



# ST. FRANCES ACADEMY

## Summer 2007

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*The theme for  
 this year...*

**STEPS**  
**ANCESTRY**  
**NEED**  
**KNOWLEDGE**  
**OBEDIENCE**  
**FELLOWSHIP**  
**ANCHOR**

**OBLATION**  
**SPIRITUALITY**  
**PROVIDENCE**

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### PROVIDENCE

*Providentia Providebit* means "Providence will Provide;" it is the OSP motto.

**Our ancestors trusted in God's providence, believing that He would provide all that they needed.**

**Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths."**

**Trust God in every area of your life. God has provided, does provide and will provide.**

### SPIRITUAL VITAMIN

I HAVE MOVED!!!!!!

I can't remember if I told you, but:

I have moved out from 1 Beggars Alley, located at 2 Poverty Lane at the corner of Bleak and Buster Circle. As of today, I have a brand new home.

My new address is: Living Well on 3 Abundance Drive, located at the corner of Blessings Street and Prosperity Peak. No longer! will I allow myself to travel on Begging Peter to pay off Paul route, located at a dead end intersection called I Don't Have, it connects with Borrowers Junction.

I no longer hang out at Failure's Place, near Excuses Avenue, next to Procrastination Point. I've moved on to an Upscale community called Higher Heights with unlimited potential and opportunities for me to succeed.

Look at me. Each day that I'm awake, I am thankful to be a product of my new environment. All my clothes are tailor made. I'm dressed in life's finest. Let me introduce you to all of them: Divine Favor, Conceive, Believe, Act on Faith, Be Persistent, and Always be Prepared to Achieve.

Life is good because God is good! Care to change your address? There are many vacancies!

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

I AM WELL BLESSED AND SO ARE YOU!!!!!!

'DON'T TELL GOD HOW BIG YOUR STORM IS, TELL YOUR STORM HOW BIG OUR GOD IS'

**WE CAN, WE WILL, WE MUST!!**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MUSINGS FROM SR MARCIA**

“Yes, I know the plans I have for you, Yahweh declares, plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” (Jeremiah 27:11) This is my favorite Scripture passage. I pray that it speaks to you as deal with report cards, summer school, disobedience and anything that makes you despair for your child this summer. God bless, have a restful summer and I’ll talk to you again in the fall.

### **A MESSAGE TO PARENTS**

There is a flyer on page 6 in this newsletter advertising the September crab feast. **Each family is required to sell or purchase two (2) tickets.** Thank you for your support of our efforts on behalf of your children.

### **FROM THE HEALTH SUITE**

For new and returning parents, please be sure your students immunizations are up to date.

Please discuss this when you take your child to his/her clinic or physician. New requirements include:

**Hepatitis B Series** : 3 immunizations

**Varicella Vaccine** or **medical** verification that your child had Chicken Pox. Medical Verification must include the month and year.

Additionally, ask about the need for a Tetanus Booster which is needed every 10 years. Construction in the health suite to give more privacy to students who are ill and to offer more services should be completed this summer.

### **FROM THE BOOKSTORE**

By now, you should have received a letter if you have an outstanding balance. It is imperative that these fees are paid. If these fees are not paid, your child will not be able to return to school next year.

Book bills for the 2007-2008 school year will be available at the time of your child’s orientation. Please note the school calendar in this newsletter. The book bill will list the textbooks materials, and additional fees that are required for the school year. The book bill will range between \$300 and \$400 dollars. The book bill will differ among each student, depending on the classes that the students is taking and the cost of the books for those classes. We ask that the balance for your child’s book bill be paid on the day of their orientation. If you are unable to pay for the entire book bill at the time of the orientation, please pay a minimum of \$100. A contract will be made if you are unable to pay the balance to track the remaining payments.

## DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

### OFFICE OF RECRUITMENT AND PARENT VOLUNTEERS

June is the last month to collect 10 Community Service hours for Parent volunteers.

Families not completing the 10 hours should forward a check to the school in the amount of \$150.00. Thank you very much!

**For the 2007-2008 school, parents are to check the newsletter, the school website, and in the main office for potential opportunities to receive service hours. It is the parents responsibility to make sure that all 10 hours are completed by the end of the school year to prevent having to pay the fee of \$150.**

### GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

#### SAT Prep Week at College of Notre Dame of Maryland

[SAT Prep Week](#)

[June 25 - 29](#)

SAT Prep Week will be held again this year on our campus from June 25-29th. It is open to all High School Juniors who will enter into their Senior year in Fall 2007. The week of activities will include a SAT practice test, a week of SAT prep instruction in verbal and math comprehension and a final full length SAT practice on Friday. Results of the final practice test will be mailed to the participants. Morning snacks will be provided as well as all materials needed for the workshop.

Participants will begin each day promptly at 8:30 a.m. and end at 1:00. The fee is \$100 per participant to handle all costs and materials. A 50% discount will be offered all students with a financial hardship as classified by SAT waiver and Application waiver guidelines, if a written notification from the participant's guidance counselor is provided at the time of registration and payment. Hardship letters should be faxed to 410-532-5334 immediately after completing the on-line registration and payment. The last day to register for this event will be Wednesday, June 20, 2007. Confirmations with a schedule of activities, pick-up/drop-off points, event location and campus directions will be mailed to each participant upon receipt of registration and payment. Call the admissions office with questions concerning the event at 410-532-3159.

Visit [http://www.ndm.edu/womenscollege/wc\\_scheduleVisit.cfm](http://www.ndm.edu/womenscollege/wc_scheduleVisit.cfm) for more information.

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## Middle States Goal:

*"Meeting Our Mark in Reading, Mathematics, and Technology!"*

## JUNE 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 SAT Testing Baccalaureate Mass 11 am Mt. Providence
3 Commence- ment Day 4:00 p.m. St. Matthew's Church	4	5 Final Grades Due Final Faculty Meeting 9:00-3:00	6	7 Administrative Staff Meeting	8 School Trip 7:30 am 10:00 pm Six Flags, NJ	9 ACT Testing Summer Clean Up
10	11 Telephonic notification of Failures	12	13	14 Start of Costa Rica Trip	15	16
17	18	19	20 Return from Costa Rica	21	22 Deadline for Summer Institute Registration	23
24	25 Summer Institute Begins 8-12	26	27	28	29 Deadline for Parent Volunteer Hours for 2006-2007	30

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## JULY 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Independence Day  Office Closed	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Freshmen Institute Ends  All assignments due!!	28
29	30	31				

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## AUGUST 2007

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Office Closed	7 Office Closed	8 Office Closed	9 Office Closed	10 Office Closed	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 New Teacher Workshops 9-3	21 New Teacher Workshops 9-3	22 Faculty Retreat 9-3	23 Faculty Meeting 9-3	24 Faculty Meeting 9-3	25
26	27	28 Freshmen Orientation 9-3	29 Sophomore Orientation 9-12	30 Junior Orientation 9-12	31 Senior Orientation Senior Portraits 9-3	

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Blue Week	3 Labor Day	4 Homeroom Orientation 9- 12	5 First Full Day of Classes	6 General Fac- ulty Meeting 8:00-9:15	7	8
9 Gold Week	10	11	12	13 Team Faculty Meeting 8:00- 9:15	14 College Fair	15 STAND Train- ing 10 am-12 pm
16 Blue Week Prayer for St. Frances Acad- emy 3 pm	17	18	19	20 Council Fac- ulty Meeting 8:00-9:15	21 Opening School Liturgy 9:30 am	22
23 Gold Week  30 Blue Week	24 Professional Day MAAC	25 Professional Day MAAC	26 Back to School Night (Parent Orientation) 6 pm	27 No Faculty Meeting	28	29 Crab Feast 1-5



**A MESSAGE TO PARENTS**

HAVE YOU HEARD THE WORD?  
SAINT FRANCES ACADEMY IS SPONSORING A  
CRAB FEAST!

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday September 29, 2007 1PM - 5PM  
Saint Frances Academy Community Center

EACH FAMILY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
PURCHASING OR SELLING TWO TICKETS

TICKETS = \$45 and Reserved tables = \$475 until 9/16

Tickets = \$55 and Reserved tables = \$575 UNTIL 9/27

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!!

SUMMER CONTACT PERSONS ARE:

JOHN BERKLEY (JOHN.BERKLEY@SSA.GOV; 410.965.0554)

NILLION LAMBERT (CRABFEAST@SFACADEMY.ORG)

USE THE TEAR-OFF BELOW TO BUY YOUR TICKETS!

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Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

# of tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

(MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SAINT FRANCES ACADEMY)

# SUMMER READING

STUDENTS PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE SUMMER READING LIST WHICH IS BELOW.

YOU MAY CONTACT THE MAIN OFFICE TO SEE IF THESE BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

THESE BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL AUGUST TO GET STARTED!

Freshmen need to read :

*A Hero Ain't Nothin' But a Sandwich* —By Alice Childress

*Monster* – By Walter Dean Myers

Sophomores need to read:

Girls: *God Don't Like Ugly* – Mary Monroe

Boys: *Ten Steps Out of Puberty* – LaMarr Darnell Shields

Juniors need to read:

*Kindred*– Octavia Butler

Seniors:

See next page

**PARENTS !**  
**Pick up discounted**  
**school supplies in**  
**the main office,**  
**while supplies last.**

**Call the main office**  
**for more**  
**information.**  
**410-539-5794**

# SUMMER READING

THE FOLLOWING ASSIGNMENT IS ONLY FOR THE SENIOR CLASS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

English IV

Mr. Vaughan, all periods

May 24, 2007

Introductory Assignment: 10-page research paper

The 10-page graduation thesis assignment begins this summer for all English IV students. Each student will read the two novels they will be writing about over the summer. Each student will choose a pair of novels from the attached list and read them both by the first day of school in September. The books have been paired two different ways, by author and by theme.

The novels are paired this way to provide students with compatible novels to write about. It is up to the student to provide both the topic and the thesis of their paper. This research paper is NOT a compare/contrast essay; it is argumentative writing that must prove a thesis.

***A thesis statement is due on the first day of class in September for all returning students.***

***Write it on this paper, for it will be collected on that day.***

**Topic -** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thesis -** \_\_\_\_\_

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***Example thesis statements*** : (1) As shown by Things Fall Apart and Arrow of God, Christianity was a tool used by colonialists to conquer the indigenous populations.

(2) In opposition to Orwell's 1984, Anthem, by Ayn Rand, demonstrates the superiority of the individual.

# SUMMER READING

## Senior Class Assignment Continued

### BOOK LIST

#### By Author

**Chinua Achebe:** Things Fall Apart  
Arrow of God

**Albert Camus:** The Stranger  
The Plague

**Herman Hesse:** Demian  
Siddhartha

**Aldous Huxley:** Brave New World  
Brave New World Revisited

**George Orwell:** Animal Farm; 1984

**Robert Louis Stevenson:**  
Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde  
Treasure Island

**William Shakespeare:** Hamlet  
Romeo & Juliet  
Macbeth

**Sophocles:** Oedipus Rex  
Lysistrata

**H.G. Wells:** The Invisible Man  
The Island of Dr. Moreau  
The Time Machine  
The War of the Worlds

**Oscar Wilde:**  
The Picture of Dorian Gray  
The Importance of being Earnest

#### By Theme

**Dystopia and the Value of the Individual:** 1984;  
Brave New World; The War of the Worlds;  
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury; Anthem by Ayn  
Rand; Dreaming in Cuban by Cristina Garcia; Red  
Scarf Girl by Ji Li Jiang

**True Self:** Demian; Siddhartha;  
The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka; The Picture  
of Dorian Gray

**Fear and Human Nature:** Things Fall Apart;  
Animal Farm; Lord of the Flies by William Golding;  
Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad; The Picture  
of Dorian Gray

**Alienation:** The Metamorphosis; Life of Pi by  
Yann Martel; Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens

**Rituals, Indigenous Culture, and Colonialism:**  
Things Fall Apart; Heart of Darkness; Lord of the  
Flies; Arrow of God; Ceremony by Leslie Silko

**Good vs. Evil and Questions of Morality:** Dr.  
Jekyll & Mr. Hyde; Things Fall Apart; Hamlet;  
Ceremony; The Picture of Dorian Gray; Heart of  
Darkness; Lysistrata; Macbeth; The Stranger; The  
Plague; The Invisible Man

**Animals and Humans:** Life of Pi; The  
Jungle Books by Rudyard Kipling

**Psychology:** Demian; Heart of Darkness;  
The Metamorphosis; Life of Pi; Hamlet; Dr. Jekyll  
& Mr. Hyde; Macbeth; Things Fall Apart;  
The Picture of Dorian Gray

# **COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS**

## **JUNE 2007**

### **JOIN US FOR OUR BEANS AND FRANKS DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SFA SUMMER PEACE CAMP 2007**

About 7:30 on the morning of April 16th, I attached a bumper sticker to the wall just outside my office that declared the area a "Violence Free Zone". A few minutes later an e-mail news alert informed me that someone had been shot on the campus of Virginia Tech. And tragic news dribbled forth from then on.

How ironic and how sad! I posted the message on the wall for the sake of our elementary school age children who attend our after school program and who visit our office daily to call home before they walk the three or four blocks home. They call to remind their parents or guardians to expect them shortly. That children be safe and that young people learn to do no harm are peak agenda items for us all...

You are special, so you are invited:

Please join us for a fun filled evening of baked beans, franks (of all types), ice cream, Motown music (perhaps played by a DJ) and just plain ole fun for the benefit of our Peace Camp for elementary school age children. Either come on by and bring the whole family for \$5.00 per person or send us a donation straight out.

The event will be held on Thursday, June 21 (the first day of summer) from 6:00-9:00 PM (on perhaps the longest day of the year) in the Gymnasium of the St. Frances Academy Community Center, 501 E. Chase Street in East Baltimore. It will be a fun evening and with it we hope to raise a few bucks for the benefit of our summer peace camp here at SFA this summer.

The camp will run five days a week starting on June 25 and ending on August 3. There will be food, art, academic classes, swimming, field trips and fun, fun, fun in the sun... The camp will keep a mixture of 35 third, fourth and fifth graders. We will teach them about non-violence, anger management, conflict resolution and diversity. There will be field trips each Friday...

So please join us. I can be reached at 410-539-5794, ext. 30. My colleague, Nawal Rajeh (the Community Center's Assistant Director) can be reached on ext. 28. Let one of us know if you are coming... we're counting beans...

Peace,  
Ralph E. Moore, Jr.