



# News From St. Francis School

January 2006

## Moving Forward

The first half of our school year has been wonderfully successful. We have welcomed seventeen new students into our midst since September, and applications for 2006 - 2007 are already well more than double the number we received all last year. As a newcomer to St. Francis, I have been overwhelmed by the warmth, openness, and integrity of this community, and my family and I count ourselves very fortunate to be among you.

While our students have been thriving in the classroom, on the stage, and the athletic field, the faculty of St. Francis have also been very busy. Over the fall, our teachers took advantage of many opportunities to define and refine our progressive educational mission. Our exploration of more effective ways to differentiate our curriculum, and to challenge every child, occupied the bulk of our professional development activity. We believe that our efforts to accommodate gifted children in particular will ultimately enable us to serve every St. Francis student more effectively.

As a faculty, we read Jean Francoise Rischard's *High Noon: 20 Global Problems/20 years to SolveThem*, and explored ways of strengthening our school's commitment to global education. We are the only school in Kentucky whose students are participating in NAIS's international school partnership, about which you can read more below.

In December, we announced the area's first University Merit Scholarship for the children of local college faculty. We believe this initiative will strengthen our natural ties to a community with whom we share many values.

The administration and faculty have also undertaken to compose an Environmental Mission Statement that will guide and inform our curriculum, increase our awareness of our wonderful campus, and improve our ability to produce environmentally responsible citizens.

Along these same lines, we are currently planning an April symposium for seventh and eighth graders exploring the role of the Ohio River in the life of Louisville and Oldham County. The goal of this event will be to enhance our students' appreciation of the historical, economic, and social significance of the Ohio, and to explore some of the civic works projects currently planned. We hope the symposium will impact our curriculum from now on.

In addition, our fine arts department unveiled this week a very exciting project that will enrich the school for years to come. This is the creation of a new public sculpture representing the values of St. Francis the man, and crafted by celebrated local artist Dave Caudill. Every St. Francis student will contribute to this work which will ultimately reside in the front circle.

As you can see, the level of activity on all fronts has been intense this year on. The school is indeed moving ahead in its efforts to prepare your children for the challenges of the twenty-first century. It is our goal to be *the* leading educational program in this area, and we are proud to be working with you as our partners.

John Delautre

## A Global Perspective on Education

St. Francis is the only school in Kentucky taking part in the NAIS "Global Challenge." This program has connected American independent schools with partner schools in other countries, challenging the resulting team to explore solutions to one of twenty major problems facing the world today.

Under the guidance of Middle School teachers Patrick Donovan and Michael Mahoney, a group of St. Francis eighth graders have just completed months of work with Creston College in South Africa on the problem of "Education for All" and submitted their report to NAIS. Along the way, this group has communicated regularly with their South African partners via "Skype," a free software package that allows free long-distance telephone communication via the internet.

The inspiration for this initiative is a remarkable book called *High Noon: 20 Global Problems/20 years to SolveThem* by vice president of the World Bank Jean-Francois Rischard. The premise of Rischard's work is that the developed countries, and the US in particular, have about twenty years to get serious about tackling the serious problems identified. The good news is that technology and a new world economy have provided us the means of solving these problems. However, writes Rischard, we must find the will to make these problems our own, and we must begin our work quickly. The consequences for ignoring these problems will be dramatic and world-changing.

Out of our commitment to a global perspective on education, the entire K - 8 faculty have read Rischard's book and discussed ways of bringing its concerns into our common life. We hope this exploration will help us express two of our community's defining values: compassion for the world's peoples and personal responsibility.

We highly recommend *High Noon* to our parents and invite your input about the global component of our curriculum. Please contact Cindy Wood if you would like to borrow a copy.

## Parent Association News

by Kim Mackin, SFPA President

We hope to see everyone at Spirit Night, Tuesday, January 31. This fun event begins after dismissal and continues until 7:00 p.m. Call Leslie Henney if you can volunteer to help. A huge thank you to Leslie and the Spirit Committee for all of their hard work and dedication.

By now, you should have received your invitation for our annual auction "**Imagination Takes Flight**". Please join us for good food and drink, wonderful auction items, and spectacular socializing. Reserve the date now: Friday, March 3, at The Olmsted. Send in your RSVP cards now!

Please keep thinking of ways you can help with our auction. Consider donating an item for the silent or live auction and placing a business or personal ad in our Tribute Book. We are currently looking for volunteers to help set-up for the Auction. Those dates are March 2 at St. Francis and March 3 at The Olmsted. Direct any questions to Development Director Meredith Gault or Auction Chair Elise Whitman.

### Events

**Spirit Night:** Tuesday, Jan. 31st,

**Auction Committee Meeting,:** Wednesday, February 1st, at 9:00 a.m. at the Preschool

**Teacher Appreciation Luncheon:** Friday, February 10th. **Parents of 3rd - 4th Graders** will be asked to send in food and drinks, decorations or help with set-up/clean-up. Please help us in honoring our excellent teachers and staff.



## Attention Families of 8th Graders

If you haven't yet sent in a baby picture of your eighth grade student, please do so as soon as possible. They will be used in the yearbook. If you have any questions, please contact Rosanne Conlan.

### Carpool Volunteers Needed

If you are available to help "meet and greet" the students when they arrive in morning carpool, we would greatly appreciate your assistance. We need volunteers from 7:50am until 8:15 daily. If you can help, please contact Cindy Wood.

### Spirit Committee News

by Lesley Henney

#### Winter Spirit Day—Jan. 31st

Winter Spirit Day is scheduled for next Tuesday, January 31. It will begin at dismissal and continue through 7:00. Plan to stay after school and join in the activities! Our JV girls, Varsity girls, and Varsity boys basketball teams will play KCD.

Parent volunteers are needed to plan this event and to assist on that day. Please contact me at 425-8063 or L.Henney@insightbb.com to volunteer or if you have any questions.

The game schedule is as follows:

Varsity girls at 4:00

JV girls at 5:00

Varsity boys at 6:00

### Directory Update

Jack Hanekamp 4  
Peter and Amy Hanekamp  
6924 Transylvania Avenue  
Prospect, KY 40059  
228.6860

Welcome back Jack!

## Student and Alumni Accomplishments

### Scholarship

Congratulations to **Tim Taylor** who has won a scholarship at Maumee Valley Country Day School in Toledo, Ohio. The Centennial Scholarship was awarded based on the school's perception of Tim's potential contribution to the school community. Way to go Tim!

### Honor Roll

The following SFS graduates made the honor roll for the first semester at St. Francis High School:

#### **12th grade**

Jon Corwin, Jared Frenzel-Sulyok, Brad Green, Meredith Maple, Adam O'Connor, Stewart Pugsley, John Reel, Lee Runyon, David Weiss

#### **11th grade:**

Mark Dorf, Samantha Gauss, Kevin Sullivan

#### **10th grade:**

Ariel Bendon, Hilary Briggs, Isaac Hodes, Emma Sharps

#### **9th grade:**

Brennan Clark, Allie Deitel, Elizabeth Denny, Daisy Logan, Drew Tennant, Alex Vouga

### Alumna Accomplishment

In addition, junior Samantha Gauss (SFS '03) has qualified in saber for the Junior Olympic Fencing Championships in Hartford, CT. Nearly 2000 of the nation's best Under-20 and Under-17 fencers will compete in foil, epee and saber. In addition to vying for the title of Junior Olympic Champion, fencers will try to earn spots on 2006 Junior and Cadet World Championship teams to compete in April in Taebeck City, South Korea. The JO competitions are the final domestic opportunity for fencers to earn points toward selection.

**First Grade Brownie Troop 67  
in Action-Helping Needy Children  
February 13th-17th**

The first grade Brownie troop will be participating in a statewide Girl Scout service project called –Wee Care – a program to benefit needy infants and toddlers. Needed items are:

Diapers            Diaper Wipes  
Baby Blankets    Booties/Socks  
Books              Educational Toys  
Baby Lotions & Shampoo  
(No powder please)

There will be a Wee Care collection box in the lobby outside the office beginning Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Please leave your donations there. All items donated will be delivered to our local Girl Scout office which will be delivered to local agencies in Jefferson/Oldham county for distribution to needy families in our area.

Please contact Debbie O'Brien at 225-9582 or via email at [dbrien@bellsouth.net](mailto:dbrien@bellsouth.net) if you have any questions.

**Communications**

Today marks the end of Lori Dabney's tenure as Director of Communications. We are all so grateful to Lori for her hard work on behalf of the school in the past year and wish her well in her new pursuits. Lori has done a spectacular job of organizing our Newsletter and other publications, and the routine for communication with home is now in place. We've made Lori promise she won't stray very far from St. Francis and will continue to be available to us. Something tells me we've just gained another great volunteer.

Please note that, in Lori's absence, Bob Deitel will return to his role as editor of the Newsletter, and that your suggestions for items in the Newsletter should now go directly to Cindy Wood in the office.

If you have not been receiving our weekly electronic updates, please send your e-mail address to Bob Deitel at [bdeitel@stfrancissschool.org](mailto:bdeitel@stfrancissschool.org) so he can add you to our distribution list.

**Upcoming Dates to Note**

Jan. 30—6:30, Alumni meeting in Room 201 of St. Francis Church

Feb. 1—9:00 Auction Committee meeting in Room 201 of St. Francis Church

Feb. 8—2:00 Dismissal. Brownie Troop 509 will meet from 2:00 until 3:30.

Feb. 10—Kid's Creations due for Auction

Feb. 10—Teacher Appreciation Sponsored by the 3rd and 4th grades

Feb. 10—SFS hosts LISC Dance

Feb. 17—Tribute Book ads and all other donated items due for Auction

Feb. 17—Progress Reports will be mailed

Feb. 20 / 24—Winter Break. Please see the article concerning optional Enrichment services for K—6th grades

*For a full listing of activities and events, please visit our website at [www.StFrancisSchool.org](http://www.StFrancisSchool.org)*

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**Lunch Volunteer Schedule**

Monday, Jan. 30 – Diane Fowler, Janet Hodes, Karen Siladi  
Tuesday, Jan. 31 – Holly Cooper, Annie Russell, Mary Laura White  
Wednesday, Feb. 1 – Katy Bade, Brigette Muennich, Sherry Stevens  
Thursday, Feb. 2 – Michelle Heit, Cynthia McAfee, Nancy Scott  
Friday, Feb. 3 – Tanya Greenberg, Laurie Kinney, Carolyn Thebert

Monday, Feb. 6 – Jan Cogburn, Carolyn Lichtig, Debbie Morgan  
Tuesday, Feb. 7 – Nancy Faulkner, Angie Koss, Holly Winebrenner  
Wednesday, Feb. 8 – Kay Chandler, Amy Dishman, Georgette Kidwell  
Thursday, Feb. 9 – Lori Buse, Janet Roxworthy, Karen Siladi  
Friday, Feb. 10 – Tom Cowley, Kelly Farmer, Anita Meyer

Monday, Feb. 13 – Christina Ullum, Carolyn Wetterer, Lisa Wiley  
Tuesday, Feb. 14 – Steve Paradis, Jeanne Sullivan, Holly Winebrenner  
Wednesday, Feb. 15 – Katy Bade, Liz Bevarly, Sherry Stevens  
Thursday, Feb. 16 – Michelle Heit, Cynthia McAfee, Dianne Siciliano  
Friday, Feb. 17 – Tanya Greenberg, Charlotte Stites, Carolyn Thebert

Monday, Feb. 27 – Jeanette Gettlefinger, Mary Ann Pollard, Christina Ullum  
Tuesday, Feb. 28 – Kathy Broude, Robin LeMastus, Jeanne Sullivan  
Wednesday, Mar. 1 – Katy Bade, Brigette Muennich, Sherry Stevens

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**THANK YOU!**

The Lower School Math Lab Store thank the following donors:

Catherine Bache	Julia Bache
Braden Barnett	Roberto Bolli
Elizabeth Carrigan	Emilie Haupt
David Hendren	Grace Hermann
Alex Koby	Jackie LeMastus
Lillian Lenihan	

We also received several donations from donors who prefer to remain anonymous. If you have any small trinkets or toys you don't need any more, please consider sending them in for the math lab!

## Goshen Re-Enrollment

Enrollment contracts for the 2006-07 school year will be mailed to our Goshen families prior to Winter Break. They are due by March 15.

If for any reason yours does not arrive, please contact Kristan Murphy in the Admissions Office. We look forward to having you with us next year!

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### Parent Survey

We would like your feedback to help us improve and evaluate our program offerings. Krista Wilson, Director of Admissions, has developed a short online survey covering a variety of topics. Please take a few moments to complete the survey. We will be collecting comments until Feb. 7, 2006 and it is possible to respond anonymously. Just follow the link below to begin!

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=833291660958>

Thank you!

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### Marriage and Parenting Seminar at St. Francis Church

St. Francis in the Fields Church, 6710 Wolf Pen Branch Road, wants to alert our parents to a two-part presentation by renowned psychologist Dr. Kevin Leman on Friday, March 18 (7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) and Saturday, March 19 (9:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m). The church will host this seminar entitled, “Making Sense of the Man or Woman in your Life,” and, “Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours,” on its grounds, and the recommended donation for both events is \$20 per person. Tickets are available at St. Francis Church, Second Presbyterian, and Christ Church United Methodist. Apparently, they’re going fast!

## Auction Update

It seems like the auction is just around the corner! The invitations have been mailed for our Auction Gala on March 3 at the Olmsted.

We are grateful to the MANY volunteers who are working diligently to make this event a success. To help in their efforts, please review the following.

Kid’s Creations should be completed by Feb. 10th.

Please send in your donations and tribute forms honoring your children, teachers, teams or advertising a business by Feb. 17th. If you need a Tribute Ad or donation form, they are both available on our website. Just click on the link below:

<http://www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/SFSAuction/>

We will continue to sell Split the Pot Raffle tickets until the auction. However, it would be very helpful if you would send in any you have sold by Feb. 10 so we can get an update out about the size of “the pot.”

In the near future, you will be able to go to our website and see some of the wonderful items that have been donated. If you have any questions, please call Meredith Gault at 228-1197 or Elise Whitman at 899-5072.

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### Preschool Summer Camps

The preschool will soon mail enrollment information for their summer camp session. The dates for the sessions are:

May 30—June 16  
June 19—27  
July 10 –28

More information will be available soon for these very popular programs!

## Annual Fund Update

We are happy to announce that to date we have received donations allowing us to reach 83% of our goal of raising \$150,000 for the annual fund. Thanks to many families and individuals within the St. Francis community who have already made their contributions..

In order to fully achieve all that we had planned for our teachers and students for this school year, we still need help from those who have not yet sent in their gift or made a pledge. By making a pledge or sending in a gift now, you will get a head start on your tax deductions for year!

Please send donations to the attention of Meredith Gault, Director or Development. If you would like, you can print a gift form from our website and include it with the donation.

Thanks to all who have supported this important initiative! Without your generosity, we would not have such a wonderful and supportive Environment for our children to

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### Holiday Wish Fund

The 2005 Holiday Wish Fund was a great success! The purpose of the Wish Fund is to collectively show appreciation for all of our school's teachers and staff during the holiday season, while relieving some of the holiday shopping stress for the families. We received such a great response! You generously contributed approximately \$9,000.00 to this year's fund, and the week before the holiday break we presented all 62 teachers and staff members with a gift certificate to the retailer or restaurant of his or her choice. Thank you to all of the St. Francis families who generously supported this program.

## Cooking Classes

Chef Matthew Gasper is offering cooking classes beginning on Feb. 2, 2006. Class size is limited to eight students but there will be three sessions in an effort to give everyone who wishes to participate an opportunity.

Eligibility: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders  
Class Time: 3:10 – 5:00 Thursdays  
Session Duration: 4 weeks

Chef Gasper will teach recipes from a new region each week of the session. For example:

Week one: Italy—Pesto sauce, Alfredo sauce, and fresh pasta. The students will each make their own pasta dough.

Week two: Mexico—We can make our own salsa, nachos, etc.

Week three: Asia—We will do a stir fry presentation and learn to make teriyaki sauce.

Week four: Students' choice—I will offer suggestions and allow the students to decide what they want to make. Some suggestions may include ice cream, potato chips or bread.

Choose from the following sessions:

Feb. 2 , 9, 16 & March 2

Mar. 9, 23, 30 & Apr. 13

Apr. 20 & 27 and May 4 & 11

Students should bring the following items to class:

- Pen
- Calculator
- Index cards for recipe
- Notebook
- Folder for handouts

Please contact Greg Borders or Matthew Gasper if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering. To enroll, please complete the bottom section of this form and return it to your child's advisor by January 20<sup>th</sup>. You will receive a confirmation of your child's placement the following week. Thank you!

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to enroll in the following 4 week session:

\_\_\_\_ Feb. 2 , Feb. 9, Feb. 16 and March 2

\_\_\_\_ March 9, March 23, March 30 and April 13

\_\_\_\_ April 20, April 27, May 4 and May 11

# Winter Break Fun

Make your reservations now to spend Winter Break  
with your friends at the Enrichment Clubhouse!

February 20 - 24<sup>th</sup>

Daily field trips include:

Monday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – Louisville Zoo

Tuesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – Swimming at the Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center (participants must be independent swimmers)

Wednesday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Bowling at Ten Pin Lanes

Thursday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Louisville Science Center to view exhibits and an IMAX film about the Nile River

Friday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> – Puzzles Fun Dome

For the field trips, we will leave at 9:45 and return by 2:00.

Eligibility: Children in grades K - 6

Cost: \$65 per child per day

All children must bring a lunch and drink

We are limited to 22 children per day. Register early to ensure your space! The deadline for registration is Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. If there is not sufficient demand (at least 10 children per day), we will not be able to provide child-care.

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## Registration Form

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dates of attendance:

\_\_\_\_\_ Monday \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Friday

Amount of Payment enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$65 per day per child)