

St. Francis School Monthly News

March, 2006

PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

Many thanks to those who responded to our recent online Parent Survey. We received 70 responses, a very good result by any measure and one that reflects our parents' high interest in our program. We were especially glad to have a healthy number of respondents from each grade level (lowest, 7; highest, 13; average of 10.1 per grade).

I am gratified to note that the overall satisfaction level of our parents is very high. Most of our questions elicited an "agree" or "strongly agree" response from 85 % of respondents, and 93 % of you said you would recommend St. Francis to others (76 % said "strongly"). These numbers reflect the overall success of our program, as well as our sincere desire to serve your children to the best of our ability.

Nonetheless, we also take very seriously the need for continued improvement in areas you identified. In particular, we want to work on the quality and volume of feedback we make available to you concerning the work your children are doing in class from week to week. Part of this effort will involve improving the information we post on our teacher Web pages, and part will involve educating parents about where to look for the information that already exists. We look forward to partnering with you toward this end.

After winter break we will take faculty meeting time to process the results of the survey in detail with our teachers. And we plan to continue to survey our families periodically to maintain a healthy flow of information. In the meantime, if you have important ideas or feedback, please don't feel like you need to wait for the next survey!

Best wishes for a wonderful winter break,

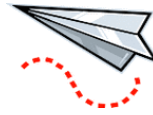
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SHANNON DELAHANTY APPOINTED PERMANENT DIRECTOR OF SFS PRESCHOOL

We're thrilled to announce that Shannon Delahanty – our preschool's long-time assistant director and our 2005-06 interim director – has been named as permanent director of St. Francis Preschool. Shannon has been part of the preschool's administration since the school opened in 1995, and she brings not only an excellent knowledge of children's needs but also a grasp of good teaching and a mastery of organizational needs. Congratulations to Shannon and us.

WATCH YOUR MAILBOX

- K-8 re-enrollment contracts (for 2006-07) were mailed Wednesday. If your contract does not arrive, please call Kristan Murphy in the Admissions Office, 228-1197 x107. The due date is March 15.
- Second Trimester Progress Reports are being mailed today.



EAGLE GALA 2006: The St. Francis School auction Friday, March 3, at The Olmsted

We've added a special raffle to our auction line-up: For \$20, you can buy a chance to win a rubellite-and-diamond pendant valued at \$1,200.

Purchase your chance on auction night or online now (the winner need not be present on auction night). Go online to <https://instanthrpolicies.com/sfs>, see the pendant and use your Visa or Mastercard to buy your chance. (Remember to type the "s" in <https://instanthrpolicies.com/sfs>. That means your credit transaction will be secure.)

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ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER is a list of auction reminders and a summary of auction items — including, of course a live, miniature donkey named Zelda.

Also, see our Parents Association News for information on how you can help us set up for the auction (and get an early peek at the items up for bid).

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FOR COMPLETE, UPDATED listings of our auction items, visit our Web home, StFrancisSchool.org, and click on the *Eagle Gala 2006* link at the bottom left. Be sure to follow each subsequent link to find the photos we've included.

WINTER BREAK:
Next week (Feb. 20-24)
We'll see you again on
Monday, Feb. 27

PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS by Kim Mackin, SFPA president

Only two weeks until the Auction! It's not too late to volunteer. We are looking for help with:

*set-up at St. Francis School on Thursday, March 2 (day before the auction); call parent Elise Whitman at 896-1172 or Development Director Meredith Gault at 228-1197 x108

*set-up at The Olmsted on auction day, Friday, March 3; call parent Elise Whitman at 896-1172 or Development Director Meredith Gault at 228-1197 x108

*check-in at The Olmsted on Auction night; call parent Kim Mackin at 228-3383

Finally, please send in your RSVP card by February 24 so you can join the fun.

Thank You to ...

* the many parent volunteers working on the auction

* all who have donated auction items or placed ads for our auction Tribute pages

* our 3rd and 4th grade room reps and parents for organizing February's Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Our remaining luncheon schedule:

March 10 - 1st and 2nd grade

April 21 - Kindergarten

Please help honor our wonderful faculty and staff with a much appreciated tradition.

THANK YOU TO THESE FAMILIES for donating

items to the Lower School Math Lab Store: Bagga, Barnett, Logsdon, Hendren, Didier, Le-Mastus and Kidwell.

If you have any small trinkets or toys you don't need any more, please consider sending them in for the math lab.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT E-MAIL ADDRESS?

Sending e-mail updates, newsletters and alerts is a big part of our SFS communication with families. Indeed, this very newsletter has been published in two formats: on colorful paper and by e-mail.

If you are not receiving our e-mails, or if you wish to receive our e-mails at a different or additional address, please let us know. Write us at News@StFrancisSchool.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO LYDIA FRENZEL-SULYOK, 6th grader,

for placing in the top three at two recent gymnastic meets.

Competing at Level 8, Lydia took Second Place All-Around last Sunday at Wright's "For Love or Money" Gymnastic Meet in Indianapolis. Lydia had strong showings in the floor, uneven bars, beam and vault.

Her skills also won her Third Place All-Around Level 8 at the "Magical Classic" Gymnastic Meet Feb. 3-4 in Orlando, Fla.

Lydia will rest this weekend and then tackle the Derby Classic on next Saturday, Feb. 25, in Louisville. We wish her luck!

THANK YOU TO OUR TEACHERS WHO CHAPERONED OUR VALENTINE'S DANCE

Applause goes to Reed Gabhart, Angela Burton, Julie Marks, Joanne Greaver and Jim Willmot for spending last Friday evening with 200 dance-fevered middle schoolers. The event, which included students from all area independent middle schools, raised nearly \$1,000 for the 8th Grade's annual gift to the school.

OUR LUNCHROOM CREW SAYS "THANK YOU" to

the anonymous admirer who left them Valentine's Day candy.

MEETING OF SFS ALUMNI COMMITTEE: March 27. All alumni are welcome

The next bi-monthly meeting of our Alumni Committee will be 6:30 PM Monday, March 27, in Room 201 of St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church. All alumni and past and present faculty are invited. The committee's goals include:

- * reconnect with alumni
- * assist with alumni events
- * assist with production of a semi-annual newsletter and the updating of our alumni Web pages

For more information, call Director of Development Meredith Gault at 228-1197 x108.

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.

UPDATE ON OPTIONAL WINTER BREAK CARE FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-6

Monday and Tuesday sessions have been canceled, but Wednesday-Thursday-Friday activities will go on as planned. A few openings remain, too. Each day brings field trips: Wednesday, 2/22 -- Bowling at Ten Pin Lanes; Thursday, 2/23 -- Louisville Science Center to view exhibits and an IMAX film about the Nile River; and Friday, 2/24 -- Puzzles Fun Dome. Daily hours are 8 AM to 6 PM. Field trippers we will depart at 9:45 and return by 2.

Cost: \$65 per child per day. All children must bring a lunch and drink. We are limited to 22 children per day. Call or stop by the office (ph. 228-1197) to sign up.



UPCOMING LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS

Monday, Feb. 27 – Jeanette Gettlefinger, Mary Ann Pollard, Christina Ullum

Tuesday, Feb. 28 – Kathy Broude, Robin LeMastus, Jeanne Sullivan

Wednesday, March 1 – Katy Bade, Brigette Muennich, Sherry Stevens

Thursday, March 2 – Michelle Heit, Cynthia McAfee, Nancy Scott

Friday, March 3 – Tanya Greenberg, Laurie Kinney, Carolyn Thebert

Monday, March 6 – Debbie Morgan, Jan Cogburn, Crolyn Lichtig

Tuesday, March 7 – Rene Prize, Holly Winebrenner, Nancye Faulkner

Wednesday, March 8 – Amy Dishman, Kay Chandler, Georgette Kidwell

Thursday, March 9 – Lori Buse, Karen Siladi, Janet Roxworthy

Friday, March 10 – Tom Cowley, Anita Meyer, Kelly Farmer

Monday, March 13 – Lisa Wiley, Christina Ullum, Carolyn Wetterer

Tuesday, March 14 – Steve Paradis, Jeanne Sullivan, Diane Fowler

Wednesday, March 15 – Katy Bade, Liz Bevarly, Sherry Stevens

Thursday, March 16 – Parent-teacher conferences; no school

Friday, March 17 – Parent-teacher conferences; no school

Monday, March 20 – Jan Cogburn, Mary Ann Pollard, Ginger Campbell

Tuesday, March 21 – Kay Chandler, Dulce Pareira, Nancye Faulkner

Wednesday, March 22 – Mary Herrmann, Kathy Baucom, Carolyn Wetterer

Thursday, March 23 – Janet Roxworthy, Bill Dishman, Kevin Lavin

Friday, March 24 – Tom Cowley, Anita Meyer, Laurie Kinney

Monday, March 27 – Jeanette Gettlefinger, Mary Ann Pollard, Christina Ullum

Tuesday, March 28 – Kathy Broude, Robin LeMastus, Jeanne Sullivan

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.

Also, please be aware of food waste. If a student wants only 1 or 2 items, don't serve large quantities; instead, encourage them to come back for more if they want – and to sample something else, too.