September 14th** for the concert.

Upcoming Schedule Changes

Thursday, September 7– **Late Start Schedule**; Faculty Meeting

Thursday, September 14 **Regular Schedule**; No Late Start



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