



St. Francis de Sales High School

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

7 October 2017
Our Lady of the Rosary

Dear Parents,

As was mentioned last week, we have added **nine new courses to the curriculum!** over the past **two school years!** Take a look below at the impact that *AP Biology* has had, taught by *Mrs. Marasas*...we'll uncover a new class each week in the months to come!

-See below for information on progress reports and parent-teacher conferences. Please note that Monday, October 9 is a regular school day and that we are off on Friday, October 13.

- See below for information on the Kairos retreat, open to all Sophomores through Seniors...signup begins next week!

- Lastly, today was our first day of monthly Eucharistic Adoration. This is a powerful, powerful time of prayer in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We are so thankful to be able to offer this opportunity to the students and are extremely grateful to *Fr. Armand Ruiz* of the Church of St. Francis de Sales for making it possible.

John Kimec

New Courses-AP Biology

AP Biology students are learning Science by doing Science! Hands-on science investigations help them learn the science skills such as gathering data, testing hypothesis, organizing results, and developing conclusions.



Progress reports & Parent-teacher Conferences

Attention all parents! Parent-teacher Conferences will be on **Thursday, October 12** from **4:00-7:30**. Please note that we will be on an *early dismissal* schedule on this day.

In anticipation of conferences, progress reports will be sent home **via email** on **Monday, October 9th**. If you want to receive a hard copy of your child's progress reports, please contact the main office.

Big Shoulders Fund Opportunity...Outdoors Bound!

We are very excited to kick off our second year of a wonderful program focused on providing a unique work experience for your Juniors and Seniors. *Outdoors Bound* is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students to learn to work as a Ranch Hand at Brush Creek Ranch in Saratoga, Wyoming.

Big Shoulders will select small groups of male and female students to spend 3-4 weeks participating in the Outdoors Bound program during the *Summer 2018*. Selected students spend four full days a week working at the ranch and then three days experiencing the wondrous outdoors.

Ideal candidates should exhibit a strong work ethic and leadership capacity among their peers and community. This will be a true work experience best suited for students who are always up for a challenge and enjoy working hard! While a high GPA is not required, students must be in good standing with their school.

Interested students *must complete* the [Outdoors Bound Application](#) and provide a letter of recommendation from a current teacher or guidance counselor by **midnight** on **November 3rd, 2017**. We strongly recommend that students review the hard-copy application (attached) and prepare responses in advance, as the online application must be completed in one sitting.

Selected students will travel during one of two 3-4 week sessions scheduled between June 24 and August 10. Students who complete the work sessions will receive a stipend of **\$600/week!**

Please contact Mr. Kimec with questions.

Registration to Open for *Kairos* Retreat!

Registration will open for this year's *Kairos* retreat on **Monday, October 16!** This year's retreat will be from **Tuesday, February 27 to Friday, March 2.** This is a profound opportunity for them to experience Kairos, or "God's time" and take the time to pause and reflect on the ways that God has been active in their life. These retreats are facilitated nation-wide and we are very fortunate to have this opportunity at our school. Please see Mr. Warner for details, beginning on the 16th.

1st Chapel Mass

Come and join us! On each [First Friday](#) of the month, there is an optional Mass in our school chapel with [Eucharistic Adoration](#) throughout the day. Our first Chapel Mass of the year was today! The chapel can be accessed by entering through Door A and proceeding to the library; the chapel is in the back. All students and their families are invited!

Food Shelf

SFDS is going out to make a difference! We will begin by offering our service to the food shelf right here on campus! As some may be aware, the old convent attached to the school serves as food shelf for the neighborhood. Students will have the opportunity to assist with stocking, distribution, etc. on Tuesday's from 11:00-12:00.

Parents will be notified prior to their child being given the opportunity to volunteer.

Students will bring home a permission slip for parents to sign prior to them volunteering.

Students will not be able to volunteer without a signed permission slip.

Clubs

The opportunities continue to increase! [Click here](#) to see all of the opportunities we have available this year!

Fall Spirit Week

Let's celebrate! Fall Spirit Week will be **October 16-20!** There will be different themes on different days of the week, a pep fest, and a social event on the evening of Saturday, Oct 21...more to come on this!



Also, our Annual *Pink-out* Volleyball game to help raise awareness of breast-cancer will also be during this week on **Thursday, October 19.**

SMART Tuition Invoices Now By Email

Reminder: SMART Tuition is now sending the Tuition and Fees Invoices by email unless you call them and request regular mail. The number is **888-868-8828**. Please have your family ID ready when you call.

State Requirement - Student Files

We are required by the state to have current Health Records and Birth Certificate on file for every student. If we do not have these for your child, please turn them into the Main Office by Friday, October 6th.

Upcoming Schedule Changes

Thursday, October 12

***Early Dismissal* Schedule; Parent-teacher conferences; 4:00-7:30**

Friday, October 13

No School



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