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Calendar

Friday, May 6
Freshman and Senior Christian Service Hours Due!
Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior Family Service Hours Due!
Sophomore Retreat

Saturday, May 7
Mothers' Guild Spring Brunch

Friday, May 13
Sophomore Christian Service Hours Due!

Saturday, May 14
Junior/Senior Prom @ Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Los Angeles

Sunday, May 15
Alumni Mothers' Spring Brunch

Mon.-Sat., May 16-21
Festival of the Arts

Tuesday, May 17
Student Body Liturgy (MASS DRESS)
Spring Sports Awards Night 6:30 p.m. @ the Gym

Friday, May 20
Junior Christian Service Hrs. Due!
Brown and Gold Day

Saturday, May 21
Mother/Son Communion Breakfast
Make Up Retreat

Monday, May 23
Senior Holiday

Tu.-Th May 24-26
Senior Final Examinations and Graduation Practice

Wednesday, May 25
Friday Schedule- Department Meetings

Thursday, May 26
Campus Ministry Year-End Liturgy and Awards
Grad Night for Seniors at Disneyland

Friday, May 27
Baccalaureate Mass 8 p.m.
Notification of Senior Failures

Saturday, May 28
Graduation 10 a.m.

Monday, May 30
NO SCHOOL-Memorial Day

Wed.-Fri., June 1-3
Final Examinations

Friday, June 3
Book Buy Back on Campus

Saturday, June 11
Athletic Physicals for 2011-12 school year (NB: *new date*)

Monday, June 13
Grades Mailed

Monday, June 20
Summer School Begins

From the Desk of Father Tony

Dear Parents:

It seems like just the other day I was welcoming you back to St. Francis after the summer recess. Now I am getting ready for another graduation and saying good bye to the students for three months as we get close to the end of the school year.

Each class is very different and unique. This senior class certainly is and I will miss them. I wish they could stay longer, but life must go on. Their happiness and commitment to their spiritual growth, studies, sports, and fine arts have been excellent, I am very proud of them and grateful that you entrusted them to us for their high school education. I feel that they will do very well at whichever college or university they attend. And I hope that they come back and visit us. It is great to see our graduates coming back on campus and walking into my office to say hello.

I ask you to please remind your sons of the importance to continue growing spiritually and to do everything they can to preserve the Franciscan values they learned here at St. Francis. The fact is that they will be going into very challenging

environments, and they will soon see the difference between what they have experienced here and what they will see in college. I am confident that they will do well. They are Golden Knights! I want you to know—and I will also tell them—that they should feel free to call on me if they ever wish to talk or discuss anything. And that also applies to you.

I feel good about everything we have accomplished this year. The integrity of our students and hard work are reflected in their academic and sports awards. I am also grateful for your commitment to preserve the reputation of St. Francis High School as one the best college preparatory schools in Los Angeles and its great family spirit.

I would like to inform you of the fundraising results from POSH. Our estimated net was \$302,789. Proceeds will be split 50/50, with roughly \$150,000 going to the Fr. Matt Endowment Fund and \$75,000 going into the financial aid for each of the next two years. Once again, I wish to thank the two co-chairs for the event, Mrs. Linda Koplak and Maria Lopez for their work and the many hours they spent organizing this important fundraiser. I am also grateful to all the parents,

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Principal Thomas Moran's Message

If you have re-registered your son and he has fulfilled all of his requirements (Christian Service and retreat), you will be receiving his course request information in the near future. We intend to mail a preliminary verification of his classes for next year along with his final report card. Parents are reminded that their Family Service Hours must be completed by the deadlines listed on the school calendar. We also request parental assistance with assuring that students complete their Christian Service Hours and have their attendance at a retreat verified by the dates listed on the calendar. A student's re-enrollment is not complete, nor will he be permitted to take final examinations until these obligations have been cleared.

Summer school brochures are now available in the front office and online. Our co-educational, five-week program begins on June 20 and ends on July 22. Any student who has received a failing grade on the January or June report card must make it up in summer school in order to be

officially re-enrolled next fall. If you son receives a failing grade in any second semester course, you will be contacted by telephone by June 15 so that he has time to enroll in summer school. Written notification was mailed after the first semester regarding those grades that must be made up in summer school.

The Festival of the Arts will be held during the week of May 16. Please consult the school calendar and website for updated program information.

Please be aware that final exams will be held on June 1-3 (May 24-26-for seniors). Tuition accounts must be up to date in order for students to take their finals. These exams usually account for a significant percentage of a student's final grade, so make sure that students begin their preparation now. If you are sending payment within one week of the start of exams, please send in cash or cashier's check ONLY and direct it to St. Francis, not to the Credit Union. This will ensure that your payment is credited promptly. Also, if a student has not completed his Christian

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From the Desk of Father Tony ...*(Continued from page 1)*

benefactors, students, staff, and faculty for their prayers, financial contribution, and work.

My most sincere thanks also to Mrs. Christina Tinglof and other members of the Mothers' Guild and volunteers for their work at the Yard Sale. It was another successful event. The work and support of the Mothers' Guild is most important to St. Francis High School. Their dedication and love for the school is very much appreciated, and I am most appreciative for everything that Beatrice Harendza and Teresa Aubert did this year as leaders of the Mothers' Guild.

I am also grateful to the Booster Club for their support of our athletic programs and for being involved in so many activities that benefit the school and the students. I want to thank Brian Polchow and the other Booster Club officers for their hard work.

I would like to mention again the importance of the Annual Fund Pledge. As you know, each family is asked to consider a \$2,000 annual contribution for each year their sons are at St. Francis. We realize that each family has a different financial situation and that some are able to contribute more than others. Proceeds to this annual fund allow us to improve the educational facilities and the campus. We depend on this fund

and other fundraising events like POSH to continue doing our work and also to keep tuition at a level much lower than other schools. Participation in the Annual Fund is also important when we solicit funds from foundations. Foundations always ask how many of our families contribute to the fund. I am happy to write that the percentage of your participation has increased and so has the dollar amount. Thank you very much.

Our Fine Arts program continues to be outstanding. The production *Beauty and the Beast* was amazing, and I heard so many comments about the tremendous performance of our students and the young ladies who worked along with them. I am very proud of them.

As the summer is about to begin, I wish you a good rest and fun. You are present in my prayers and in the prayers of all the other friars. I ask you please to keep us and the faculty and staff in yours. I look forward to welcoming back returning students and parents, and the new ones in August. It will be another outstanding year.

May the Lord give you His peace!

Fr. Tony Martí, OFM Cap.



Mothers' Guild Moment *by Co-Presidents Beatrice Harendza and Teresa Aubert*

We are almost at the finish line! As we reflect on this past year, we are truly amazed at the incredible spirit of volunteerism at St. Francis! We have baked cookies and brownies, cooked and served lunches, poured coffee and lemonade, organized events and raised dollars, but more importantly, we have enjoyed the opportunity to participate in our boys' lives and at the same time develop and nurture friendships with great women on various committees and activities. There are so many of you who have put a tremendous amount of hours into making all our events successful. For this we say **thank you** for the gift of your precious time!

We especially want to thank Christina Tinglof and her team for their tremendous effort with last month's highly successful Annual Yard Sale which followed months of collecting, sorting, and organizing merchandise!

Our next major event this year is our Spring Brunch on Saturday, May 7. A huge thanks to Kelly Young, Ruth Pasqualetto, Kim Kunitake, Lisa Singelyn, Linda Doll, and Carol Kern for the many hours spent on this special program. At the brunch we will welcome our new freshman moms and bid a fond farewell to our senior moms. All moms and guardians are invited to attend and we look forward to seeing you on the 7th!

Thanks also to Susie Pilmer, Monica Duffy and Tina Gonzalez (Hospitality: Drama), Ryan Haynes and Diana Kronfli (Hospitality: Choir) and Dana Dabsys and Jo Wedekind (Drumline Liaison), who are all preparing for the upcoming Festival of the Arts running May 16-20. Don't miss out as these events are truly worth seeing. We promise you will be impressed! The Spring Sports Awards Banquet is on Tuesday, May 17; thank you in advance to Debbie Petito and Robin Banks. And last, but not least, thanks in advance to Susana Gardea and Lorena Cardenas (Hospitality: Academic/Graduation Events), who are coordinating the Baccalaureate Reception on Friday, May 27 and the Staff Graduation Luncheon on Saturday, May 28.

As always, thank you to Ginger Brody, Kim Kaufman, and Teri Davis (Faculty Lunch) for yet another delicious staff luncheon; Carole Morita Brewer and Debbie Monarrez for hospitality at our Mothers' Guild meetings; Joanna Breitschwerdt and Paddy Belter for continuing to keep our supply closet in top shape; Julie Casciani and Claudia Starzak for making the window display look wonderful; and the incredible Knightwear team of Irene O'Brien, Candace Ingram, and Kathy Krause for their long hours of sales at home football games, the Christmas Sale, Freshman Registration, and our upcoming Spring Brunch, to name a few!

We'd like to express our gratitude to Tina Sanfilippo and Isabel Velladao for all of their work putting together our 2011-2012 Mothers' Guild Executive Board. We still have a few committee chair opportunities open for the upcoming year. If you have been thinking about getting involved, on either a small or large scale, we would love to hear from you. The Mothers' Guild runs so smoothly, because we benefit from the many, many talents of our moms and guardians. Please contact either of us to let us know where you might like to become involved and we'll find a spot!

As this academic year comes to a close, we want to thank all of you for your hard work, dedication and support. On a personal note, I want to thank Teresa Aubert this year, and Kim Kunitake last year, for having co-chaired the president position with me---they are amazing women and have been such a pleasure to work with!

Returning Moms, look forward to an exciting year with Lisa Singelyn joining Teresa Aubert as co-presidents. Graduating Moms, you will be missed. We hope you treasure your memories and that your friendships from St. Francis last a lifetime. Also, by all means, stay in touch through the St. Francis Alumni Mothers' Association!

God bless and thank you all again.

Moran's Message *(Continued from page 1)*

Service Hours, he will not be permitted to take his final exams. Please make sure that the Campus Ministry Office has written verification of his completing this requirement!

We have arranged with our textbook vendor, Follett Books, to sell used textbooks and rent new textbooks next year. A representative will be on campus on Friday, June 3 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. to purchase used books. Parents may still exercise the option to purchase used books from other students; however, we will not host a used book sale on campus. The list of texts that will no longer be used will be sent with your end of the year mailing and report card.

St. Francis High School will honor the Class of 2011 with the Baccalaureate Mass on Friday, May 27, and with our graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 28. This has been a wonderful class and they have garnered an impressive array of college admissions and scholarships. We wish them the best of luck in the future. Senior parents: In addition to the letter regarding graduation that was sent last month, please be aware that we have added a "Frequently Asked Questions about Graduation" document to our website. Feel free to consult this for all information about graduation!

For an update on Christian Service and/or retreat opportunities, please consult the school website.



New Immunization Requirements

For School Year 2011-2012

California Law AB 354 requires that all students entering 7th-12th grades will need proof of a Tdap booster shot before beginning school. This requirement was outlined in the re-registration letter of April 1, 2011. This law takes effect on July 1st! This requirement can be met by receiving one dose of Tdap (Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis Vaccine) on or after the 10th birthday. This immunization is for the prevention of Tetanus (Lockjaw), Diphtheria, and Pertussis or Whooping Cough) If your records show that the Tdap immunization was administered, please provide us with a copy of your son's most recent immunization information. If your son has not had this booster shot, please have him immunized and forward a copy of the record to Ms. Stephanie Vasquez, Registrar, **before July 1.**

The Sports Authority *by Booster Club President Brian Polchow*

Here we are approaching the end of another school year. It's gone by so quickly. We have had the pleasure of watching varsity, junior varsity, and freshman teams from nine different sports compete throughout the year. Congratulations to all of our student athletes for playing with class, and to the coaches who prepared them so well for competition. Also, on behalf of the Booster Club, I would like to offer best wishes to our senior athletes as they move on to a new chapter in their lives, and I thank them for their leadership on and off the field.

I have enjoyed working with the Booster Council, Booster Club members and the many parent volunteers. St. Francis is blessed to have so much support from so many of our families. All of you have made this another successful year from our first event, Pride Day, to our last event coming up soon, the Mother/Son Breakfast.

It is also important to mention the assistance we receive from the school administration. Father Tony, Principal Tom Moran and Athletic Director Terry Terrazone not only attend our meetings but provide support that makes what we do so much easier. Frank Nevaril, our facilities manager, takes care of our event set up and has reminded me more than once that I need to let him know what I need for an upcoming game or other booster sponsored event. Betty Dowling is responsible for putting together our football and spring programs. Her involvement has added a real touch of professionalism and quality. Betty has been there to bring to my attention something I was supposed to do or somewhere I was supposed to be. Last but not least, I would like to mention Toni Zollner. I worked very closely with Toni throughout the year, who has been like a partner—always there with information or advice when I needed it. She bailed me out a few times with a reminder or

just by taking care of something to make it a little easier for me. It has been a pleasure working closely with all of you and thank you for all of your help.

This is a good opportunity to introduce next year's Booster Club President Burt Garavaglia. Burt worked with me this year as vice-president and football security chairman. Many of you know Burt from security detail or other activities and know that he has been a very active member for the last three years. If you haven't joined the Booster Club or haven't had the opportunity to get more involved, this is a great time to do so. I have enjoyed my time with the boosters and will continue to do so next year and for years to come after my son graduates. I have had the good fortune of working with some very nice folks like Burt and know that if you are able to put some time in with the boosters you will feel the same way.

Lastly, the Mother/Mentor-Son Communion Breakfast, sponsored by the Booster Club will be held on Saturday, May 21. It's a chance to spend some quality time with your son and sit under the oak trees while boosters serve you breakfast. You will also receive a photo of you and your son to remember the day. Watch the mail for the flyer or you can also download one from our website or pick one up in the office.

Thanks to all of you for so much support this year. I have enjoyed every minute of it.

St. Francis Knights!

Congratulations to the Class of 2011!

It is hard to believe that this year is almost over and that you will be graduating in just a few weeks. By now you have all committed to the college of your choice! As you enter this new chapter in your life, we wish you much happiness and success. We encourage you to build on your attributes and become the best person you can be. This time in your life will provide you with many wondrous opportunities. Savor them all. Please come back and visit. Our doors will always be open to help you in any way we can.

Seniors: Final Transcripts

Your final transcript will be mailed to the college you will be attending by the end of June.

Seniors: What Is College Orientation? Should You Attend?

You are probably receiving information from your college regarding orientation. Orientation programs are designed to help you adjust academically, emotionally, and socially. Although orientation programs are often voluntary, we strongly encourage you to attend. The program will give you a preview of the college experience and an opportunity to become familiar with the campus, student activities, services, faculty, and staff. Summer orientation and preregistration sessions will make your transition in the fall less hectic and less stressful. Please try to take advantage of this opportunity. A great start in college is the first step toward a positive college experience.

Seniors: Are You Planning to Attend Pasadena City College?

If you are planning to attend Pasadena City College, you should attend its last information session on Tuesday, April 14, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Room 106 in the L Building. Please register beforehand at www.pasadena.edu/outreach. Parking is \$2.00.

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors: Advanced Placement Examinations

AP exams are being administered between May 2 and May 13. By now you should have received letters at home confirming times, instructions, and what items to bring to the tests. Please follow the directions very carefully. (Dress code is in effect on exam days.) It is essential that AP students arrive on time—at 7:45 a.m. for morning exams and 11:45 a.m. for afternoon exams. If you have an AP exam scheduled in the morning, you may go home immediately after the test. If you are scheduled to take an exam in the afternoon, you are excused from all morning classes. Be sure to check with your teachers regarding calculators (for calculus, chemistry, physics, and statistics), rulers (for physics), and tape recorders (for Spanish language). *The College Board prohibits cell phones from testing rooms during AP exams and disallows use of them during breaks.* Following College Board policy, if you are found in possession of a cell phone during an AP exam (including break time), you will be dismissed from the test and your score will be canceled. *St. Francis High School requires students who bring their cell phones to campus on an AP exam day to leave their cell phones in the Counseling Office before reporting to their testing location. You will be able to retrieve your cell phone after the conclusion of your exam.* Should you have any questions, please call the Counseling Office.

Juniors: Soon, You'll Be Seniors!

SAT Reasoning and Subject Tests (Register online at www.collegeboard.org)

- Test date: June 4. Registration deadline: May 6. Late registration deadline: May 20.

ACT (Register online at www.actstudent.org)

- Test date: June 11. Registration deadline: May 6. Late registration deadline: May 20.

(If you wish to take the SAT on May 7, but have not registered, you must test standby—see your counselor for further instructions.)

Register early to secure your preferred test site!

- Continue to research and visit colleges.
- Make your summer plans now. Volunteer, work, and/or take a summer course.
- READ!** It is the best way to prepare for the SAT and ACT.

You should take full advantage of your summer break before senior year. We recommend that you retake the SAT Reasoning Test and/or the ACT in the fall, so it is important that you spend the summer months preparing for these exams. We also ask that you complete a senior questionnaire, a resume, and a preliminary college application essay; these documents will be made available to you on Naviance Family Connection at the start of the summer break. We ask that you complete the online questionnaire and related documents by August 8, 2011. Use your valuable time in the summer to prepare for college and get involved in activities that you do not have time for during the regular school year.

Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors—UCLA Summer Writing Workshop

UCLA's Writing Workshop is a three-week program designed to help high school students learn more about college writing and how it differs from writing assignments in high school. The program will run from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 5 to July 21 on the UCLA campus. The final class will help students prepare their college essays. The cost of the course is \$980. Students, upon completion of the course, will earn 2 UCLA quarter units. Learn more about the course at <https://www.summer.ucla.edu/institutes/writing/overview.htm>.

All Students and Parents: Colleges That Change Lives Fair

The Colleges That Change Lives Fair will be held on Tuesday, August 2, and Wednesday, August 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sierra Ballroom of the Universal City Hilton Hotel. (Students and parents can choose to attend either night.) Approximately 40 colleges and universities throughout the U.S. will be represented, including Allegheny, Evergreen State, Juniata, St. Olaf, Whitman, Kalamazoo, and Southwestern University. These liberal arts colleges are known for their small class sizes; personal attention to students; focus on undergraduate teaching, student research, and written work; and success in graduating students who go on to earn advanced degrees from some of the finest graduate and professional schools in the country. This is an excellent opportunity to talk to admission representatives and find a great college that might be a great fit for you. For more information about this free event, go to <http://www.ctcl.org/events/los-angeles1>. To read more about the philosophy of the Colleges That Change Lives organization, go to <http://www.ctcl.org/news/exploring-less-visible-colleges>.

Parents of All Students: Immunization Shots

Colleges require that students present proof of immunization against hepatitis B prior to enrollment. Since the immunization requires a series of shots at specific intervals over several months, we advise you to immunize your sons as early as possible.

Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors—Tip of the Month!

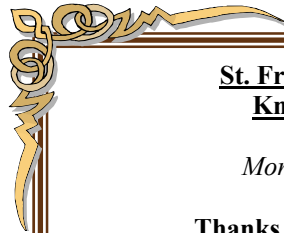
If you were planning to take a class at a community college this summer, but are not able to do so due to budget cuts, consider taking a live or online course through UCLA Extension (www.uclaextension.edu). As with certain community college classes, many UCLA Extension classes help raise your GPA for admission to the University of California. That's right—the University of California will include your grade from the course in your GPA calculation (and add an honors point to it) if the UCLA Extension course is transferable to UCLA, is worth four or more

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quarter units, and is in a subject area that corresponds with the UC/CSU "a-g" course selection pattern (i.e., history, social science, English, mathematics, science, foreign language, visual and performing arts, and humanities). In addition, the course can also help you get a head start on earning college credit. Please contact your counselor for assistance in course selection. UCLA Extension's live courses typically meet once a week on a weekday evening or on Saturday morning for 12 weeks. Courses that are identified as "XL" are fully transferrable to UCLA. High school students are welcome to enroll in UCLA Extension classes and, unlike community college courses, UCLA Extension does not require transcripts or special forms from the students' high schools. While UCLA Extension courses are more expensive than community college courses, they are much more affordable than many summer programs (including UCLA's summer program for high school students).

All Students: Enjoy Your Summer!

It was wonderful working with all of you this past year. We, as well as Mr. Monarrez, Mr. Terrazone, Ms. Clay, and Ms. Zepeda, wish you all a very happy, safe, and fun-filled summer! Seniors, good luck in college! We'll see the rest of you in the fall!

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