



Humphrey St. Francis

Flyer Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk by Mrs. Dunn

Dear Parents,

Blessings during this time of penance, prayer, and almsgiving. We pray that during our Lenten journey we can see clearly the changes we need to make in our lives and seek forgiveness through the sacrament of Reconciliation. Our high school students will participate in weekly prayer services and the elementary students will participate in the Stations of the Cross throughout this Lenten season. Student will have the opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation during the penance service this month.

Congratulations to the Lady Flyers basketball team and coaches for their successful basketball season. Good luck to the boys basketball team and coaches as they head to State this next week. Good luck to the Speech team as they move into Districts and State this month.

Third quarter ends on Friday, March 8 with no school for the elementary students. There is no school for K-12 on Thursday, March 7 due to the boys game at 9am at Lincoln Northeast. Many activities take students away from the classrooms in the spring so continue to monitor your child's academics as we move into the fourth quarter. Know that you can contact your child's teachers via Pass-A-Note (PAN) on Sycamore anytime to communicate with them.

Kindergarten Round-Up and Preschool Open House are set for WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 starting at 8am. If you have questions about either of these events, call the elementary office.

Rule 10 is the rule that governs accredited schools in the state of Nebraska. There are a number of regulations schools have to follow to maintain accreditation. St. Francis is a bit unique in that we are so successful in so many activities and athletics. The success of our teams allows us the privilege to take off school days to watch state performances. There is a flip side to this. Our accredited classes are required to meet so many instructional units. The only way to do this is to have class. So, we are in need of having to extend our school day and/or school calendar to accommodate not only snow days, but days we take off for state events. More information will be coming out later in the year on how we will move forward.

You can be looking for a survey that will be going out regarding the date for senior graduations. This was brought up at a School Board meeting. Parent input will be sought.

Blessings,

Mrs. Dunn

Upcoming events:

Tuesday, April 2: Juniors take ACT @ School

Wed.-Fri., April 3-5: State FFA

Monday, April 8: NO SCHOOL; SOF and In-service

Fri.-Sat., April 12-13: District Music Contest

Sunday, April 14: Sophomore Class Breakfast

Thursday-Monday, April 18-22: Easter Break

Saturday, April 27: Prom

For the most up-to-date school news and information . . .

Log onto Sycamore and check the “Flash News” and the “News Stories.”

If you have lost or forgotten your log in and password, call the school office and ask Sheila Hassenstab or Terri Wilshushen. They can help you.

Log onto the HSF Dispatch at www.hsfdispatch.org ; password: GoBigBlue .

The journalism team adds new articles daily, and most everything that is posted on the front page gets moved to another tab on the website.

If you want to know about what has been happening in choir, click on the “choir” link. If you want to reminisce about football, click on “football.” If you want to see pictures and read articles about the elementary, click on “elementary.” It is all there! This week we have been covering Dr. Seuss Week in the elementary. There is also a slide show of the York College play that was on our stage on Tuesday, February 26.

Be sure to read the *Humphrey Democrat* each week as Patrick Murphy has been printing many articles sent to him by the journalism team about what is happening in the elementary and high school buildings! There is a lot going on and we are doing our best to communicate this with you.

A note about calendars: Check Sycamore

At school, our days and schedules can change very quickly. If you want the most up-to-date information on what is happening and when, please check Sycamore for the *weekly schedule*—and to be honest, even that changes due to weather or other unexpected happenings. We do our best to stick to the original plan, which is laid out on the calendar that is included in the Tau each month as well as the calendar included with the newsletter and well as the weekly events listed in the parish bulletin. However, things do change. This is a common hiccup in schools everywhere. So please, log onto Sycamore for the most up to the minute information.

Random acts of holiness acknowledged

Every quarter, the elementary teachers keep their eyes open for random acts of holiness. The following students were nominated by at least one teacher during the third quarter: Back: Noah Wieseler, Ethan Wieseler, Isabel Priester, Mason Geilenkirchen, Andrew Kosch, Carson Wessel; Middle:Lillie Beltz, Daven Zach, Eva Klassen, Jett Reichmuth, Gavin Geilenkirchen, Wyatt Brandl, Chauncey Kudron; Front: Leighton Krings, Myla Gielenkirchen, Alivia Wiehn, Bennett Brandl, Scarlett Kessler, Grant Keller; Not pictured. Avery Westring



From the School Counselor's Desk by Mrs. Braun

PLEASE NOTE WELL: This is the last time this information will be included with the newsletter. Starting in April, information for juniors, seniors, and their parents about college prep will be sent out via email directly to students and parents. It will also be posted on Mrs. Braun's page on the HSF Dispatch and on Sycamore.

Seniors and Parents:

With the spring weather on the way, even though it doesn't feel like it, it is time to be finalizing college plans. This also means scholarship application deadlines are coming and going. I have recently been receiving a lot of scholarships. Keep watching Sycamore for updates on scholarships and deadlines. ALL scholarship information is also being put in student mailboxes. Check mailboxes often and if you have any questions, please let me know.

Also, with applying for admission and scholarships, students need to track the scholarships they are being offered. In the student mailboxes are their folders with a scholarship tracking sheet. Whether awards are accepted or not, ALL need to be recorded on those sheets. We use that information to acknowledge our seniors at the achievement banquet and also the alumni banquet. I've also started keeping track of money awarded verses awards accepted so the most accurate information is appreciated.

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students from Education Quest

March 2019: Wrapping up your senior year

Seniors...stay on track to college by completing these second-semester tasks:

Complete the financial aid process. By now, you should have filed your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). If you haven't, apply at fafsa.gov.

Compare financial aid awards. The colleges you listed on your FAFSA will send you notifications detailing the financial aid they're offering. Compare the notifications to determine which school provides the best package.

Watch your grades. If you slack off and get poor grades, your college admission could be revoked.

Apply for scholarships. See ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org to find Nebraska-based scholarships. You'll also find links to national scholarship sites that are EducationQuest-approved. Make your final college selection. Notify the other colleges so they can take you off their mailing list.

Be aware of deadlines to accept financial aid and college admission offers, submit your housing deposit, and register for new-student orientation.

March "To Do" List--Seniors

- If you haven't already, complete your FAFSA !
- Expect financial aid award notifications.
- Continue applying for scholarships .

For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:
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Your Journey to College Begins with Us

Juniors and parents:

Spring is well on the way and that means it won't be long before their senior year is here. A few things to keep in mind these last couple of months.

If your student hasn't done a college visit yet, I highly encourage them to do so. Stepping foot on a campus gives a much better feel for student life and if it is a good fit. We have some upcoming days off in March that may be great to get on a college's schedule. Individual visits are much more personal and provide the opportunity to engage with professors and students going through the interested program of study. If you need assistance getting a visit set up, please let me know.

Second, please Save-the-Date of April 2nd. We will be doing district ACT testing here at St. Francis for all juniors. They will be taking the ACT with writing and this will then count as an official test score. Students do NOT need to do anything to register for this testing, as I have registered them as the test coordinator. This testing will take all morning to complete. This date is one of two that was allowed and tests can't be made up. I would appreciate it if all juniors are present to test all morning. If you already have an appointment scheduled, it would be great if it could be rescheduled. The great thing about taking it here is students are in a familiar environment and don't have to give up a day on the weekend. We are also doing the writing portion to have it scored outside the school. This will assist us in our writing improvement goal. If you have any questions or concerns about this testing, please let me know. With this testing, I highly encourage all juniors to take some time to work on John Baylor outside of school. Teachers will take some time during the school day but since they all have their own binder, working outside of school can have a large impact on their scores.

Some information from EducationQuest that may be helpful to read as well.

Juniors...it's time to narrow your college choices.

Narrow your college choices soon to prepare for these upcoming activities:

ACT college entrance exam. When you take the exam this spring, you'll be asked to provide a list of colleges that should receive your score.

Completion of the FAFSA early next fall. You and your parents can complete the FAFSA beginning October 1 of your senior year. The colleges you list on the form will receive the results.

Apply2College Campaign. Early next fall, it will be time to apply to your top college choices. You'll get help with your applications if your high school holds a college application event as part of the statewide Apply2College campaign .

Campus visits will help you narrow your choices

Your spring break is a perfect time to visit schools that interest you. Schedule your visits at least two weeks in advance and be prepared with questions to ask . Find more tips in the "Selecting a College" section at EducationQuest.org.

You'll also want to check out these college-search resources at EducationQuest.org:

- " About Nebraska Colleges " provides cost and contact information for Nebraska colleges.
- College Profiles has information about colleges in Nebraska and across the country.

Go on a scavenger hunt and you might win \$500 for college

Apply by March 31 for EducationQuest's \$500 Scavenger Hunt Scholarship. Here's how it works:

1. If you haven't already, complete a profile in ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org. ScholarshipQuest is a scholarship search tool with over 2,000 Nebraska-based awards.
2. If you're a Nebraska resident in grades 9-12, you'll see the EducationQuest Scavenger Hunt Scholarship as one of the scholarships you're eligible to apply for.
3. "Scavenge" around the EducationQuest website to find answers to questions in a survey. EducationQuest will draw a winner from those who answer all questions correctly. The winner will receive \$500 to invest in a NEST 529 College Savings Plan account.

March "To Do" List--Juniors

- ___ Register by March 8 for the April 13 ACT.
- ___ Register by April 5 for the May 4 SAT.
- ___ Schedule campus visits.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 *GS Mass-8:00 *No bus service *Girls State Basketball Tournament	2 *FBLA paper drive *Speech @ Norfolk *Girls State Basketball Tournament
3	4	5 *GS bank deposit day *NHS Toy Drive Jeans Day *FFA District Career Development Events @ CCC	6 *All School Ash Wednesday Recollection & Mass-9:00 *Speech @ Riverside	7 *Boys State Basketball Tournament	8 *No School K-6 *End of 3rd quarter *No bus service *Boys State Basketball Tournament	9 *Boys State Basketball Tournament
10 *Daylight Savings Time begins "Spring ahead"	11 *Start of 4th quarter *HS Mass-8:05 *District JH Quiz Bowl-12:00	12 *GS bank deposit day *7-12 Lenten prayer service-8:05 *7-12 assembly	13 *FFA meeting-7:30 *GS Mass-8:00 *NHS 7-12 Super Casual Day *District Speech @ Bancroft-Rosalie	14 *All School Reconciliation-10:00	15 *GS Mass-8:00 *Pope John JH Quiz Bowl-1:00 *FFA Barnyard-2:00	16 *500 Club St. Pat's Dinner
17	18 *NO SCHOOL *Faculty in-service	19 *Adopt a Child Day *GS bank deposit day *7-12 Lenten prayer service-8:05	20 *GS Mass-8:00 *No PM bus service *Conference Music @ Greeley *NECC HS Quiz Bowl-8:00	21	22 *GS Mass-8:00 *State Speech @ UNK *NHS Blood Drive *Alumni Basketball Tournament	23 *Alumni Basketball Tournament *FFA Steak Feed & Silent Auction-6:30
24	25 *HS Mass-8:05	26 *7-12 Lenten prayer service-8:05 *Track @ Stanton-12:30	27 *GS Mass-8:00	28 *6th grade vocations day @ Schuyler	29 *GS Mass-8:00 *All School Stations of the Cross-1:30 *Track @ Osceola-9:00	30
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