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Respect, Justice and Responsibility



**Congratulations to the Class of 2010.
Best wishes in high school! May God bless you.**

*"What lies behind us and what lies before us are
tiny matters compared with what lies within us."
--Ralph Waldo Emerson*



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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Congratulations to students in 8th grade for your achievements reached at graduation. 27% of the Class of 2010 were accepted into Honors Programs at Catholic High Schools and a number of you received financial scholarships. Congratulations also to our faculty for preparing the students for high school with an outstanding foundation during the past 9 years. Thank you students, teachers and families for your role in the beautiful graduation ceremonies which we enjoyed last week for 8th grade, Kindergarten and even pre-K, which is gearing up for its 10th year.

We are underway with plans to relocate Kindergarten from the lower level of the Parish Center to the second floor. We also look forward to the feast of St. Francis of Assisi in October when we will dedicate the Parish Center classrooms as The St. Francis Cathedral School Early Learning Center in memory of Leonard and Emma Hill. With this dedication, we recognize the outstanding contribution to our school community by Mr. Hill in establishing a generous Scholarship Fund for children who could otherwise not attend Catholic school.

As mentioned at the last general H.S.A. meeting, I am happy to report that we have reached a major goal in raising reading proficiency school-wide, and have purchased a new reading program with textbooks for K through 5th grade for September.

I would like to acknowledge your increased participation in the SCRIP program this year, which contributes directly to our school budget and helps the school keep tuition costs stable, while helping families earn back part or the entire assessment fee paid each September. Please continue to support this program over the summer.

As noted throughout this newsletter, we would like to recognize your tremendous support for the Holy Childhood Association, our fundraisers, Fun Day, and by being present at school at recess, as class parents, chaperoning class trips, etc. which helps our teachers and staff tremendously. Your role at SFCS is critical to your child/ren's success. Thank you very much for your continued participation in school activities as our partners in your child/ren's early education.

Summer reading lists will be available on the school website as of June 25th.

Have a wonderful summer! We look forward to seeing you in September.

Regards,
Barbara Stevens
Principal

Office Notes

Register for SFCS Summer Camp

There are a few spaces left in the SFCS Summer Camp. Please check the school website at www.stfranciscathedralschool.org or contact Mrs. Rizzo, 1B to apply. SFCS Summer Camp is staffed by our teachers and the combination of activities, trip days and the use of the school's facilities provides a safe and interesting program right in Metuchen.

School Begins September 1, 2010

To help you plan for next year, the first day of school is Wednesday, September 1, 2010 with a 12:00 noon dismissal for Grades 1-8.

There will be a full day of school on Thursday & Friday, September 2nd and 3rd, for all grades (Pre-K - 8).

Home School Association News

H.S.A. Co-Presidents' Letter

Dear SFCS Families,

As another year comes to a close, so does our term as HSA Co-presidents. It's amazing how fast the time went!

We would like to thank the teachers, administration, and parents for all your support over the past two years. It has been a pleasure getting to know you and working with you all. It was especially fun to support our children as they gain their start in school. (See photo.)

We are blessed to be part of the wonderful community of SFCS, and wish everyone a fun and safe summer!

--Linda Martin & JoAnne Cascia

Kindergarten students reinforce Language Arts in Technology Class using a smart board.



Summer Has Arrived!

Summer has finally arrived and the end of the year is upon us. We give our deepest thanks to the teachers, board members and to all families in our school, both old and new, for sharing their resources, talents and valuable time. We are proud of the spiritual activities and community service performed by our students, at school and away from school. In this year-end newsletter, I would like to note a few things to ponder this summer.

STOP! Stop the mad rush. It is time to slow down and for kids to have more time with family. Enjoy every bit of sun, every splash of water, every occasion spent with family and friends. It is also time for reflection. In quiet moments, reflect on what was accomplished this year and what can we do better next year.

DREAM. Summer ends a school year and gives a pause before continuing. Try to learn what your kids dream about, and would like to pursue and help them plan for that. Encourage them with a hobby, sport, or volunteer activity. Playing computer games is not a hobby. Those entering 8th grade may want to practice some High School Proficiency Tests. A good motto is "Don't fly like a hen, when you can soar like an eagle!"

OPPORTUNITIES. Offer as many opportunities as you can without drowning them. We cannot expect them to be Tiger Woods and Mozart at the same time. Our children are given different talents and it is up to us to help them discover and develop their gifts. Give them an opportunity and if it is meant to be, God will show us.

PRAY. It is vacation time but not for prayer. Help your family learn to pray more often. We can pray everywhere. We can pray any way we want...while walking, driving, exercising, reading and working.

We can offer anything to God and he will bless us. We can talk to Him about our joys, sorrows, dreams, anything, or even nothing at all! A saint said "You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you've already begun."

GROW. Summer gives us a lot of time to learn. Give your children opportunities to learn and explore in the slower pace of summer. Let them try new skills, new books, and new techniques. It is time for growth. It is time for spiritual growth too.

We have more time to pray, and read spiritual books with our kids. We can read the Gospel. We can visit a different church. We can explore our Catholic history.

What are the names of the two thieves on the cross? Who is Veronica? We can start new family prayers and pray them regularly. We can pray at every meal. We can pray the Angelus every 6 pm, We can pray the rosary every night. We can make a novena (9 days' prayer) or do a pilgrimage. Start a devotion to the scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, the Divine Mercy, and other popular devotions. Learn morning and evening prayers. Learn to talk to your guardian angel.

SHARE. There are a lot of opportunities to help the needy and the community. Encourage your children to share their time and talent. There are family days to help at the Hillside Food pantry, for example. Remember St. Pauline's words, "Only love counts." She greeted everyone--even strangers--because she sees Christ in everyone. Mother Theresa said about the sick and poor people they serve, "Each one of them is Jesus in disguise."

Have a blessed and safe summer!

--Maria Quizon

Summer SCRIP Hours

The SCRIP office is located
in the Parish Center

Building on Library Place.

For more information,
contact Karen Kossman at
stfrancisscrip@yahoo.com.

Starting week of July 5 through July 31

Tues/Wed mornings 8 am-10 am,
Thurs evenings 6:30 pm -8 pm

Updates to follow regarding the
August schedule.



Tricky Tray Recap

The Secret Garden was a huge success. The 2010 Tricky Tray grossed over \$65,000, a new record for SFCS.

Please take a moment to help thank the following people.
The Solicitation Committee:
Denice Quinn, Kathy Pepe, Denise Haddad, Pam Sweeney, Susan McLane, Leanne Kochy, Elaine Scull, and new comer Tina Kadi. These ladies have spent months securing the fabulous gifts that were auctioned off. It was a lot of hard work!

Mary Regan, Jean Esposito, and Colleen Blake for organizing

volunteers, organizing ticket sales, and everything under the sun that was asked of you!

Kara Kwiatkowski, Joie Morrison and the entire Decorating Committee for all of the long hours you put in to making and fluffing flowers. The venue looked amazing!

Linda Martin and every person who volunteered your time to wrap! THANK YOU! The baskets looked great!

Thanks you again to all of the volunteers who helped transport the baskets and set up the venue.

Thank you to Ed & Diane Spallone for keeping things in line☺ as well as Ann Bernet and Jill Goldy for all of your hard work in the "back room."

Thank you to all of the ticket sellers and runners for helping make the evening run so smoothly! We cannot accomplish an event like this without all of you!

Enjoy your summer and rest up for Tricky Tray 2011...April 1!

Box Tops for Education

*23,317 Box Tops were
collected for the year!
Congratulations to 1A for
winning the Box Tops
contest.*

Thank you to all school families, who throughout the year, collected and donated Campbell's soup bar codes, goldfish bar codes and Box Tops for Education. With your contributions and those from parishioners, we earned over \$2,000 from box tops to support school operations! Our Campbell's bar codes were used for math and reading supplies. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

See the school website to print additional Box Tops Contest Raffle pages for next year.

--Terry Callaghan



Thank You SFCS Bakers

Special thanks to the wonderful bakers and contributors to our school "Hospitality" over the past two years. Your help and support were very much appreciated by our families and our children. Have a great summer!

--Miriam Alva



Thank You to Parents for Volunteering!

Thank you to all families who helped this year by volunteering in the cafeteria, the school yard, as class parents, on field trips, Fun Day, and with the Golf Outing, Tricky Tray and other fundraisers.

We are very happy to report that on the whole, we had over 50% family participation for the 2009-2010 school year for major fundraisers alone.

We welcome and need your continued involvement next year at school.

--Mary Regan



Looking for parents to organize the 2010-2011 School Directory

Can you help us collect family addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses with a flyer, then update this year's information? Perfect for an at-home Mom. RSVP to Mary Regan at regan33@optonline.net. Thank you!

The Year of the Priest

In honor of the Year of the Priest, we have been praying for and writing to our parish priests and others who have served our families here at SFCS. Please continue to pray with your children over the summer for these special men.

In addition, the H.S.A. has donated rosary kits to be sent to Chile. Later this June, donations for the blind girls of Margaretha House will be sent. Thank you for your generosity! --Maria Quizon



Bishop Bootkoski addresses SFCS Middle School in February.

H.S.A. Spring Dance

It was the parents' turn to dance in the Cafeteria on Saturday, May 22nd at the 7th Annual H.S.A. Spring Dance. Thank you to Diane Spallone and Carol Rivera and their families for organizing this fun evening.



Student News

Social Studies Fair

Parents and students enjoyed the social studies work presented at the final H.S.A. meeting on May 26th. Information about ancient Egypt, the Greco-Roman Empire, medieval fiefdoms, the Crusades, right through current history about where Kindergarten children live came alive through display boards of class and individual work. Great job by the students and teachers!



Special Days in Kindergarten



Kindergarten Memories

Making gingerbread houses (left)

Class trip to the zoo (right)



SFCS Chorus Performs in Celebration

On Sunday, May 2nd, the school chorus, directed by Mrs. Anita Martin, sang for the dedication of the Labyrinth on the property of the motherhouse of the Sisters of Christian Charity in Mendham, NJ.

The Labyrinth is an additional prayer experience connected with the retreat center, the Quellen Spiritual Center. Last year our students collected money at the March dress down day for bricks for the Labyrinth in memory of Sister Maria Electa, the former Vice Principal of SFCS.



SFCS 4th Grade Welcomes Sparkee!

Sparkee, the Somerset Patriots' mascot, visited 4th grade in late May, as part of the celebration of their essay submissions for Celebrate NJ writing contest.

Of 6,000 entries statewide, 200 were "Best of the Best." Four students from SFCS were among the winners. Following Sparkee's visit, all students in 4th grade attended a Patriots Game on June 1st with their families. Congratulations 4th grade!



Sparkee introduces himself in the hallway.

Holy Childhood Association News

On Friday, June 4th, students in Kindergarten through 8th grades walked in our Annual Walk a thon, raising \$6,448 for the Holy Childhood Association. The Walk a thon is part of the year-long "Children Helping Children" campaign at St. Francis where students helped to raise a total of \$9,820.20 this year for families in need throughout the world. Thank you for supporting our students as they learn to help others who are less fortunate.



Fun Day at St. Joseph High School



Huge thanks to Linda and John Martin for again organizing this year's Fun Day. This is the "day of all days" when over 150 parents, grandparents, and siblings joined students in Kindergarten through 7th grades for a day filled with field games, tug of war, DJ and dancing, sand art, face painting, creating geometric shapes with spaghetti and marshmallows, and more.

What an impressive show of support for the students by school families who ran activities and game or craft booths. Thank you so much for making this day so memorable for our children.

Class Notes

Music Awards

Congratulations to **Alex and Allen Q.**, who won the Honors award in the recent **NJ Music Teachers Association Competition** and performed at Ryder University in Lawrenceville, with their brother Albert.

Congratulations to **Alex and Albert Q.** who won high honors in the **American Fine Arts Festival** and will be performing on June 27th at Carnegie Hall at the winner's recital.

Spring break in Rome.

The photographs to the right show **Sini and Siji D.** carrying the gifts at the **offertory procession during Easter Sunday Mass at St. Peter's in Rome, celebrated by Pope Benedict VI.** Their brother, **Sijo**, and their mother were also at the Mass. What an honor and a blessing.



WILLY WONKA Jr. "Sweetens" our Spring

The cast and crew of *Willy Wonka Jr.* treated students and their families to a lively and "positive" musical about the importance of having faith in dreams. 65 students worked for several months under the direction of Mrs. Anna Grace Robertson to learn their roles and perform the show, and on the sets and scenery under the direction of Ms. Sharon Fox. Special thanks to Mrs. Anita Martin, Ms. Jennifer Kanowitz, Mrs. Laura Hopkins, Mrs. Patti Ackerson and parents of the cast and crew for supporting the Spring musical.



Memorial Day Poster Contest Winners

St. Francis students participated in the Memorial Day Poster Contest, sponsored by the American Legion Post in Metuchen. Congratulations to all winners!

Grade 1 Katie K., Christopher N.
Grade 2 Hailey V., Erica K.
Grade 3 Hunter S., Joy Marie R.
Grade 4 Katie H., Sean Z.

Grade 5 Kaitlyn S., Paul F.
Grade 6 Adekunle B., Jed D.
Grade 7 Mary M., Olivia W.
Grade 8 Amber D., Marissa I.

SFCS Spring Track Season Recap

Congratulations Team

THANK YOU, Mrs. Grof and Coaches

Here are the results of the Central Jersey Catholic Track Conference Spring Meet, held on May 8th and May 22nd which includes 11 Catholic school teams. More than 70 SFCS students participated in track this spring.

RELAY RACES		GRADE LEVEL
Distance Medley	Boys	6th 7th 8th Grades
3rd place	11:28.34	Mark A., Gregory P., James P., Chris W.
7th place	12:15.51	Patrick C., Brendan G., Grant K., Jack R.
8th place	12:46.98	Jeremy P., Indika S., Andrew T.
Distance Medley	Girls	6th 7th 8th Grades
4th place	12:38.14	Mary M., Lindsey S., Ailish S., Olivia W.
100 m Relay	Boys	K, 1st 2nd Grades
2nd place	1:19.23	Khari G., Luke M., Liam Q., Isiah S.
3rd place	1:23.01	Mikaila F., Giovanni O., Kevin S., Devlin S.
4th place	1:23.40	Owen D., Joseph F., Christian K., Tyler K.
100 m Relay	Girls	K, 1st 2nd Grades
7th place	1:31.32	Kaitlin F., Victoria H., Olivia K., Bari Q.
100 m Relay	Boys	3rd 4th 5th Grades
1st place	1:08.19	Christian A., Joseph C., Paul H., Brandon I.
3rd place	1:09.94	Seamus C., Peter D., Thomas F., Jack H.
6th place	1:16.27	Christopher D., Rourke M., Shanake S., Sean Z.
9th place	1:19.15	Jack M., Christian S., Rohan T., Ethan W.
100 m Relay	Girls	3rd 4th 5th Grades
2nd place	1:12.90	Kayleigh K., Bridget M., Colleen S., Gabrielle W.
5th place	1:19.40	Kristen B., Lily D., Sumaya G., Christine L.
7th place	1:20.32	Madison E., Leah G., Elizabeth H., Colleen S.
200 m Relay	Boys	3rd 4th 5th Grades
2nd place	2:18.88	Christian A., Joseph C., Paul H., Brandon I.
4th place	2:26.60	Seamus C., Peter D., Jack H., Thomas F.
200 m Relay	Girls	3rd 4th 5th Grades
3rd place	2:31.06	Elizabeth H., Bridget M., Colleen S., Gabrielle W.
INDIVIDUAL RACES		GRADE LEVEL
1600 m (1 mile)	Boys	6th 7th 8th Grades
1st place	5:31.81	Marc A.
6th place	6:00.97	Grant K.
12th place	6:33.42	Brandon G.
1600 m (1 mile)	Girls	6th 7th 8th Grades
6th place	6:43.99	Lindsey S.
1600 m (1 mile)	Boys	3rd 4th 5th Grades
1st place	6:16.25	Paul H.
8th place	7:41.12	Thomas F.
10th place	8:04.47	Rourke M.
12th place	8:20.66	Jack M.

400 m	Girls	3rd 4th 5th Grades
6th place	1:25.02	Gabrielle W.
12th place	1:28.22	Elizabeth H.
17th place	1:32.22	Kayleigh K.
18th place	1:32.68	Lily D.
26th place	1:37.04	Kaitlyn S.
41st place	1:43.64	Sumaya G.
43rd place	1:47.92	Kristin B.
48th place	1:52.76	Leah G.
57th place	2:04.75	Katherine P.
200 m	Boys	6th 7th 8th Grades
36th place	32.24	Christopher W.
65th place	36.97	Jack R.
68th place	40.14	Indika S.
200 m	Girls	6th 7th 8th Grades
14th place	32.07	Olivia W.
200 m	Boys	3rd 4th 5th Grades
1st place	31.00	Brandon I.
9th place	34.63	Seamus C.
12th place	35.09	Christian A.
20th place	36.23	Joseph C.
26th place	37.91	Sean M.
35th place	39.36	Christian S.
38th place	39.80	Rohan T.
41st place	40.02	Shanake S.
45th place	41.35	Duy Linh H.
200 m	Girls	3rd 4th 5th Grades
2nd place	32.83	Bridget M.
6th place	35.37	Gabrielle W.
23rd place (tie)	38.91	Lily D.
23rd place (tie)	38.91	Kayleigh K.
27th place	39.73	Colleen S.
28th place	39.88	Sumaya G.
30th place	40.29	Jacqueline C.
36th place (tie)	41.19	Kristin B.
42nd place	41.72	Christine L.
55th place	44.23	Leah G.
64th place	47.82	Katherine P.
100 m	Boys	K 1st 2nd Grades
2nd place	16.75	Khari G.
6th place	17.48	Isiah S.
11th place	18.10	Joseph F.
12th place	18.18	Owen D.
21st place	19.14	Giovanni O.
23rd place	19.32	Kevin S.
24th place	19.37	Tyler K.
27th place	19.51	Liam Q.
30th place	19.59	Luke M.
36th place	20.19	Devlin S.
37th place	20.20	Christian K.
50th place	21.44	Evan O.
56th place (tie)	21.99	Jonathan C.
62nd place	22.39	Christian C.
68th place	23.18	Leonardo C.
80th place	25.80	Jack M.

100 m	Girls	K 1st 2nd Grades
6th place	18.03	Olivia K.
16th place	19.70	Annabelle M.
22nd place	20.30	Mikaila F.
26th place	20.52	Kaitlin F.
33rd place	20.96	Caroline D.
68th place	25.79	Victoria H.
Shot Put	Boys	7th and 8th Grades
3rd place	33'7"	Patrick C.
19th place	21'4"	Indyka S.
Shot Put Relay	Boys	7th and 8th Grades
7th place	54'7.5"	Patrick C. and Indyka S.

Track and Field at the elementary school level is an excellent overall fitness sport. Please note not just the placement of students, but also look at the times they ran, or in the case of Shot Put, the distance they threw. Imagine running 100 meters in less than 26 seconds as a Kindergarten student, or for example, running half a mile (800 meters) in just over 4 minutes. We are very proud of the SFCS students and their participation in the CJCTC. Thank you to Mrs. Grof, Ms. Riedel, and the parent and young alumni coaches who led our team this season with three practices per week and several trial meets before the finals in May.



Photos by Jen Farrell



1957. Students receive the gift of a television set for St. Francis School.

There are more than 3,500 St. Francis School graduates.

We celebrate you in our school community...then and now!

St. Francis Alumni News



Reunions

September 25, 2010

Class of 1970,

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261-6562

rbossong1@hotmail.com

April 24, 2010

Class of 1985

Winter 2010

Class of 1960

September 19, 2008

80th Celebration for SFCS—
Graduates of 34 classes
attended

Events

**St. Francis Cathedral
School**

Golf Outing

October 2010

www.golfouting@stfranciscathedralschool.org

Recently Heard From...

Class of 1934 (First Graduating Class)

Kathryn Langmaack

Class of 1964

John Farnell

Class of 1970

Regina Milgram Bossong
Cynthia Collard

Class of 1985

Bill Zatorski

Class of 2005

Ryan Carr
Amanda Dalton
Spencer Davis
Connor Dick
Richard Fuchs
Bridget McManus
Frances Nesi
Joseph Roberts
Caitlin Scherer
John Szilagyi
Kevin Van Buskirk
Christopher Wolff

Class Notes

Bridget M. (2005)

Currently on the Dean's List at The College of NJ, was inducted in the International Education Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi and is a contributor to the college Literary Journal.

Jaimie C. (2006)

Graduating from Union Catholic High School. 2010 National Merit Commended Student, AP Scholar, National Honor Society, VP of the Student Council, Co-editor of the School Newspaper, 2010 Class Valedictorian.

High School Alumni Honor Roll 2009-2010

Bishop George Ahr High School

Kathleen F.
Michelle K.
Caela L.
Christian L.
Emily L.
Kristin M.
Stephanie M.
Catherine P.
Ciarra R.
Marissa S.

Donald B.
Christopher L.
Jessica L.
Matthew M.
Karen R.
Lauren S.
Brandon V.
Sara B.
Emilee F.
Holly H.
Patrick L.
Michael L.
Genna P.
Elizabeth S.

Union Catholic High School

Dihana W.
Timothy D.
Kenneth D.
McKenna D.
Christian F.
Michael F.
Christina N.
Kevin M.
Peter M.
Steven M.
Jaimie C.
Ashley R.
Julia S.

St. Joseph High School

Tristan B.
Andrew C.
Christian G.
Nicholas G.
Thomas H.
Michael M.
Kyle R.
Jordin R.
Andrew R.
Christian T.
Zachary W.
Matthew W.
Charles B.
Joseph G.
Ryan M.
Paul P.
Timothy M.

Mount Saint Mary Academy

Deirdre G.
Devon M.
Christiana R.
Catherine B.
Meaghan C.
Nina H.
Bridget T.



2007 Spring Drama Club Production of *OZ*

**On the Green, Kevin Blake, Class of 1981
Chairman, 2009 St. Francis Golf Outing**

Story by Jim Gerner

Overcast skies and early autumn temperatures were the setting for the 7th Annual St. Francis Cathedral Golf Outing on October 1. Over 100 golfers, some from as far away as Staten Island accepted the challenge of the 18-hole par 72 layout of Metuchen Golf and Country Club.

Headed by Kevin Blake, the Golf Outing committee managed the four-person "scramble" event with the winning overall score going to the team of Steve Regan, John Gaven, Eric Welle, and Pete Fox. The day concluded with lunch and the presentation of awards and prizes. Proceeds from the Golf Outing benefited the students of St. Francis Cathedral School where Kevin's three children now attend.



Memories

1934

St. Francis School First Graduating Class, 1934 (left to right): Stanley Peters, Joseph Balcius, Fred Hoover, Ed Shine, Father Foley, John Breen, James Donahue, John Szur, Kathryn Langmaack, Agnes Wiley, Margaret Breen, Julia Petercsak, Ellen Powers, Maryetta Wiotte, Ann Salamone, Claire Leis



1950

Kindergarteners participate in the Memorial Day Parade, 1950. Once a kindergartener pictured here, Maureen Behen Eveloy is the first of three generations of St. Francis School students. She is the grandmother of a second grade student and the Mom of JoAnne Eveloy Gascia (class of 1983), the current Home School Association Co-President.



Tell Us More

We appreciate the on-going dedication to the school by many alumni who are parents of current students and who serve in the school yard, as class parents, in Youth Ministry, and as organizers and leaders of events that benefit our children and faculty. Thank you for your time and talent.

Please keep us updated about your news...we'd like to add pages to this newsletter. Call 732-548-3107 or email Mrs. Barbara Stevens, Princiocal. at bstevens@diometuchen.org.