



St. Francis de Sales High School

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



30 October 2017

Dear Parents,

As was mentioned last week, will begin our [rotating schedule](#) today! today! Please note that the start and end times for the day will remain the same. We hope that a fresh perspective on their day will maximize their opportunity for success!

As we turn the calendar to November, please take note of all the exciting things happening; The Festival Frolic is underway and the West point Glee Club will be performing here!

Lastly, we are just about a month away from the 8th grade placement test...more information will be in the next newsletter. Remind the 8th graders you know to be right here at de Sales!

John Kimec

Spirit Week

Pink-out



On October 18th, the SFDS Varsity Volleyball Team took part in their 8th Annual "Pink-Out" Match to raise awareness and funds in the fight against Breast Cancer. The evening was successful as the students and staff of SFDS raised over \$700 in the fight against Breast Cancer!

The Lady Pioneers capped off a successful season the following week as they hosted the 1A Regional Volleyball here at SFDS. The Lady Pioneers were a #7 seed heading into Regionals where they matched up against the #4 seed Hope Academy in the first round of Regional play. The team came out storming as they upset Hope Academy in 2 sets by scores of 25-16 & 25-22 to advance to the Regional Championship Match where they were then matched up against top seeded Newark HS. The Lady Pioneers fought with everything that they had against Newark HS, but came up just short in the Regional Championship Match.

Despite the loss in the Regional Final, the team had a very successful season. Congratulations to Coach Ortiz and the Lady Pioneers Varsity Volleyball Team for a wonderful season!

Glee Club From United States Military Academy to Perform at de Sales!

We are *thrilled* to announce that the Glee Club from *West Point* (USMA) will be performing in our gym! The concert is open to the public...all of our families are encouraged to attend! The concert will be on Veteran's Day; **Saturday, November 11 at 7:30 pm.**

Fall Dance

The student will have the chance to dance the night away at our fall *Sock Hop* on Saturday, November 18...look for more information in the next newsletter!

Festival Frolic - *Chicago Proud - My Kind of Town*

Tis the season...Festival Frolic and raffle tickets season, that is!

Today, your child will be receiving their raffle tickets. Make sure to let them know to bring them home immediately. Students are required to sell 200 raffle tickets as part of their fundraising commitment. The theme this year is "Chicago Proud - My Kind of Town."

The [flyer](#) has all of the fundraising information. The final drawing will be Tuesday, November 21st. Top prize is \$2,500.00! Students are also eligible for special incentives and will be entered into a separate raffle if they sell all their tickets by the deadlines established.

School Mass on Wednesday, November 1st

Come and join us as we celebrate [All Saints Day](#) on Wednesday, **November 1st**. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, a day on which all Catholics are bound to attend Mass. Our school Mass is at 11:10.

Confessions at de Sales Parish

Confessions will available **this Thursday** at the Church of St. Francis de Sales, where we have our School Masses, beginning at **8:30 am**.

Mass & Adoration

We will have our monthly First Friday Chapel Mass on Friday, November 3 at

December Final Exams

Final Exams will be **December 20-22**. We ask that families delay travel plans until after semester final exams are completed.

Attendance at final exams is not only mandatory by way of policy, we must have a final exam grade to calculate a final semester grade.

In the event that this is not possible to delay travel plans during final exams, Mr Fennessy, the Dean of Academics, **must** be contacted **in writing or email** one month prior to the final exam date. In an effort to ensure that students transition well from first semester to second, we require that all final exams be taken **before** a student leaves for Christmas Break. Failure to do so may result in no credit for the exam.

Weather-related Closures

In the event of a closure this winter, families will receive a phone call, text, and email from the school by approximately 6:00 am. Our school will also be listed on the Chicago closing center. Families may check the local news as well.

Upcoming Schedule Changes

Thursday, November 2
Late Start Schedule; Staff Meeting

Thursday, November 9
Late Start; Staff PD



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