

# Chalk Talk



APRIL 29, 2010

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School

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## Calendar

May 1	Mark Your Calendars now for the May Crowning at 9:00am! You won't want to miss this!
May 1	EXPLORER DAY 9am- 3pm: A 6-hour discernment experience for men interested in learning more about priestly ministry. Contact Fr. Bud for more information
May 1	FIRST COMMUNION for our 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders! 5:00pm Mass
May 3-7	6 <sup>th</sup> grade camp week!
May 4	NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY!
May 7	Minimum Day
May 14	<b>PERFORMING ARTS</b> begins at 5:45pm.
May 14, 15, 16, 22	Evangelization Retreat. Contact the Parish Office at 945-8000 for more info
May 23	<b>FESTIVAL!!!!</b>

## PREPARE YE THE WAY

Now is a great time to build! The economy has presented us with the opportunity to build at a significantly lower cost than the previously estimated \$9 million. Today, we can build for an estimated \$6 million. We will lose the advantage of reduced construction cost if we don't begin building now. We look forward to sharing our vision with you at our upcoming campaign receptions.

**As of TODAY, only 32 families out of our 218 families have responded! SEND IN YOUR RSVP CARD!!!!!!--Please**

*Preschool and Pre-K—Thursday, **May 6** at 6:30pm in St. Clare Hall*

*Kindergarten and Grade 1—Monday, **May 10** at 6:30pm in School Computer Lab/Library*

*Grade 2 and Grade 3—Tuesday, **May 11** at 6:30pm in School Computer Lab/Library*

*Grade 4 and Grade 5—Monday, **May 17** at 6:30pm in School Computer Lab/Library*

*Grade 6, Grade 7, and Grade 8—Wednesday, **May 19** at 6:30pm in School Computer Lab/Library*

If you have more than ONE child, you only need to attend ONE Building Campaign Meeting.

## FOOD FOR A ST. FRANCIS GRADUATE FAMILY

For those of you who remember the Petruzella family, you know that Tammy is seriously ill with cancer, and needs our help. If you can help with making meals for her family of 3, please call Barbara Dages at 760-941-9379 to make arrangements. Your meal (fresh or frozen) can be dropped off at the school office, and we will make sure the family receives it. If you are unable to make a meal, and still want to help, I am sure that a gift card to a grocery store will be put to good use. Thank you for all that you do, especially at times like this.

*Thank you to those who have already stepped up to make a meal for the family. Your generosity and understanding is most graciously appreciated!*

## "TWILIGHT SHUFFLE" SUMMER KICK OFF PARTY

Plans for the St. Francis Catholic School pre-festival 'Twilight Shuffle' party are underway! Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, **May 22!** This 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event includes blackjack-style gaming with local celebrity dealers with a new "Liar's Dice" game! Also included with your \$25 admission fee is a wine tasting event, music, and hors d'oeuvres. Last year's event was a blast so you don't want to miss this one!

## SPORTS CORNER for the week of 4/12-4/16

Girls Varsity Basketball vs St. Patrick's—WON! ☺

JV Boys Soccer vs St. John's—WON! ☺

## PERFORMING ARTS- **MAY 14**

Get ready to *DANCE WITH OUR STARS* at the Performing Arts on Friday May 14. The show begins promptly at 5:45pm. As usual, the field opens at 2:30pm. For all of our NEW FAMILIES who may not know our routine, or for

those who may have forgotten....the front section is designated for BLANKETS only, the middle section for LOW BACK CHAIRS only, and the back section for REGULAR LAWN CHAIRS. Think you might be hungry????? PRIMO MARKET BBQ will be here serving food starting at 3:30pm. Come hungry!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to the SLIVNIK FAMILY—our Auction VIP's for the evening will be sitting at the reserved table! As an added attraction to Performing Arts, please stop by the classrooms before the show, to see the *MANY FACES of MARY*. Each classroom will spend some extra time during the month of May to focus on one Face of Mary.

**FESTIVAL NEWS!**

PS/PK	Theotokos-Mother of God
K	Mother with Child
1	Our Lady of Fatima
2	Virgin Mother
3	Our Lady of Pontmain
4	Our Lady of Guadalupe
5	Our Lady of Lourdes
6	Our Lady of Grace
7	Our Lady of Montserrat
8	Our Lady of LaSalette

Tickets were included in your family envelope last week. Please help us by purchasing or selling these \$1 tickets. Additional tickets are available at the school office. Your support helps the school!

Your Room Parent should be getting in touch with you about your Class Booth. All families are expected to participate in the Festival. All of the proceeds of the Festival benefit the school.

**FESTIVAL WRISTBANDS**

The wristbands are back! This year, the wristbands are for the rides. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

**FESTIVAL DESSERT BOOTH**

The Dessert Booth is BACK! Krisztina Benyo will be coordinating this booth for the Festival, but needs some help! If you can help out on Friday, May 21 for a little bit, wrapping some of the donated baked goods, and then again on Sunday morning, that would be great! We are going to need LOTS of baked goods! Brownies, Rice Krispie Treats, Cookies, Baked breads, etc. No cupcakes, please. Mark your calendar now to bring in some home made baked goodie on Friday, May 21, or Sunday, May 23!

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS**

If you have any agenda items for a School Board meeting, please submit your item by email to the School Board President, Rick Gandolfo at [Rgando@aol.com](mailto:Rgando@aol.com), or Mrs. McCotter at [lmccotter@sfs-vista.org](mailto:lmccotter@sfs-vista.org). The next scheduled meetings are: **May 13, and June 10.**

**VISTA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

The Vista Strawberry Festival is a day-long series of events on **Sun, May 30<sup>th</sup>**. St Francis School is a designated beneficiary for the 5K. Every race entrant that selects St Francis School will generate a \$5 donation to the school.

**PARENT SURVEY** –Let's get back to addressing some of the responses

*RE: Security gate*

- Security is getting better. Parking lots are full of items and people (sleeping in bushes or waiting for lunch). We are glad Ms. O is out there in the morning.

*We think that the issue of people sleeping on our campus, and the items in the bushes has been addressed. The Business Manager routinely monitors this problem. No one is allowed to sleep on the campus any longer. And the last time I checked, all of the items in the bushes have been removed. But please let us know if anything changes.*

- I am not yet convinced that the new security gate is doing that much more to increase security. Really, anyone can get buzzed in who says the right thing to whoever is answering the buzz. All I say is, I'm dropping off or picking up for school-- but that doesn't really screen me. So far, although the intentions are good, the gate is more of a hassle for kids and parents.
- Gate security – not sure it is serving its purpose. I've been let in by a child and no communication for after hours has been given.

*The new security gate provides us with an enclosed campus. It is not perfectly secure, but certainly more secure than in the past. Even though it may appear that anyone can just get buzzed in, please know that there are several security cameras in place, as well. When someone is buzzed in, we are also watching where they go on the campus. Children should not be opening the gate for anyone. We will certainly remind them of this. Thank you. Keeping our students, staff, and visitors safe needs the constant attention and vigilance by all!*