



# St. Francis of Assisi School News

## Principal's Corner

Dr. Tricia Barber, Principal

Nov. 20	.....	Pizza Day
Nov. 21-23	...	Thanksgiving Holiday NO SCHOOL
Nov. 27	.....	Tiny Tots Field Trip - Grades K & 3
Nov. 27	.....	Freedom Train at George Mason Field Trip - Grade 4
Nov. 28	.....	Tiny Tots Field Trip - Grade 1
Nov. 29	.....	High School Placement Test
Nov. 30	.....	Mass 8:45am
Nov. 30	.....	End of Trimester 1
Dec. 5	.....	Christmas Carol at George Mason Field Trip - Grade 5

Many thanks to ALL of our parents, students, and faculty who volunteered and contributed to the 2018 Dinner and Auction. Kudos to Ms. Ashleigh Coons for coordinating the event. We now transition to the season of Advent and look forward to the Annual Christmas Bazaar scheduled for December 10-12.

The Holiday Middle School Dance is slated for Friday, November 30 from 6:30-8:30 pm in the dining facility. If you would like to attend, chaperones are invited to contact the school office.

On Tuesday, November 20 grades 1 and 2 will host a Thanksgiving Prayer Service at 10 am in the Church. Students are encouraged to bring a can/box item as a food donation to assist with St. Francis House Thanksgiving food baskets. Thank you for your generosity!

The faculty and I wish all of our families a safe and blessed Thanksgiving holiday.

"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." Galatians 5:25

## Christmas Pageant Registration Deadline Approaching!

If you would like your child to participate in the Children's Christmas Pageant on December 24th at 3:15 pm before the 4PM Mass in the Church, please return your completed form to the Religious Education Office or in the catch-all slot located in the vestibule of the Church (please label envelope 'RE-Christmas Pageant Registration'). Children ages 4 years of age and up are eligible if they are not in the Christmas Choir. **Deadline to return the form is November 25th.** No late registrations will be accepted. The registration form is included in this newsletter. Rehearsals are mandatory. For more information, please call the RE Office at 703-221-3127 or email [recoor@stfrncis.org](mailto:recoor@stfrncis.org).



## Square 1 Art

All Square 1 Art paper orders are due to the school office by November 27th. Order forms must be accompanied by a check made out to Square 1 Art with the student's name in the memo field. Online orders must be submitted by November 28th.





# Annual School Christmas Bazaar

The school Annual Christmas Bazaar is just around the corner! *What is the Christmas Bazaar?* The Christmas Bazaar allows students to buy Christmas gifts for their loved ones. The Christmas Bazaar committee purchased items at great prices at many 'After Christmas' sales last year. The Dining facility will be transformed into a Christmas Shop on December 9th. Each class is assigned a time to shop on either December 10th, 11th or 12th. There will be volunteer elves to wrap the gifts so that your children can surprise their loved ones at Christmas time. Children love this opportunity to shop on their own!

Our elves are busy, busy, busy! We need elves to help set up the Dining Facility starting Sunday, December 9th (2pm). Give us a call or shoot us an email and we will get you started! We are also in need of many volunteers at the Bazaar to make it both fun and successful. Many hands make light work. ALL volunteer elves will be fed a light breakfast and lunch! Please sign up to wrap presents, be personal shoppers to the little ones, and become one of our "elves" to clean up on December 6th. Please access the Sign Up Genius link to review all the volunteer opportunities and sign up:

<https://tinyurl.com/sfas-Bazaar2018>.

Donations of colored tissue paper, wrapping paper, various sizes of gift bags and tape are needed. These can be dropped off in the school office at any time. Please label your donations as "Christmas Bazaar".

Your child's purchases will be charged to your FACTS account. Approval forms will be sent home with your child, as in years past, but instead of writing a check or enclosing cash for their purchases, you would authorize a maximum amount for your young shopper. **Only what they spend will be charged to your FACTS account.**

Thanks,  
Sharon Gardner

# Children's Christmas Pageant



The 2018 Children's Christmas Pageant will take place on Christmas Eve at 3:15 P.M., prior to the 4:00 P.M. Mass in the church. Children ages 4 and up are needed to fill the many roles in the Pageant. If your child is interested and you can make the time commitment to attend all practices, please complete the registration form below. Children who are in the Christmas Choir **are not eligible** to be in the Christmas Pageant. There is limited space available, so please return your registration form promptly. Forms need to be returned to the Religious Education Office [recoor@stfrncis.org](mailto:recoor@stfrncis.org) or in the Church "Catch all Box",

**No later than November 25, 2018**

**NO LATE REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

You will be contacted regarding the role your child has been assigned.

There will be **5 MANDATORY REHEARSALS** that your child must attend. There is a Parent meeting during the first rehearsal

Saturday, December 1	2:00PM – 4:00PM	Parent Volunteer Meeting/ Pageant Rehearsal—Church
Saturday, December, 8	2:00PM– 4:00PM	Pageant Rehearsal—Church
Saturday, December, 15	2:00PM - 4:00PM	Pageant Rehearsal—Church
Saturday, December, 22	2:00PM- 4:00PM	Pageant Rehearsal – Church
Sunday, December 23	3:15PM– 4:00PM	Dress Rehearsal with Choir—Church

We look forward to sharing in this experience together with you and your children.

**Please keep this top portion of the registration with meeting information**

Cut here -----

**REGISTRATION FORM - DUE NO LATER THAN November 25<sup>th</sup> to the RE OFFICE: ( may email to [recoor@stfrncis.org](mailto:recoor@stfrncis.org))**

*Please make 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices for pageant roles. If only one choice is made, that role cannot be guaranteed.*

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

RE Session attending: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ St. Francis School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to Volunteer? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (we need help during rehearsals only)

Role Choices (1, 2, 3): Mary \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ Narrator \_\_\_\_\_ Innkeeper \_\_\_\_\_ Wise Man \_\_\_\_\_  
Speaking Angel \_\_\_\_\_ Star Angel \_\_\_\_\_ Angel \_\_\_\_\_ Baby Angel \_\_\_\_\_ Speaking Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_  
Shepherd/Townsperson \_\_\_\_\_ Animal \_\_\_\_\_