

10/15/2026

Dear St. Francis de Sales Parish School Families,

Just a reminder that today, October 15th, is the last day students may wear shorts to school until next April. If we experience warmer-than-normal temperatures in the coming weeks, an announcement will be made when students are permitted to wear shorts for that day. We appreciate your cooperation!

Faith is at the heart of everything we do at St. Francis de Sales Parish School! On Wednesday, October 21st, at 2:30 pm, our students will come together to pray the Living Rosary, a special Catholic tradition honoring Mary and reflecting on the life of Jesus. This opportunity allows our students to grow in faith and unite as a school community in prayer.

Parents are welcome to join us for this meaningful celebration of our Catholic faith. We hope to see you there!

St. Francis de Sales Parish School will celebrate Halloween on Thursday, October 29th! Students may come to school dressed in costume and enjoy a day of Halloween fun, including our school parade.

To ensure a safe and enjoyable celebration for everyone, please review the following costume expectations before selecting your child's costume.

Halloween Costume Expectations

- **Appropriate attire:** Costumes must be modest, respectful, and suitable for a Catholic school setting. Clothing or costumes featuring offensive images, inappropriate language, or revealing attire are not permitted.
- **Masks and face coverings:** Masks and full-face coverings may be worn during the Halloween parade only. Students must be easily identifiable during the rest of the school day.
- **No weapons:** Toy weapons and weapon-like accessories, including guns, swords, and knives, are not allowed.
- **No graphic content:** Costumes featuring excessive blood, gore, realistic wounds, or frightening and disturbing images are not permitted.
- **Respect for others:** Costumes must not ridicule or show disrespect toward any individual, culture, religion, group, or disability.
- **Safe and practical costumes:** Inflatable costumes and costumes that are oversized, restrictive, or disruptive are not allowed. Students must be able to move safely, sit at their desks, use the restroom independently, and participate fully in classroom activities.

If you have questions about whether a costume meets these expectations, please get in touch with the school office before Thursday, October 29th. Thank you for helping us create a fun, safe, respectful, and enjoyable Halloween celebration for all our Roadrunners!

Because of the Halloween celebrations on Thursday, October 29th, we will celebrate our weekly School Mass on Wednesday, October 28th, at our regular time of 8:45 am.

Wisconsin has the opportunity to participate in the federal Education Freedom Tax Credit, which could expand educational opportunities for students statewide. The program could help fund scholarships, tutoring, and special education services for students in both public and private schools while providing tax benefits to eligible taxpayers.

Participation could provide additional resources to support St. Francis de Sales Parish School's mission and help meet our students' diverse needs. For Wisconsin families to benefit, Governor Tony Evers must opt the state into the program by January 1, 2027.

How You Can Help: Please take two minutes to contact Governor Evers and encourage him to opt Wisconsin into the program. Participation could help unlock millions of dollars in scholarships and educational support for Wisconsin students.

[Find more information, a sample message, and ways to contact the Governor; please click here.](#)

Thank you for supporting our school and advocating for more opportunities for Wisconsin students!

Dave Wieters
Principal

Picture Retake Day is 11/5!

Problems or Questions with your Picture Order, reach out to Lifetouch Customer Service
Parent Customer Service: [1.800.736.4753](tel:18007364753)

If you are taking retakes, please let your teacher or the office know, so we can make sure they have them retaken!

CCHS Events:



- **CCHS:** Join Catholic Central High School for their Annual Open House on Thursday, October 15, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Come explore the school, see what is new, meet the dedicated faculty and staff, and discover what makes Catholic Central a special place to learn and grow.
- SFDS students who attend will receive a dress-down day pass! Plus, families who preregister will be entered into a raffle for up to \$2,000 in prizes, including a \$500 tuition credit. Sign up today: catholiccentralhs.org.
- Cinderella Auditions CCHS



Positive Reviews

Thank you for your continued support and leadership at St. Francis de Sales Parish School.

I am asking for your help with something that's become increasingly important for schools today: our online presence. We have received a couple of negative reviews about St. Francis de Sales Parish School on GreatSchools.org. As families explore educational options, especially given the current situation with the Lake Geneva Public School District, many may turn to these sites when considering schools for their children.

Please take a few moments to leave a positive review of SFDS on GreatSchools, Niche, or Private School Review. Your feedback will help prospective families better understand the strong faith-based education and supportive community our school provides.

Here are the three most popular school review sites:

- [Great!Schools.org](https://GreatSchools.org)
- Niche
- [Private School Review](https://PrivateSchoolReview)

If you know others who would be willing to leave a positive review of our school, please share this email with them.

Thank you again for your continued support of SFDS and our mission.

Raise Right isn't just for gifts — it's the easiest way to support SFDS all year long! Sign up today and shop anytime with instant e-cards, using your credit card or bank account for quick checkout. Need physical gift cards? Just order on the dates listed in the Important Notes section below or on the school calendar.

School Code: **LE8L45FD2L91L**

<https://www.raiseright.com/shop>

NEXT Order: Monday 10/19/27

Casual Day Wednesday 10/21/27 for those that order.

Ordering electronically saves the school money as we do have to pay shipping cost!

If you have questions, **see Mrs. Vavrina — she's happy to help!**



CHEERS

FOR OUR AMAZING *Volunteers!*

WE'RE CELEBRATING OUR TERRIFIC PARISH VOLUNTEERS! WHETHER YOU WORKED A SHIFT AT THE FALL FESTIVAL OR SERVE ON A REGULAR BASIS AT ONE OF OUR MANY MINISTRIES, PLEASE JOIN US FOR A PASTA BUFFET, CASH BAR, AND FUN PRIZES!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN

APPRECIATION DINNER

AT CELEBRATION ON WELLS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026
DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM,
DINNER 6:15

Any questions or to RSVP by 10/15, please contact Martha by email: stewardship@sfdslg.org Advance registration is required!



SANTA CRUISE

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES
PARISH SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

JOIN OUR HOLIDAY TRADITION AND
EARN MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Purchase tickets for Santa Cruise on beautiful Lake Geneva and \$5 from each ticket will be donated back to your school's parent organization! This offer is eligible on any tour on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday during our Santa Cruise season.



Embark on a magical Christmas cruise to Santa's Hideaway! During your lake tour, you will be captivated by brilliant light displays. Each display unfolds the story of your voyage. Our climate-controlled fleet, decked out in Christmas splendor, will transport you to Santa's Hideaway. Santa Cruise runs November 20 - December 30.

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OR CALL **262-248-6206** AND USE
PROMO CODE **STFRANCIS26** TO DONATE
\$5 TO YOUR SCHOOL.

TOURS DEPART FROM THE LAKE GENEVA CRUISE LINE WINTER HARBOR/
PIER 290: 1 Liechty Drive, Williams Bay, WI 53191

Retirement Party
♥
Mary Jo Pankau
A New Chapter Begins
Sunday, October 18
After the 9:00 AM Mass
♥
Please join us to thank her for
her 20+ years of service to
St. Francis de Sales Parish and School!

Facebook/Instagram

Like us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/sfdsig>

@st.francisroadrunners

Attached:

Mary Jo Retirement Flyer

YMCA Halloween

SFDS Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

CCHS Open House 10/15/26

CCHS Cinderella Audition 5

Important Dates :

10/15/2026 Mass (7) 8:45am

10/15/2026 Early Release 1:00pm

10/15/2026 Catholic Central Open House 6:00 pm

10/15/2026 Parent Student Teacher Conference 1:20-8:00pm

10/16/2026 Chicago Visual Arts Trip -8th grade

10/16/2026 Running the Ball- Badger HS 12:15pm

10/18/2026 Religious Education Classes

10/19/2026 RaiseRight Order Due

10/19/2026 Living Rosary Practice 8:45 am

10/20/2026 Faculty Meeting 7:30am

10/21/2026 RaiseRight Casual

10/21/2026 Living Rosary 2:15pm

THE COVE OF LAKE GENEVA PRESENTS
CAPE & CROWNS
A Halloween Family Ball
WEAR A CAPE. CROWN YOURSELF.
MAKE MEMORIES.
JOIN US FOR A SUPERHERO
& PRINCESS HALLOWEEN PARTY!
Dress up as your favorite hero or royal...
or wear whatever makes you shine!
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 31, 2026
5PM-8PM
The Cove of Lake Geneva
111 Center St.
Lake Geneva, WI 53147
DJ | DANCING | HORS D'OEUVRES
Light Appetizers Provided |
Punch for the Littles • Cash Bar for the Adults
FUN • PHOTO OPS • MEMORIES
\$15* FAMILY OF 2
\$25* FAMILY OF 3 OR MORE
All Ages Welcome
Littles must
be with an adult
at all times.
Calling All
Princesses, Princes
& Superheroes!
Come celebrate as royal
family the weekend before Halloween!
Have the most magical time of the year
in a magical place with a magical
event for the whole family!

10/21/2026 Strategic Planning Meeting 6:00pm
10/22/2026 Mass (6) 8:45am
10/22/2026 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 5:30 pm
10/26/2026 FIAT Halloween Dress \$1 (NO COSTUMES)
10/27/2026 Faculty Meeting 7:30am
10/27/2026 Earth to Kenzie Lyric Opera Trip 10:00 am
10/28/2026 Mass (5) 8:45am
10/28/2026 Mad Science Spooktacular Science Assembly 10:00am-11:00am
10/29/2026 Halloween Class Parties
10/29/2026 Halloween Family Night Party
10/30/2026 Inservice/ No School
11/1/2026 Religious Education Classes
11/3/2026 Faculty Meeting 7:30 am
11/3/2026 Home & School Meeting 6:00 pm
11/5/2026 Picture Retake Day!
11/5/2026 Mass (4) 8:45 am
11/6/2026 Mary's FIAT Casual Day (High School/College)
11/6 & 11/7 CCHS Placement Testing 8:30 am
11/10/2026 Faculty Meeting 7:30 am
11/11/2026 School Mass (2 & 5) 8:45 am
11/11/2026 School Advisory Meeting 6:00 pm
11/12/2026 Casual 2027 \$2
11/13/2026 Lake Geneva Symphony 1:30 pm
11/15/2026 Religious Ed
11/16/2026 Raise Right Order due