

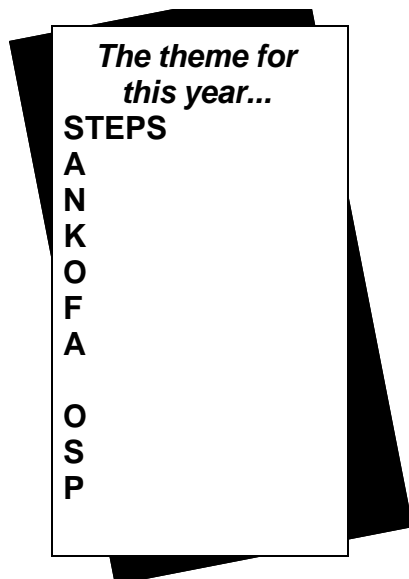


ST. FRANCES ACADEMY

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WELCOME BACK RETURNING STUDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS TO ANOTHER EXCITING SCHOOL YEAR !

We, the faculty and staff at SFA, want to welcome back all returning students and their families to another exciting year. This year, we want to dig into our past in order to learn from the things our past has to teach us, so that we can become more productive in the future. Our theme for this year is "Unveiling Oblate History: Cuba to Costa Rica." With our focus set on discovering lost treasures of our past, we will be using the Akan (a West African Tribe) word SANKOFA, to expound on our theme for the year. Sankofa means that you must look back to your roots, so that you move on in your future. Saint Frances has a rich legacy that began with our beloved foundress, Mother Mary Lange. For the month of September, we will be focusing on following the footsteps of Mother Lange and taking steps toward a better future.

NEW FACES AT SFA!

When entering the main school building you may first notice the wonderful new carpet around the building. This project is just another reason to be proud of our school.

In addition to the new carpet, we have 5 new faculty members: Alyson Bloom (Librarian /Academic Support and Resource Specialist); Kim Montague (Freshmen English); Erin Stannard (Religion I and Spanish I); and lastly Lynn Mcleod (Main Office).

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WE CAN, WE WILL, WE MUST!!

WORDS FROM OUR ADMINISTRATORS

MUSINGS FROM SISTER MARCIA

By the time you have read this the first day of school will have come and gone. We appreciate all your patience and apologize for any inconvenience we might have caused as we continue beautifying the school. Here at the Academy we believe very strongly that we – the administration, faculty and staff – are partners with you, the parents of our students. In Matthew 12: 25 Jesus says that a house divided against itself shall not stand. Let us all pray that the Master teaches us how to stand together for the sake of our young people.

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. STAND training (the Archdiocesan training to heighten awareness of child abuse issues) will take place on Saturday September 16, beginning at 8:30 am in the Multipurpose Room of the Community Center. Please call the school office to register. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Owens. **All parents must be STAND trained in order to volunteer.**
2. Parent Meetings will be organized around classes this year. The schedule is as follows:
 - ▷ October 11 = freshmen parents
 - ▷ November 8 = senior parents
 - ▷ December 13 = Christmas gathering for all parents
 - ▷ January 10 = sophomore parents
 - ▷ February 14 = senior parents
 - ▷ March 14 = junior parents
 - ▷ April 11 = **no meeting (Easter break)**
 - ▷ May 9 = freshmen parents

All meetings take place on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Multipurpose Room of the Community Center. Reminders will be emailed and posted on the school website.

3. We need your email address! You know your child – little mail from school will make it home via him/her. We as an institution need to keep down our costs, like mailings. Please go to the home page of the SFA website. Then go to **Resources**, scroll down and click on **Parents @ SFA**. Once there, update your contact information. If you do not have access to email, please give your name to the office.

Thank you!

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Middle States Goal:

“Meeting Our Mark in Reading, Mathematics, and Technology!”

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Freshmen Orientation 9:00-12:00</i>	2
3	4 <i>Labor Day No Classes</i>	5 <i>Sophomore Orientation 9:00-12:00</i>	6 <i>Junior Orientation 9:00-12:00</i>	7 <i>Senior Orientation Senior Portraits 9:00-3:00</i>	8 <i>Homeroom Orientation 9:00-12:00</i>	9
10 <i>Blue Week</i>	11 <i>First Full Day of School</i>	12 <i>Back to School Night 6:00p-8:00p</i>	13	14 <i>General Faculty Meeting 8:00a-9:15a</i>	15	16 <i>STAND Training 10:00a Please register with the Main Office</i>
17 <i>Gold Week</i>	18	19	20	21 <i>Team Meeting 8:00-9:15</i>	22 <i>Opening School Liturgy 10:00 am</i>	23
24 <i>Blue Week</i>	25	26	27	28 <i>Departmental Meeting 8:00-9:15</i>	29	30

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Welcome all new and returning students! I wish all of you great progress and success in your studies this academic school year.

Please remain consistent and diligent in your efforts to achieve the results you desire. Remember success only comes before work in the dictionary. As Athletic Director, it is important that I set the tone for our student-athletes in their performance in class and every athletic endeavor. We believe you best "represent" when you accomplish three things: 1) good citizenship , 2) academic excellence, and 3) good sportsmanship. I look forward to working together with parents and students this year, as well as enjoying your efforts in whatever sport you play.

Much Success.

Jerome Shelton
Athletic Director

RELIGION DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY SERVICE

In order to graduate from SFA, each student must complete a total of 100 community service hours.

The purpose of service hours is to prepare students as adults to give back to the community.

Service hours are divided over a four year period in the following manner:

- ◆ freshmen need 10 hours
- ◆ sophomores need 20 hours
- ◆ juniors need 30 hours
- ◆ seniors need 40 hours

These services are required to pass religion for the given year. Community service hours will be coordinated through the Religion Department and the Campus Minister.

This information is also located on page 16 of the student handbook.

ANY STUDENTS IN NEED OF COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS SHOULD SEE THEIR RELIGION TEACHERS ASAP. IF THE SERVICE HOURS ARE NOT MET BY THE END OF THE YEAR, THE STUDENT WILL BE AT RISK OF NOT PASSING RELIGION FOR THE YEAR.

COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 MPR Rev. Pulley 7-10 PM	2
3	4	5 Sophomore Orientation 9-3 MPR	6 Junior Orientation 9-3 MPR	7 Senior Orientation 9-3 MPR Conf Rm 9-3 PM ? Galleone Sen- ior Portraits and ID MPR	8 Galeone Senior Por- traits and ID MPR 9:00-3:00 PM	9 Kirk Gaddy & Beverly Carroll MPR HIV- AIDS seminar 8:30 AM-3:00 PM
10	11	12	13	14 Danise Jones- Dorsey & Therese Wil- son Favors MPR Social Justice Com- mittee? 6-8 PM	15 Caroline Center MPR 8-1 Medical Terminology	16 East Coast Street Ballers ? Gym Noon to Nine
17 Agnes Armstead Wedding in the gym & MPR	18	19	20	21	22 Caroline Center MPR 8-1 Medical Terminology Howard Rob- erts Back to School ?	23 Back to School Event? Howard Rob- erts
24	25	26	27	28	29 Caroline Cen- ter MPR 8-1 Medical Termi- nology SALT Lock in Gym & MPR Overnight D. Bowles	30 SALT Lock in Gym & MPR Overnight ends