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Upcoming Calendar Dates and Changes

Saturday, April 5
Spring Fling 8-11 pm

Monday, April 7
Report Cards Mailed

Tue Apr 8-Fri Apr 11
Kairos # 70

Sun Apr 13-Wed Apr 16
WASC Visitation

Wednesday, April 16
Spring Liturgy (MASS DRESS)

Thu Apr 17-Sun Apr 20
Aida

Saturday, April 19
Sports Medicine Competition

Monday, April 21
NO CLASSES-Faculty In-Service Franciscan Education

Tue Apr 22-Thur Apr 24
Junior Retreat

Thur Apr 24-Sat. Apr 26
Aida

Sat-Sun, April 26-7
Mothers Guild Yard Sale

Monday, April 28
FSP-Senior Parent Hours Due!
Progress Reports Mailed

Wednesday, April 30
Registration Deadline for 2007-08 school year!
Friday Schedule

Thursday, May 1
Student Body Liturgy (MASS DRESS)
Begin setting Parent/Teacher Conference appts-noon

Friday, May 2
Deadline to set Parent/Teacher Conference appt-noon

Saturday, May 3
Jr. Sr. Prom at Dodger Stadium 8pm-midnight

Monday, May 5 Parent/Teacher Conferences 6-9 pm

Mon May 5-Fri May 9
Fine Arts Festival

Wednesday, May 7
Mothers Guild Meeting 7 pm
Bake Sale/Newsletter sent!

Easter Symbolizes Franciscan Joy



As you know, Easter is the most solemn of holy days in Christendom. The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead gives us assurance that sin is conquered and its consequence, death, no longer holds us captive. Our Easter proclamation, *Alleluia*, centers us in the abiding presence of Jesus found both in us and our world, even though the effects of sin are still seen in disturbing ways. The outcome, joy, is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (the virtue that we have been highlighting this quarter.) Our daily proclamation of “Alleluia, Christ is Risen” re-centers us in this fruit, namely

God’s abiding presence, and helps us to get through those moments of doubt. These are “24/7 Resurrection Moments” of our lives! Let us center ourselves in Christ’s Resurrection, and then, know joy!

Mini-POSH: A Knight in the Wild Wild West! With nearly 630 reservations, our Co-Chairs Jenny Schwing and Kal Antoun did an outstanding job along with their committee chairs in coordinating an event that netted over \$284,000 for our summer renovation projects and school related needs! This well surpassed our goal of \$225,000!

Congratulations to chairs and committee members (too numerous to mention here) who worked, often behind the scenes, to plan and execute this extremely successful event. Thanks for the coordinating efforts of Cheryl Harlow (Family Service Coordinator) we had over 160 parent

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WASC, Re-Registration in April

Our WASC Visitation will occur on April 13-16. We would like to thank all of the parents and students who worked on the accreditation report for their efforts, as well as our faculty and staff. Mr. Rudy Trujillo organized the production of the report and we look forward to the visit. Mr. David Chambers, Principal of Cantwell-Sacred Heart of Mary, is our WASC Chair!

Re-registration packets for the coming school year were mailed on April 1. If you have not received your packet yet, please contact our registrar’s office immediately. Forms are due back to us by **Wednesday, April 30**. If by that date we have not received your son’s re-registration forms and the accompanying

fee, we will begin to offer enrollment to other students who have applied. If you have already determined that your son is not re-enrolling, please contact us in writing and notify us where to forward his transcripts. We have staffing and curriculum commitments to finalize and need this information as soon as possible.

Information regarding summer school offerings will be available in the office later this month. Students are reminded that any failing grades must be made up in an accredited summer program before their re-enrollment is complete.



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Easter Symbolizes Franciscan Joy...continued

volunteers! This helped us immensely in making this such a profitable evening. Finally, to all those spouses, who filled-in at home during these months of preparation, thank you! All of you helped to make this the most successful Mini-POSH ever!

Scholarship Applications

The following scholarship application forms are available in the Development, Campus Ministry, Counseling and Front Offices.

Alumni Scholarship: Deadline: April 21st, 2008 These scholarships are given by the alumni council to students who exhibit the spirit of the Golden Knight, "Victorious in competition, steadfast in his ideas, reverent unto God and loyal to his alma mater." The money for these scholarships comes from the Annual Alumni Golf Classic held each year in the fall. Last year the alumni council awarded almost \$50,000 in scholarship money.

Brennan Newell Memorial Scholarship: Deadline: May 9th

Brennan was a graduate of the Class of 1994 who passed away on September 20, 2000, while piloting his plane in Alaska. Brennan's spirit remains apart of the St. Francis family through his Annual Memorial Mass in our chapel, this scholarship and the love of his family and friends.

As I finish this letter, I want to thank the Friars, administration, faculty and staff, for their continued dedication to the spirit and mission of St. Francis High School. During this Easter Season the final line of our Mission Statement finds special meaning, "Together, we will build God's Kingdom through example,"

Know that you and your family will be especially remembered in the prayers of the Friars, faculty and staff as we celebrate this Holy Season of Easter.

Take care, and God bless.

Fr. Matt

Beginning April 7, completed Christian Service Hours can be viewed on Edline under "Private Reports" Link!!!

Yard Sale and Tux Luncheon Upcoming

The 4th quarter is here! It's hard to believe how fast the year has gone and all we have accomplished. We hope you had a wonderful Easter/Spring break, we are sure you needed a break from all the school activities as much as our boys! In the last month alone, our hard working committees provided hospitality for NHS Installation, Mass and Reception (*headed up by Kim Kunitake and Judy Kokawa*), Junior Ring Ceremony (*Christine Sauer and Karen Stattler*), Winter Sports Banquet (*Stephanie Doerning, Angela Parris, Sandy Campbell and Debbie Morrow*), and our Knightwear ladies (*Emilie Brennan, Sharon Swart and Starla Lang*) for Freshman Registration – great job, ladies.

We'd like to thank all of you that supported our "Dinner Knight Out" fundraiser at Georgee's Pizza. All monies raised will go to the SF Hope Fund. Special thanks to Brett Hunter and Allyson Simpson for coordinating this event.

Even though there are just a couple months of school left, we have lots more opportunities for you to get involved. Our next big event is the Yard Sale being held the weekend of April 26th & 27th. The Yard Sale is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We'd love to really put this fundraiser over the top this year, so if you haven't been cleaning your closets, garage, basement, or attic...now's the time. The drop-off dates are April 21st & April 24th; 7:30 am - 8:30 am and 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm; April 25th; 7:30am - 4:30pm. If you have questions, contact Betty Dowling (818/790-8591) or check out the flyer on the website for more details.

Do not forget to reserve your tickets for the Drama department's upcoming Spring production of AIDA (April 17th-20th, 24th-26th). It is sure to be a wonderful experience. For questions and/or to purchase your tickets, please contact Mr. Eulalia at 818/790-0325 or email eeulalia@sfhs.net. You can also find the order forms in the office or on the website.

The committees for our annual Spring Tuxedo Luncheon are hard at work for the May 10th "Tulips and Tissues – a Knights Brunch in the Garden" luncheon where we will honor outgoing senior Mothers and welcome Freshmen Mothers. If you haven't made your reservation yet, don't forget to do so. As new committee heads of this year's event, Sara Hurley, Mia Fernandez, Lisa Orlandini and Kal Balian Antoun will be working new magic outside under the oaks, so we will be in for a real treat that day. Flyers for this event are also in the office or on the website. See you there!

We still have LOTS of openings for next year's committees, please get involved!! If interested please email us; Alicia at walkera@metro.net, and Michelle at msalzm@yahoo.com.

Our next meeting will be May 7th at 7:00pm. We encourage you to attend since this is our last meeting of the year; we would especially like to see all the Committee Chairs so we can thank you all personally for all your hard work throughout the year. We hope to see you there!

*Michelle Salzman &
Alicia Walker, Co-Presidents*

WASC, Re-Registration in April...continued

It is recommended that grades of “D” be made up as well.

This is a not-so-subtle reminder to seniors and their parents. If your senior is prone to suffer from “senioritis,” please keep in mind that colleges can and do **rescind** admissions based on a decline in one’s performance during the final grading period. With the excess of applications to many schools, and with colleges feeling the budget crunch, they will be more selective than ever. Your continued commitment to perform well will protect the three and one-half years of effort that has led to your admissions. It will also keep seniors from falling into a pattern of boredom that may be difficult to shake when they begin college next fall.

As we move to the end of the year, we remind parents and students of their obligations to the Campus Ministry program. All students must attend a retreat and complete their Christian Service Hours by the deadlines listed on the school calendar. Failure to do so will result in their not being able to take final examinations! Also, our school policy prohibits them from being scheduled into their classes for next year until these requirements are met.

Course catalogues and course request forms for the 2008-2009 school year will be sent home soon. Please refer to the pre-requisites listed in the catalogue before recommending your son to honors and Advanced

Placement classes. Each year, placement into these courses has become increasingly selective, and as a small school, we have limitations on the number of students in particular courses and intend to adhere strictly to the pre-requisites.

Christian Service Hour Opportunities for April:

<u>Day/Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Sunday, April 13	Camp Max Straus	6
Mondays, April 7, 14, 28	St. Elizabeth/St. Theresa tutoring	2
Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	St. Elizabeth/St. Theresa tutoring	2
Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	St. Elizabeth/St. Theresa tutoring	2
Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24	St. Elizabeth/St. Theresa tutoring	2
Saturday, April 12	Shriners Hospital	4
Saturday, April 26	Autism Walk to Cure (Rose Bowl)	8

Spring Sports Underway

As we complete March and enter into April, all the schools Spring Sports are well on their way. St. Francis High School fields five different teams during the Spring (Baseball, Track and Field, Volleyball, Golf and Tennis) and the Booster Club encourages all of you to come out and support them.

The Booster Club would like to send out a special thanks to Chuck Brash, Jim Crilly, John Moe and all the volunteers who helped with Security at Mini POSH. We had a number of great volunteers and thanks to the organization of Chuck, Jim and John everything ran smoothly. The Booster Club would like to thank Co-Chairs Jenny Schwing, Kal Antoun and their committees for all their hard work. It was a tremendous evening and a great time was had by all that attended.

This past Saturday, March 8th, was Freshman Registration and both the Booster Club and Mothers Guild were out in force to welcome new students and parents. It is always a great day to see the excitement on everyone’s faces as new students prepare for a new chapter in their lives as they begin their student life at St. Francis High School. It was also great to see Parents, whether it is their first son or they have had other sons come through the school, look forward to the coming years. We wish all the new students and their families much success in the coming years. During Registration, the Booster Club helped the Athletic Department with questions from parents and new students, sold Merchandise and Booster Memberships for the three hours of registration. Merchandise sales were great and we sold 20 new Lifetime Memberships! The Club would like to thank Merchandise Co-Chairs Andrea Sember and Amy Yazzetta, Membership Co-Chairs Doug DeVore and Tim Gavotto along with Vice President John Moe for all their efforts in making it a successful day. The Booster Club also gives special thanks to Mr. Moran and the school administration for all their help and preparation to help make the day run smoothly.

Committee Chairperson Spotlight

On March 12th the Winter Sports Banquet was held and the Booster Club was proud to distribute its Winter Sports program. We hope all the players and

families enjoyed the “Keepsake” and the Club looks forward to refining the process to continuing to improve on the program in the future. Our next project is the spring version of the program that will encompass all five Spring sports. This project would not have been possible without the efforts of Joe Sember-Class of ’68 (Joey-’03, Andrew-’07 and Christopher-’09) and Randy Hipke (Dustin-’09). Joe Sember has been associated with the Booster Club since 2004 and over the last several years has been the Chairperson for our Programs. Most will agree our Football program is second to none in Southern California and it has grown in content and popularity over the years thanks to Joe’s supervision. Last year, Joe increased his role by helping the Booster Club put together and coordinate a Winter-Spring Sports Program. As I have mentioned in previous articles, the Booster Club this year expanded this idea and decided to produce two additional programs dedicated to the Winter and Spring Sports Seasons separately. The Booster Club can not thank Joe enough for all his help on this project and for all his dedication over the last few years. As we began work on the Winter Program this school year, we quickly found out how much time and effort was needed to produce the product. As the project grew, Randy Hipke came to our rescue and helped pull everything together for us. Through Randy’s generosity and dedicated time, we were able to gather the necessary data and produce a great Keepsake item. Thanks to Randy’s efforts the framework of the program and future programs is set so the Club can continue the project and improve on it in the future. We thank both Joe Sember and Randy Hipke for all their help with this project.

Over the next few months, the Booster Club will be working on filling committee chairs and volunteer positions for next year. If you are interested in getting more involved or you want to help but are unsure where to start please contact myself or John Moe with your interest or questions.

Next Booster Club meeting is set for April 10th at 7:30pm in the Field House.

Ray Arriola,
President

Decisions and “Moving On”

THE FINAL DECISION: “HELP! I Got Into College, Now How Do I Decide

Which One To Go To?”

Seniors: You have been anxiously waiting to hear from the colleges. All of your hard work has paid off – you have been accepted! If you have been accepted to more than one college, you still have one big step left – choosing the college you will attend this fall! *The National Association for College Admission Counseling* has some excellent guidelines that will help you decide which college to attend. Let us share these with you:

Begin at the Beginning. Look back at the original criteria you used in deciding which colleges to apply to: size, location, housing, areas of study, extracurricular activities, etc. Now which of the colleges that you were admitted to most closely matches what you are looking for? Sit down with your parents and give serious consideration to all factors.

Visit: If you have already visited the colleges, a second visit can reinforce your initial impressions. You may find that you view the colleges in a different way after you have been accepted. If you are unable to visit the college again, call the admissions office and ask for the names and phone numbers of alumni or current students who would be willing to talk to you. Many colleges have volunteers who love to talk about their college experience and who will be more than happy to answer detailed questions.

Finances: Affordability is often the most important factor in choosing a college. Take an in-depth look at the financial aid package offered by each college. Consult with your parents on exactly how much your family can spend on college costs. Remember to factor in the costs of traveling between home and college, books, room and board. You may also want to think about future educational plans. If you hope to go to graduate school, for example, you may want to choose a less expensive college so that you have more financial options later.

Make a list: Writing down the advantages and disadvantages of each college can be very helpful. Make two columns, labeled “positive” and “negative,” on a sheet of paper. Now create rows according to what criteria are important to you, such as academics, activities, social life, housing, affordability, location, size, etc. Write down the positives and negatives in each area. Use a separate sheet of paper for each college you are considering. No matter how you do it, once you have made a list of the pros and cons for each college, you will have a better idea of what college best fits your needs and personality.

Don’t be fooled by prestige: Your friends and family might be impressed that you got into a highly selective school, but that does not mean you have to go there. Do not automatically choose a school because it was the hardest one to get into. Think about where you will be the happiest and most successful.

Follow your heart: In the end, after you have visited the college, have talked to your family, and have listed all the pros and cons, it comes down to where you feel the most at home. What feels right? Where do you feel comfortable?

Relax: Keep in mind that there is no “perfect college.” If you carefully researched the colleges you applied to, you would probably be happy with any of them. The best choice is the one that makes you feel excited about taking that final step to college!

May 1 - Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) Deadline

Seniors: You have a postmarked deadline of May 1st to submit the Statement of Intent to Register at your first-choice school. Depending on the school, electronic submissions will also be accepted, again, on the May 1st deadline by 11:59 p.m. By that deadline, please inform every college of your acceptance or rejection of the admission and/or financial aid offer. **Send your deposit to one college only.**

Cal State University News

If you received a notice about taking a test, do not ignore it. All CSU students MUST take the English Placement Test (EPT) or Entry Level Math (ELM) test before they can register for classes in the fall. Ideally, you

should finish testing by May 3rd; the last testing is June 14th. The closest CSU campuses on which you can take the test are: Northridge, Los Angeles, and Cal Poly Pomona. To find out more information regarding registration or the school’s test-score minimum requirements, look at the school’s website, or visit www.csumentor.edu or www.ets.org/csu.

“Moving On,” A Special Night for Seniors and Their Parents

Seniors, are you feeling nervous about attending college next year? Parents, are you feeling anxious about this next big step in your son’s life – whether your son will be attending a nearby school and living at home or traveling to another state to attend college? “Moving On,” a special counseling event for both seniors and parents will be held on Wednesday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m. This year, we plan to arrange separate panels for seniors and parents to discuss various issues, such as “letting go,” homesickness, responsibility, independence, and tips on how to make the transition go as smoothly as possible. Please plan on joining us for a lively, informative program, followed by refreshments and time to socialize.

Are You Considering Attending Community College?

If you are contemplating attending community college, you do not want to miss this excellent presentation. A representative from Pasadena Community College will be discussing the benefits of attending PCC prior to university admission on Monday, April 28, during lunchtime, in the Counseling Office. Topics to be covered: the application process, special programs that assist with the transfer process, course requirements, financial aid, and scholarships. Don’t miss out! Parents are welcome to attend.

Advanced Placement Exams

Advanced Placement (AP) exams will be held from May 5 through May 16 for those of you taking AP courses this year. Students who will be taking these exams are excused from classes on testing days. A confirmation letter with detailed information will be mailed to your parents. Testing schedules and locations will be posted in classrooms and in the Counseling Office. Please note that the dress code will be enforced.

What Should Juniors Be Doing Right Now?

Make an appointment with their College Counselors, Mr. Pelletier or Ms. Rico.

Research Colleges!

Register for SAT and ACT exams.

Make summer plans! Volunteer! Work! Take a community college course!

Study hard. Junior grades are critical.

Attend the Los Angeles National College Fair.

Juniors: Attend the Los Angeles National College Fair

Do you want to visit hundreds of colleges all over the nation, but do not have the time or money to do so? Well, the colleges are coming to you! Don’t miss the National College Fair, which will be held at the University of Southern California, Galen Center, on Sunday, April 13, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The fair provides an excellent opportunity for students to research colleges from all over the United States. Go online at www.nacacnet.org for more details.

Important! Are you 18 years of age?

Every young man must register with the Selective Service within a month of his 18th birthday. Registration forms are available at the post office, or register online at www.sss.gov/. A student who fails to register will be ineligible for any type of federal financial aid.

Freshman Parents

Results from The National Educational Development Test (NEDT) that your sons took in February have arrived early! Score sheets and test booklets will be returned to your sons in class by mid-April. If you have any questions regarding your son’s testing scores, feel free to call freshman counselor, Mr.

Joe Monarrez.



Daniel Pelletier and Mary Lou Rico
College Counselors