

# St. Francis Academy –February 2019

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## *A Message from the Principal: Safe2 Say Something*

On Monday February 11, St. Francis Academy will conduct a student training exercise in conjunction with the implementation of the Act 44 of 2018. This training will be conducted by Mrs. Houk for grades 5 & 6, and by Mr. Kramer for grades 7 & 8. Mr. Repko, Mrs. Stull, and Mrs. Graczyk will also be assisting with the training session.

The students will be learning how to submit an anonymous tip via a computer platform, or by phone app, in the event of a student or school safety concern. Students will be learning about the types of actions, behaviors, or incidents which should result in the submission of a tip.

After the training session has occurred, Parent Resources will be made available via Option C alerts and emails. Parents should stay tuned to review these materials so that they can assist, support, or answer questions that their children or they encounter.

## *CogATs and IOWA testing*

St. Francis Academy is not engaged in the same sort of high stakes testing that has highly influenced the climate of the public schools. However, the Diocese of Allentown does require that parochial schools participate in annual testing programs. In the broadest terms, the CogATs and the IOWA tests provide metrics by which the individual school may monitor student progress from year-to-year. Additionally, the annual testing process can provide an important metric to gauge the effectiveness of the individual school.

With this in mind, parents are requested to help us to create the best possible conditions for the administration of these tests. For individual student purposes, and for school measurement purposes, we all benefit from having our children demonstrate their best possible performance. During the testing period, we ask parents to be especially mindful that students maintain their typical bedtimes, that they have a nutritious meal to start the day, and that they bring their best attitude to school each day.

Feb. 1. — Early Dismissal—CSW  
Feb. 4 — Anti-Bullying Assembly—Pre-K—5  
Feb. 5 — SFA/MBS Video Shoot  
Feb. 9 — CYO Sportsmanship Award  
Feb. 11-15—American Heart Association/  
Heart Challenge—PE Class  
Feb. 11—Safe2Say Training—Gr. 5-8  
Feb. 15—SFA Dance—Gr. 6-8  
Feb. 18—President’s Day—No School

## Student Highlights

On February 9th, the CYO Sportsmanship Award will be presented to St. Francis Academy Varsity Basketball. The presentation will take place at Berks Catholic at halftime of the 2:30 pm. Playoff game. Approx. 3:00 pm.

## CYO Basketball—Games

Boys Basketball CYO season continues through February with developmental games.

Feb. 2.—Dev. —3:00 pm. St. Catherine

Feb. 9 —Dev. 10:00 am. LaSalle

Feb. 16—Dev.—10:00 am. ICA

Feb. 23—Dev.—10:00 am. St. Ignatius

Practices are scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays through the month of February. Practice will be 6:30-7:30 at Washington Elem.

- Directions to Game sites will be posted on the SFA Website.



Doughnuts with Dads is the culminating event for Catholic Schools Week—2019.