

# St. Francis Academy – January 2019

Monthly Newsletter

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Jan. 3. — Classes Resume  
Jan 18—Progress Reports  
Jan. 21—In-Service Day for teachers  
Jan. 25—CSW Religion Expos are due  
Jan. 27—SFA Open House : 11-1:30  
Jan. 28—Teacher Appreciation Day  
Jan. 29—Student Appreciation Day  
Jan. 30—Movie Day  
Jan. 31—The Brain Show

## Student Highlights

On Jan. 23, 2019, the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Free Throw Competition for Students. The competition will be held at Washington Elementary School, beginning at 6:30 pm.

## CYO Basketball—Games

Boys Basketball CYO season continues through January with Varsity and developmental games.

Jan. 5. Dev. 10:00 am. - Var.—2:15 - LaSalle

Jan. 6—Var. 4:00 pm. ICA

Jan. 8.—Dev.—6:00 pm. - HGA

Jan. 12—Var.— 3:30 pm. St. Catherine (@ICA)

Jan. 13—Var.—4:00 pm—HGA (@ Berks Cath.

Jan, 19—Dev.—1:00 pm.—HGA

Jan. 26—Dev.—10:00 am.—St. Ignatius

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

## *A Message from the Principal: [Safe2SaySomething](#)*

On January 14, 2019, in accordance with Act 44 of 2018, the state of PA will activate the Safe2Say platform, an anonymous tip system designed to identify at-risk students and behaviors, to alert school support teams, and to improve the level of safety in all school settings.

In December, all schools in PA were mandated to create support teams, to attend training sessions on using the platform, and to have access to support resources for training **all students in grades 5-12** to use the system responsibly and effectively. [Safe2SaySomethingFAQs](#)

The team at St. Francis is comprised of Mr. Repko, Mrs. Graczyk, Mrs. Houk, Mr. Kramer, and Mrs. Stull.

Between January 14th and March 14th, SFA will implement a training session for all the students in grades 5-8. The training is designed to help students to recognize at-risk behaviors, to use the anonymous tip line to report areas of concern without hesitation or reluctance.

Parents are asked to click on the links to find out more about the program, and to encourage the students to use the system responsibly, and without delay.

## Re-enrollment Period Continues:

Parents are asked to consider completing re-enrollment processes at this time, In conjunction with the Diocese of Allentown, all parochial schools have been asked to focus on re-enrollment between the months of October and March, before schools shift to recruitment as their central focus.

As part of the process, parents are highly encouraged to complete all applications to grants, scholarships, and financial aid as soon as the window opens on FACTS.

In conjunction with this request, the Committee in charge of drafting an updated tuition policy will share the draft in mid-January.



Team 17 Strong—in support of Anthony Myers, a Berks Catholic student battling cancer.