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May Crowning

The annual May Crowning will take place on Monday, May, 15 at 12:00 P.M. The May Crowning is a special way of honoring Our Lady during the month of May. **Melissa Falanga, Ryan Williams, and Grace Magnacca** have been honored to place the crown. All are welcome to attend.

Spring Festival of Arts, May 24

The annual SFXP Spring Festival of the Arts will take place on Wednesday, May 24 in the JPII Auditorium. The evening begins with a viewing of student art work at 6:00 followed by the concert at 6:30.

The concert will include performances by the chorus, band, and string ensemble. The students have been working hard to put on a beautiful evening of music for all to enjoy. We welcome you to come celebrate the arts!



Science Fair

The SFXP science fair will be held on May 16, 2017, after x-block in Monsignor Thomson Hall. Eighth grade science students and seventh grade accelerated science students will participate in this yearly tradition. Ms. Groves asks that anyone with a background in science, who would like to be a judge, please contact her at kgroves@sfxp.org.

We are grateful to Ms. Groves for sponsoring this event.



Students in Ms. Poirier's Honors Biology class participated in the St. John Paul II Science Fair in February. Based on excellent research and presentations at the local fair, several students were eligible to participate in

the Southeastern Regional Science and Engineering Fair on April 22, at Regis College in Weston, MA.

Andrew Juan, Brendan Houle, and Matthew Morgan presented their projects to a series of judges in the company of 100+ other middle school students (gr. 5-8) from southeast Massachusetts. Congratulations on a job well done to all three of our participants! Special congratulations to **Andrew Juan**, who received an Honorable Mention Award and is eligible to compete at the MA Middle School Science & Engineering Fair at Worcester Technical High School on June 3.

Thank you to Ms. Poirier for sponsoring this event!

2017 Soar and Roar Auction

The annual auction was a tremendous success thanks to our volunteers, donors, and attendees. A special thank you to **Kristen Hyde and Tony Elio**, event chairs, **Justin Manning and Lynn Manning, JJManning Auctioneers**, and the auction committee: **Kellie Alleigro, Joanne Armstrong, Kim Baroni, Meg Crahan, Katie McConnell and Nicole Whitten.** (visit our Facebook Page for pictures.)

As always, we are grateful to our art teacher, Mrs. Pickett-Mills, and our Performing Arts Department: Mr. Fish, chorus, Mr. Anthony, band, Mrs. Loewen, strings, and Ms. Uguccioni, piano, for organizing this event.



Grade Six International Night

Grade 6 will host an International Night on Thursday, May 18 from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. in Monsignor Thomson Hall. Sixth grade students have been working either individually or with a partner on this major country research project for social studies class. Over 25 countries will be represented. The project includes a research paper on geography, history, and culture and a tri-fold display of this information. All are invited to attend this event to view the creative displays of food, clothing, artifacts, and other interesting cultural aspects.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank students in grades five and eight who participated in Shadow Stations of the Cross. This is a beautiful Lenten Tradition. We would also like to thank Mrs. Philbin Crocket and Mr. Anthony for coordinating this event.



First Place
Congratulations to the SFXP Quiz Bowl Team!

SFXP Quiz Bowl Team Middle School Quiz Bowl Champions! 4 Consecutive Years

The SFXP Quiz Bowl Team took **First Place** in the Middle School Quiz Bowl Competition sponsored by St. John Paul II High School. A special thank you to Mrs. Eileen Kelley, former SFXP geography teacher, for sponsoring this club.

SCHOOL BRIEFS:

RE-ENROLLMENT - TUITION CONTRACTS AND REGISTRATION FEES

Tuition contracts and the \$175 registration fees for the 2017 - 2018 school year are now due. The school is unable to finalize agreements with FACTS Management without the returned signed tuition contract. Payments for the 2017 - 2018 school year begin in May. It takes time to set up accounts so please send back the information to the school as soon as possible. If you know your child will not be returning to the school next year please let the office know. If you have any questions regarding tuition contact Sandra Eager, student accounts coordinator, at 508-771-7200 ext. 124 or seager@sfxp.org.

IOWA Testing will take place May 3 through 5. Students in grades 5 and 7 will take COGATS on May 8.

CURRENTS SPONSORSHIP: Thanks to the generosity of our families, Currents has sponsors through the month of April. If you would like to add someone to our mailing list, please let us know. More than 500 copies are distributed monthly.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE REMINDER: The community service requirement for promotion and graduation must be documented by May 25 for students to take final exams.

SFXP SHADOW PROGRAM: If you know of a family interested in having their child "shadow" at SFXP, please have them call Jenn Canzano to schedule a shadow date. 508.862.6336 or email jcanzano@sfxp.org.

SPORTS REPORT

The spring sports season is underway! Our softball, tennis, and track teams have started practicing and competing in contests.

Thank you to all parents who are able to assist with travel arrangements.

The Spring Sports Awards will take place during X Block, 12:00, Wednesday, June 7.



The Spanish Fiesta "La Fiesta de Español"

The SFXP Spanish Classes will be celebrating their annual Spanish Fiesta on Thursday, May 11. Students will enjoy a Spanish lunch catered by Sam Diego's. They will feast on traditional Mexican food: tacos with all the fixings, salsa and chips, guacamole, Spanish rice, Mexicali meatballs, beverages, and desserts such as Mexican brownies.

The *Calliopean* is currently being compiled. Order forms will be available in email blasts, white envelopes and at the Festival of the Arts. This publication contains artwork and literary compositions by SFXP students.

SOCIAL ACTION CLUB

The Social Action Club was very busy during lent. We raised over \$1300.00 to benefit the Leukemia Lymphoma Society and collected MORE THAN 400 food items for the St. Vincent de Paul. As always, our trip to the Salvation Army was well - received by the recipients of the lunches we prepared. Thank you to all who contributed to these worthy causes. The Social Action Club will be sponsoring a lemonade stand during lunch on various days in May.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

The NJHS has had a very successful year. Soon the 7th grade members will elect officers for the 2017 - 2018 school year. The 7th grade members will also be sponsoring study groups for finals. Students should listen closely for more information about these study sessions.

STUDENT COUNCIL Student Council Movie Night

The movie night hosted by the Student Council will be on Friday, May 5. The students will be watching a Disney movie, *Moana*. The movie is rated PG, and the movie night will be from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.. There will be a snack stand and raffle for a Moana themed basket.



Third Quarter Student of The Week Luncheon



Grade 7 Visits The MFA



Grade 8 at MIT



Grade 7 Vocations Retreat

Home and School Association News



Welcome back from Spring Vacation!

Officers of our new 2017-2018 HSA Board have been voted in. Please congratulate the board for their Volunteer service to the school! And don't let them go it alone! We are still in need of President or (co-presidents) and a Secretary (or co-secretaries). Many hands make light work in helping to enrich the academic and faith-filled environment of our children's education. Please contact Sara Nicolai (sara_nicolai@yahoo.com), if you are willing to help.

President:
 Vice-President: Deb Barnes
 Treasurer: Anke Rudy
 Secretary:
 Volunteer Coordinator: Kellie Alliegro

The second annual Solo night was a grand success! Such musical talent is always a pleasure to watch! Thanks to Mr. Anthony for coordinating this event, and to Ms. Uguccione and Mrs. Lowen for accompanying.

Hope everyone had fun April 7 on Bingo night! Thank you to Mrs. Lotuff and her volunteers for hosting the Third Quarter Honors Breakfast.

We look forward to a last quarter full of fun events planned ahead!

*Volunteer opportunities

- April 27-May 1 8th grade goes to Washington, D.C.
- *April 29 Soar and Roar Auction
- *May 26 Field Day
- *June 2 Graduation Dance (5-8 grades)
- *June 8 8th Grade Class Night (for parents and 8th grade students)
Calling all 7th grade parents! Class Night is traditionally a gift from the 7th grade parents to the 8th grade. Please consider volunteering. Lots of help is needed. 5th and 6th grade parents encouraged also. Contact Kellie (kaalliegro@gmail.com)
- June 9 Graduation

Please join us for the final HSA meeting for this year on **Wednesday, May 3 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Art room. We value your input and interest, and would be delighted to have you join us.

Yours in Faith,

Sara Nicolai, President
 Catherine Scibelli, Vice-President
 Michelle Luz-Roque, Treasurer
 Deb Barnes and Kellie Alliegro, Volunteer Coordinators
 Angela Cote and Pamela Egan-Walsh, Co Secretaries

May 3 - 5
 IOWA TESTING

May 5
 Student Council Movie Night
 7 - 9:00 P.M.

May 8
 Grade 8 to St. Mary's Cathedral
 COGAT Testing
 Donnelly's Uniform Co. 1:15-3:45 P.M.

May 15
 May Crowning, 12:00 P.M.

May 16
 Grade 8 Science Fair
 12:30 - 2:50 P.M.

May 17
 Grade 5 to NE Aquarium

May 18
 Grade 6 International Night
 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

May 19
 Grade 8 Class Portrait

May 22
 Spanish Classes Fiesta

May 24
 Spring Festival of the Arts 6:00 P.M.

May 25
 Ascension Thursday
 Mass at 10:00 A.M.
 Grade 8 to High Meadow

May 26
 Field Day

May 29
 Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL

May 30
 Kind Comments Assembly



Up, Up, and Away!
 The Fabulous Class of 2017 takes flight for Washington, D.C.



Solo Night
 Thomas Bernier '17



Chinese Acrobats

Student Accolades

Third Quarter



FIRST HONORS

Darcy Ahern
Sydney Ahern
Lillian Beal
Thomas Bernier
Charlotte Bodwell
Cecelia Brisbois
Isabella Britton
Isabella Bruno
Delaney Burrell
Ella Cheney
Gabrielle Cote
Kaya DeAngelis
Catherine Dickson
Melissa Falanga
Thomas Foley
Anna Gherardi
Isabela Gherardi
Marisa Gottsche
Teaghan Herren
Andrew Juan
Mary Flynn Kayajan
Anthony Kent
Claire Komar
Lucille Komar
Joseph Landry
Haleigh Maurice
Nathan Mazzone
Sophia McManus
Sophie Menyhart
Brady Meyer
Matthew Morgan
Julia Mosychuk
Alice Murphy
Benjamin Nakata
Matthew Nakata

FIRST HONORS

Ava Navarro
Kendal O'Brien
Fenton Peters
Avery Richardson
Isabelle Rudy
Luc-Andre Sader
Marie-Claire Smith
Ella Squarcia
Isabella Testa
Jonathan Walman
Andrew Wilson

SECOND HONORS

Eve Abboud
Jesse Affonso
Hunter Alten
Sophia Anastos
Sophia Bailey
Lucy Barker
Jenna Barnes
Penelope Baroni
Mark Beal
Jade Biliouris
Kaitlyn Bresnahan
Keira Carpenter
Jack Carstensen
Stella Cassell
Madeline Colesano
Alexa Cotton
Margaret Crofford
Pedro Cruz-Fratus
Jacob Cunningham
Matthew Curley
Grace Donohue
Riley Duarte

SECOND HONORS

Emily Elio
Jaye Fedele
Sean Feeny
Lydia Fitton-Alves
Matthew Garrett
Jackson Gladish
Emily Gorsuch
Kailey Gorsuch
Sean Hanson
Harrison Hicks
Samuel Higgins
Jack Homa
Brendan Houle
Laura Hornsby
Anna Item
Ava Item
Natalie Johnston
Nora Kearney
Anne Kennedy
Shea Knowlton
Kathryn Kornek
Michael Kornek
Kirin Lennon
Alyssa Linn
Paige Loewen
Ricky Lotuff
Quinn MacDonald
James Machnik
Audrey Manning
Lily Manning
Emma Marczak
Juliana Maurice
Cameron McCabe
Ella McCabe
Maxwell McDonald

SECOND HONORS

Christian Michaud
Eden Milczanowski
Brian Mitchell
Renee Monast
Mary Kate Moran
Carter Morin
Marina Morin
Henry Mosychuk
Joseph Murphy
Marianna Nader
Ava Pascarelli
Richard Pizzuto
Ava Pomajzl
Braden Quitmeyer
Lauren Rhude
Caleb Richardson
William Robke
Elizabeth Rodolakis
Michael Rodolakis
Brady Ryan
Ana Santos
William Schiffer
Maeve Shortt
Brianna Smith
Alexandra Stampfl
Henrique Tataro
Nico Traykovski
Jake Ubertaccio
Olivia VanBeber
Samantha VanBeber
Madeleine Ward

HONORABLE MENTION

None

Congratulations to all!



Honors Breakfast Guest Speaker,
Nick Glaser,
SFXP 2013, JPII 2017

Student Accolades



Seven SFXP students were recognized and six won awards in the *Classroom Times*, an annual student contest sponsored by the Cape Cod Times.

- Bailey Hewson**, grade 6, First place in News/Features, grades 4-6
- Ava Navarro**, grade 6, Second Place for Reviews, grades 4-6
- Jake Ubertaccio**, grade 6, Second Place for Sports writing, grades 4-6
- Andrew Juan**, grade 8, First Place for Create-an-Ad, grades 7-8
- Izzy Gherardi**, grade 6, First Place for photography, grades 4-6
- Alice Murphy**, grade 7, Third Place for photography, grades 7-9
- Sophia Menyhart**, grade 6, chosen ad for Create-an-Ad



First place winners, **Bailey Hewson**, **Andrew Juan** and **Izzy Gherardi** were honored at a ceremony at the Cape Cod Times.

Barnstable County Bar Association Law Day Poster Contest



Monday, May 1 is Law Day. This is a national day to celebrate the rule of law and its contributions to the freedoms Americans enjoy. 2017 Law Day Theme- The 14th Amendment: Transforming American Democracy

All Barnstable County students in grades 1-6, were invited to participate in a poster contest sponsored by the Barnstable County Bar Association.

For the seventh year, our students have eagerly participated in this nationwide event. The following SFXP students were awarded for their work:

Grades 4 - 6]

- First Place: **Gregory Arvanitopolulos**, Second Place: **Fenton Peters** and **Haleigh Maurice**
- Third Place: **Sophia Pierangeli**, **Lucas Maia** and **Flynn Kayajan**
- Honorable Mention: **Jack Hyde**, **Ella Cheney**, **Jackson Gladish**, **Hunter Alten**, **Jack Carstensen**, and **Liam Johnston**

These students will be honored in a ceremony at the Barnstable District Courthouse on Monday, **May 1**. Their posters are on display in the Barnstable District Courthouse during the month of May. Each place winner receives a monetary award. Thank you to Mrs. Mills, SFXP art teacher, for sponsoring the students.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK REPORT:

Please note, Student of The Week for the Month of April will be announced at our Assembly on Tuesday, May 9 in Monsignor Thomson Hall.









Anna Gherardi, **Alyssa Linn**
Thomas Bernier, and
Nora Kearney,
Students of the Week
March 27 - 31

Thomas Bernier, **Anna Gherardi**, **Nora Kearney**, and **Alyssa Linn** are “fabulous” and have been selected as our Students of the Week for March 27 - 31. They are very special group of "Students" of the Week. Each of these four students easily overcame the difficult task of entering SFXP in 8th grade because each student possesses an excellent work ethic. Many students new to SFXP initially struggle with the rigor, and in particular, with the grammar component of the English program. It was no different for our four eighth graders, but they worked hard and appropriately sought extra help. Now each is excelling academically. They also fit in well socially and spiritually, becoming mature and well-rounded SFXP students.

All four students integrated wonderfully. They are kind, talented, individuals who are attentive in class, always timely with homework assignments, and produce some very fine art for art class. Even longtime SFXP teachers cannot remember any year that four students joining the 8th grade have done so well. They have all made friends and quickly became part of the One Body, which also speaks well of the entire eighth grade class this year.

MSW 2017

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Thank you to the SFXP 2016-2017 Home and School
Association Board for their dedicated service.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 IOWA TESTING NO STUDY HALL Home and School Association Meeting 7 P.M.	4 IOWA TESTING	5 IOWA TESTING Student Council Movie Night	6
7	8 Gr. 8 to St. Mary's Cathedral, Diocesan Mass COGAT TESTING Donnelly's Uniform Co. @ SFXP for measurements 1:15 PM - 3:45 PM	9 Assembly at 9:00 A.M.	10	11 18 Gr. 6 International Night 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Monsignor Thomson Hall JP II Spring Musical -Fiddler On The Roof, 7 P.M.	12 19 Grade 8 Class Portrait, 9:15 A.M. JP II Spring Musical -Fiddler On The Roof, 7 P.M.	13 20 JP II Spring Musical - Fiddler On The Roof, 7 P.M.
14 	15 May Crowning at 12:00 	16 Gr: 8 Science Fair, 12:30 P.M. - 2:50 P.M. Monsignor Thomson Hall	17 Gr: 5 to NE Aquarium- 7:00 A.M. - approx. 3:30 P.M.	18 Gr 8 to High Meadow Ascension Thursday Mass at 10:00 A.M.	19 Gr 8 Final Exams L/A and Reading All Grades 7 - 10 P.M.	20
21	22 Spanish Classes - Fiesta during Lunch and X block	23	24  Grade 8 Mandatory Ascension Thursday Mass, 4:00 P.M. Spring Festival of the Arts, 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.	25	26  Gr. 8 Final Exams L/A and Reading All Grades 7 - 10 P.M. <i>Let the Games Begin!</i>	27
28	29 Memorial Day Observed NO SCHOOL 	30 Kind Comments Assembly	31	1  Grade 8 Retreat	2	3
4	5 Final Kind Comments Assembly Grade 8 Final Exams Science & Religion	6 Grade 8 Final Exams Mathematics & U.S. History	7 Spring Sports Awards during X block Grade 8 Final Exams Make-up exams given for students absent	8 Grade 8 Class Night	9 Grades 5-7 Final Exams Language Arts & Reading Grade 8 Graduation	10