



St. Francis School Monthly News

April, 2006

ON FIDDLER, THE ARTS, AND "IDEAS IN ACTION"

Probably nothing says "St. Francis" better than a Middle School musical production. And if you were able to attend one of this week's performances of "Fiddler on the Roof," you received a vivid reminder of how the arts enhance our school's program and further its mission.

Though our theater productions represent an impressive level of accomplishment and are likewise great entertainment, they also serve far higher ends: they enable young people to push the boundaries of their comfort zones, to develop unexplored potential, and to experience firsthand that hard work and enormous fun are not mutually exclusive. These are extremely valuable life skills.

The school's commitment to drama and to the arts in general, sets St. Francis apart from other programs where these essential curricular components are threatened by budgetary constraints or the mistaken perception that this instructional time is better spent on "core" subjects.

St. Francis parents will not be surprised to learn that the research confirms, consistently and overwhelmingly, that a serious commitment to the arts improves student performance, focus, and satisfaction *in all academic areas*.

Arts education, by definition, represents ideas in action. And ideas in action are at the heart of the progressive educational mission. So, congratulations and thanks to Reed Gabhart, Jessica Leader, Kathy Collier, Angela Clark, Anne Delautre, Nicole Hankins, Jane Cox and the many parent volunteers who made this latest triumph possible. What a great celebration of the mission of St. Francis School.

Best wishes for a wonderful spring break,
John Delautre

CONGRATULATIONS TO TIM TAYLOR, 8th grade, for representing us superbly at the regional Spanish festival at Louisville Collegiate School last Saturday. Tim earned a First Place in listening comprehension and Second Place in vocabulary and grammar.

SCIENCE OLYMPIANS ADVANCE TO STATE TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to our Science Olympiad team for placing Fourth in regional competition last weekend. The team now advances to the State Tournament, April 22 at Western Kentucky University.

Our team members received either 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place award in 10 of the 20 events at the regionals.

Even more impressive, team members represented St. Francis well by showing support for one another, demonstrating good sportsmanship, and behaving in a mature manner. As head coach and teacher Sue Holloway said, "It was a pleasure to accompany them."

Here are event-by-event results:

- Balloon Race: 1st place -- Taylor Koczot & Claire Johnson
- Bridge Building: 1st place -- Chase Carlson & Lloyd Fowler
- Dynamic Planet: 1st place -- Taylor Sabo & Ted Beck
- Meteorology: 2nd place -- Lloyd Fowler & Robbie Cooper
- Mission Possible: 2nd place -- Allie Dixon & Taylor Koczot
- Mystery Architecture: 2nd place -- John Kinney & Lilly Campbell
- Road Scholar: 2nd place -- Justin Apperson & Lloyd Fowler
- Solar System: 3rd place -- Allie Dixon & Lloyd Fowler
- Storm the Castle: 2nd place -- Ted Beck & Taylor Sabo
- Science of Fitness: 3rd place -- Taylor Koczot & Whitney Eberenz



SPRING BREAK: Next week (April 3-7)

We'll see you again on Monday, April 10

SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

Here's a summary of summer opportunities we've listed in previous newsletters:

*** University of Louisville's 4th Annual Gifted Student Summer Program, June 9-30**

Eligible students include current 7th and 8th graders, depending on the chosen subject. Subject offerings will include programs in pre-calculus, calculus, computer science, biology, chemistry, English, engineering and business. More information and application forms are available at:

<http://giftedsummer.louisville.edu>.

The application deadline is April 14.

*** Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft camps for K-5th and 6th-8th graders**

For details, call the museum's Dane Waters at 598-0155 x208. Or go online to <http://www.KentuckyArts.org>, and click on the "2006 Summer Camps Line-up for K-8" link.

*** Camp Invention at our own St. Francis School**

Camp Invention, which we run in conjunction with the National Inventors Hall of Fame, is for students entering grades 1-6.

Camp activities are designed to foster creativity, teamwork and inventive-thinking skills.

We're offering two, weeklong sessions:

- > the Encounter program, June 19-23
- > the Discover program, July 24-28

Daily hours are 9 AM - 3:30 PM. The cost is \$209 per student per session.

For more information, including online registration, visit <http://www.campinvention.org> and look for the Goshen, KY, location. Or e-mail our camp director, Brigitte Muennich, at muennich4@insightbb.com.

*** St. Francis School Chess Camp with Coach Emir Sefol**

The camp will take place August 14-18 at the school. Details regarding times and skill levels are being finalized. Call Sherry Stevens for more information.

RIVER TOWN UNIT

Our current 7th and 8th graders will be involved in a special academic unit when we return from spring break. The main focus of this activity is Louisville's river town heritage: the role of the Ohio in our development as a community, the challenges posed by development over the decades, and some of the scientific and cultural topics of special relevance to the river. Students will spend Thursday, April 13, off campus exploring sites of particular interest to the project, and they will participate in special focus groups at school on Friday the 14th. We're especially pleased that councilman Tom Owens has agreed to take part in the field trip component. Stay tuned for an update.

SFS DERBY CAMP ADVENTURE WEEKEND

We'll once again be offering Our popular Derby Camp Adventure Weekend -- a 2-day fun fest (including trip to King's Island) for your child while you enjoy Derby weekend. Camp days will be May 5-7 (Fri-Sun). More details will come in future newsletters.

SAVE THESE DATES:

***Saturday, April 15, 10-6: Eighth-grade Car Wash** at the Prospect Dairy Queen on Hwy 42. Proceeds will go toward the annual 8th grade gift.

*** 6:30 PM Thursday, April 20,** brings our **K-8 Fine Arts Evening** and the unveiling of our new sculpture. All students will participate in this special evening, and we hope to see you, too.

* We're planning an **"Alumni Day at the Races"** on **July 1** at Churchill Downs. Details to come.

SEE THE "PEGASUS PARADE" (Thursday, MAY 4) IN STYLE: Our friends at the St. Francis High School Parent Association are again selling reserved Pegasus Parade seats (at Third & Broadway), complete with boxed suppers and nearby restrooms. Choose from \$40 reserved front-row folding chair & supper OR \$30 reserved bleacher seat & supper. Supper choices are meat, vegetarian or PB&J. A soft drink or bottled water is included in the price.

To reserve your seats, mail this form with a check (payable to St. Francis High School) to Teresa Denny, 6705 Transylvania Ave., Prospect, KY 40059. For more assistance, contact parent Teresa Denny at 228-7279 or Teandroses@aol.com (please put "Pegasus Parade" in the subject line).

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of reserved chairs ___ x \$40 = \$_____ Number of reserved bleacher seats ___ x \$30 = \$_____

Number of meat meals: ___ Number of veggie meals: _____ Number of PB&J meals: _____

PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

by Kim Mackin, SFPA president

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the St. Francis Eagle Gala! Thank you to the auction committee, donors, faculty and staff, and parent reps for making it such a success. We couldn't do it without you.

With just two months until school is out, it's time to start planning for next year's PA and to fill our many leadership positions for next year. If you are interested, please contact me at 228-3383 or, by email, at Kimmackin@bellsouth.net. We are currently searching for a Spirit Committee chairperson to finish out the current school year. Please call for more information.

COMING EVENTS:

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, April 21st, to honor Greg Borders, John Delautre, Diane Ellison, Amy Kern, Heather McGraw, Kristan Murphy, Meredith Gault, Annette Rudd, Krista Wilson and Cindy Wood. Parents of the Kindergarten class will be asked to send in food or decorations or help with set-up and clean-up.

Spirit Day, April 25th, Get ready to cheer for our Track & Field team!

Our track & field team will host a meet that day featuring schools from Oldham County, East Oldham, North Oldham, and South Oldham. The competition begins at 5:00. Festivities will include our full-service grill menu. We'll also sell Spirit Wear and offer face-painting. **Volunteers are needed to work the concession stand and grill. Please contact Kim Mackin at 228-3383 or Kimmackin@bellsouth.net.** Mark your calendar now, and come cheer for our track & field athletes.

THANK YOU to Elise Whitman, our auction gala chair, and Meredith Gault, development director, for their expert guidance and tireless efforts in overseeing every auction detail! You're the best!



OUR CONDOLENCES

to our own Bob Deitel and his family for the recent loss of Bob's mother, Clara Deitel, at the age of 87. Mrs. Deitel passed away this week in Israel, and was buried at Zichron Yaakov in the Carmel mountains near the Mediterranean. Our thoughts are with our friend and faithful coworker and his entire family during this time.



UPCOMING LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS

April 3-7 - Spring Break, no school

Monday, April 10 - Lisa Wiley, Christina Ullum, Carolyn Wetterer

Tuesday, April 11 - Steve Paradis, Jeanne Sullivan, Diane Fowler

Wednesday, April 12 - Amy Dishman, Kay Chandler, Georgette Kidwell

Thursday, April 13 - Lori Buse, Karen Siladi, Janet Roxworthy

Friday, April 14 - Tom Cowley, Anita Meyer, Kelly Farmer

Monday, April 17 - Ginger Campbell, Mary Ann Pollard, Jan Cogburn

Tuesday, April 18 - Kay Chandler, Rene Prize, Nancye Faulkner

Wednesday, April 19 - Katy Bade, Liz Bevarly, Sherry Stevens

Thursday, April 20 - Dianne Siciliano, Cythia McAfee, Michelle Heit

Friday, April 21 - Tanya Greenberg, Charlotte Stites, Carolyn Thebert

Monday, April 24 - Jeanette Gettelfinger, Mary Ann Pollard, Christina Ullum

Tuesday, April 25 - Kathy Broude, Robin LeMastus, Jeanne Sullivan

Wednesday, April 26 - Mary Herrmann, Kathy Baucom, Carolyn Wetterer

Thursday, April 27 - Bill Dishman, Kevin Lavin, Janet Roxworthy

Friday, April 28 - Tom Cowley, Anita Meyer, Laurie Kinney

NOTE TO ALL VOLUNTEERS:

Please find a substitute if you are unable to work on your scheduled day. If you are unable to find someone to work for you, please call Diane Fowler at 228-1256 before your scheduled date.

EARLY DISMISSAL CHANGES



April 19 Regular dismissal, 3:05
April 26 Early dismissal, 2:05
May 3 Regular dismissal, 3:05
May 10 Early dismissal, 2:05

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

9:30-11:00 a.m.

SFS Library

Informational Coffee for Prospective Families with John Delautre

Please encourage friends and neighbors to attend this spring admissions event. You are our best recruiters!