



Student Agenda 2008-2009

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Philosophy

The Philosophy of St. Francis of Assisi is to continue the mission of Jesus Christ as Priest, Prophet, and King through the ministry of Catholic education, empowered by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Sharing in Jesus' priestly ministry, we work to sanctify the world and each person within it. In particular, we seek to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ in each of our students, faculty, staff, and parents as members of the Body of Christ.

Sharing in Jesus' prophetic ministry, we seek to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in all we say and do, in good times and in bad, when popular and unpopular. Although this teaching ministry occurs primarily in the classroom, it extends to all that we say and do in the name of St. Francis of Assisi School.

Sharing in Jesus' kingly ministry, we are called to serve, rather than to be served. In particular, we seek to develop a spirit of true Christian stewardship in our students, faculty, staff, and parents. We endeavor to be of service to each other in our strengths and to be served by others in our weaknesses.

In living our baptismal call to be priest, prophet, and king, we seek to form ourselves and our school community into the image of Christ who is The Priest, The Prophet, and The King.

Mission Statement

St. Francis of Assisi School

**exists to
form,
inform,
and transform
students as members
of Christ's Mystical Body.**

Diocese of Wichita Mission

**United with the family,
the parish,
and each other,
Catholic schools
in the Diocese of Wichita
FORM DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST
who seek the truth,
grow to love it,
and learn to live it.**

2008

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Calendar

AUGUST

- 7 Registration
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. AND 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
17 Open House / Ice Cream Social 2-4pm
18 First Day of Classes
*PS-7 grade Students
18 New Lunch Period
19 First Day of Classes
8th grade Students

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Labor Day ~No Classes~
16 New Lunch Period
16 Mid Term Reports
25 Sports Pictures
29-30 Respect Life Week

OCTOBER

- 1-3 Respect Life Week
4 Feast of St. Francis
9 Individual Pictures
14 New Lunch Period
14 Report Cards
16-17 K-8 Grades Parent Teacher Conference ~No Classes~
20 Teacher Convention ~No Classes~
20-24 Red Ribbon Week
26 Fun Night
31 Halloween Parties 2:30pm

NOVEMBER

- 7 8th. Grade Curriculum Fair
11 Mid Term Reports
12 Picture Retakes
14 New Lunch Period
17-21 Book Fair
24-25 Catechetical Institute ~No Classes~
26-28 Thanksgiving Break ~No Classes~

DECEMBER

- 4 Yearbook Group & Class Group Pictures
8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
~No Classes~
12 8th grade Breakfast
19 Christmas Parties
19 Report Cards
19 Christmas Holiday ~1:15 Dismissal~
22-Jan 2 Christmas Holiday ~No Classes~

JANUARY 2008

- 1-2 Christmas Holiday ~No Classes~
5 Classes Resume
5 New Lunch Period
13-16 Pre-enrollment for 2007-08
19 Martin Luther King Day
(Teacher Retreat) ~No Classes~
22 Sports Pictures
25-31 Catholic Schools Week

FEBRUARY

- 3 Mid Term Reports
3 New Lunch Period
5 Spring Individual Pictures
13 Valentine's Day Parties 2:30pm
Stewardship Day
16 President's Day ~No Classes~
19 Kdg Screening (Sibling)
22 Reconciliation @ 4:00pm
25 Ash Wednesday: ALL SCHOOL MASS

MARCH

- 4 New Lunch Period
5 Sports Pictures
10 Report Cards
10 New Kdg Screening
13 Conference Day (By request only)
~No Classes~
16-20 Spring Break ~No Classes~
28 First Communion @ 1:00

APRIL

- 9 New Lunch Period
9 Holy Thursday 1:15 Dismissal
9-13 Easter Break ~No Classes~
21 Mid Term Reports

MAY

- 1 May Crowning
11 Last Lunch Period
19 3 yr old Preschool Last Day
20 8th Grade Picnic and Dismissal
at 1:15pm
Farewell Mass @ 7:30 p.m
20 4 yr old Preschool Last Day
21 K-7 Picnic Day ~1:15 Dismissal~
22 Last Day of School
~11:00am Dismissal~
26 Report Cards Mailed

Special Dress Days

Table with 3 columns: Date, Event, Dress Code. Includes School Pictures, Red Ribbon Mass, Catholic Schools Week Mass, Spring Individual Pictures, Last Day of School.

In addition to the Liturgies celebrated with the students each day, the following para-liturgical celebrations will be held.

All School Adoration—1st Friday

Class Adoration—1st Monday

Table with 3 columns: Month, Date, Time. Lists adoration times for October, December, February, March, April, and May.

Treasury of Catholic Prayers

The Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Angel of God

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love entrusts me here; ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace After Meals

We give Thee thanks, Almighty God, for all thy benefits, which we have received from Thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong, and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Nicene Creed

We believe in God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, Begotten, not made, one in being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: By the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; I believe that your divine son became man, died for our sins, and that He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the holy Catholic Church teaches, because You have revealed them, Who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

Act of Hope

O my God, relying on Your infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

Act of Love

O my God, I love You above all things with my whole heart and soul, because You are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for love of You. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

The Morning Offering

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, the reparation for sin, the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our Bishops, and all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month. Amen.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before

thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

The Angelus

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. *And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary*
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. *Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary...*
V. (genuflect) And the Word was made flesh.
R. *And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...*
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us pray.*
All: Pour forth we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Regina Caeli "Queen of Heaven"

V. Queen of heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.
R. *For He whom you did merit to bear. Alleluia.*
V. Has risen, as He said. Alleluia.
R. *Pray for us to God. Alleluia.*
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.
R. *For the Lord is truly risen. Alleluia.*
V. Let us pray:
All: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we beseech you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Magnificat Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His Name. He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation. He has shown the strength of His arm, He has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. He has come to the help of His servant Israel for He has remembered His promise of mercy, the promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, O most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.

Come, Holy Spirit

V. Come, Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful.
R. *And kindle in them the fire of Your love.*
V. Send forth Your spirit and they shall be created.
R. *And You shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.*

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and other evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

The Four Cornerstones/Pillars of Our Catholic Faith

1. The Creed
2. The Our Father
3. The Sacraments
4. The Commandments

The Seven Sacraments

Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit (12)

love (charity)	kindness	gentleness
joy	goodness	faithfulness
peace	generosity	self control
patience	modesty	chastity

The Ten Commandments

1. I am the Lord your God, you shall not have false gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Keep holy the Lord's day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit (7)

wisdom	fortitude	piety
understanding	knowledge	counsel
fear of the Lord		

Corporal Works of Mercy

To feed the hungry.
To give drink to the thirsty.
To clothe the naked.
To visit the imprisoned.
To shelter the homeless.
To visit the sick.
To bury the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

To admonish the sinner.
To instruct the ignorant.
To counsel the doubtful.
To comfort the sorrowful.
To bear wrongs patiently.
To forgive all injuries.
To pray for the living and the dead.

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are the sorrowing,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the lowly,
for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are they who show mercy,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted
for the sake of righteousness, for theirs
is the kingdom of God.
(Matthew 5:3-10)

Holy Days of Obligation

Mary Mother of God - January 1
Ascension - 7th Sunday after Easter
Assumption - August 15
All Saints' Day - November 1
Immaculate Conception - December 8
Christmas - December 25

Rosary

1. Sign of the Cross
2. Apostles' Creed
3. Our Father
4. Three Hail Marys
5. Glory Be
6. For each decade: announce the mystery, Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory Be, and Fatima Prayer.
7. After the Rosary: Hail Holy Queen and Prayer after Rosary

Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls into heaven, especially those who have most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

Prayer after Rosary

Let us pray. O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that by meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mysteries of the Rosary

Joyful Mysteries (Mondays and Saturdays; Sundays during Christmas)

1. Annunciation
2. Visitation
3. Nativity (Birth) of Jesus
4. Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
5. Finding of Jesus in the Temple

Luminous Mysteries (Thursdays)

1. Baptism of Our Lord
2. Wedding at Cana
3. Proclamation of the Kingdom and forgiveness of sins
4. Transfiguration
5. Institution of the Eucharist

Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays; Sundays during Lent)

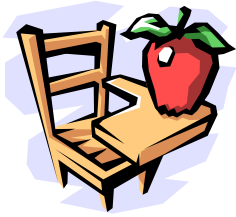
1. Agony in the Garden
2. Scourging at the Pillar
3. Crowning with Thorns
4. Carrying of the Cross
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

Glorious Mysteries (Wednesdays and Sundays)

1. Resurrection of Jesus
2. Ascension of Jesus into Heaven
3. Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Mary
4. Assumption of Mary into Heaven
5. Crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

Stations of the Cross: Meditations on the Suffering and Death of Jesus

1. Jesus is condemned to carry the cross.
2. Jesus accepts the cross.
3. Jesus falls the first time.
4. Jesus meets his sorrowful Mother.
5. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry the cross.
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.
7. Jesus falls the second time.
8. Jesus meets and speaks to the women of Jerusalem.
9. Jesus falls the third time.
10. Jesus is stripped of his garments.
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross.
12. Jesus dies on the cross.
13. Jesus is taken down from the cross.
14. Jesus is placed in the tomb.



WELCOME

Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School. This student agenda has been carefully prepared to help you organize your day and familiarize you with the school rules and policies

as you begin to get involved in the activities that are available to you.

During this year you will grow in many ways. The faculty and staff are here to assist you in that process. Remember your success will depend on the effort you put forth each day. Please read this agenda carefully, since each year there are changes and additions.

Our efforts are unified in the goal of leading all our students to be faithful stewards and disciples of Christ.

We are glad you are here - Welcome!

GOALS FOR ST. FRANCIS

The goals of parochial school education are summarized as the fullest development of:

1. Charity, respect for authority and for the rights of others in the true tradition of Christ.
2. An appreciation for our national heritage and freedom, and a determination to preserve and strengthen them.
3. God-given intellectual and physical potential.
4. The perseverance needed to effectively compete in an increasingly competitive society.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Home and School Association was formed in August of 2002. The purpose of the association is to promote cooperation between parents and teachers at St. Francis of Assisi School; to promote all organizations working for the advancement of Christian education in Catholic homes and schools; to coordinate the spiritual and educational forces of the home and school in a program of Catholic child training; to offer, through well-planned programs, information of particular interest to parents; and to create a greater appreciation of Catholic education.

The Home and School Association brings the organizations and activities together under one group with a common goal, the mission of our school: To form,

transform and inform students as members of Christ's Mystical body.

The 2008-2009 officers are:

President	Kris Pfeifer
Vice-President	Linda Mallory
Secretary	Lisa Navarro
Treasurer	Andrea Chapman

Co-Chairpersons:

School Support Activities	Julia Schauf
	Elizabeth DeMoss
	Suzanne Neville

Please watch the monthly school calendar for meetings and activities dates. Home and School Association information is also sent home with the oldest child through school mail.

FAMILY MENTORS

St. Francis School has an active Mentoring Committee which is available to any family who would like to participate. New families are assigned a mentor family, who is available to answer questions, explain procedures, give directions and help with any assistance needed. Any family who wishes to have or be a mentor family, should contact the school office. A booklet with answers to frequently asked questions is also available in the school office.

SCHOOL RULES AND POLICIES

Rules and policies are set forth below. The school rules apply equally throughout the entire school complex, including buildings and grounds, cafeteria, and at any other location where students represent or are identified with St. Francis School. Principles of discipline that apply on school days and during normal school hours apply to the same degree during extracurricular activities.

- A. A child is eligible for admission into Kindergarten if he or she has reached the age of 5 on or before Aug. 31.
- B. Certificates of Baptism, birth, immunization and social security number must be presented at time of registration.
- C. For pupils transferring out of St. Francis, one week advance notice is required for preparing transfer records.
- D. Text books are purchased by the school and rented to the students at cost. Rental fees are due at the time of registration. It is the responsibility of the parents to see that all books are properly protected. Books damaged through negligence or inadequate protection are paid for by the parents.
- E. Chewing gum is not permitted.
- F. Students are not permitted in the school building

before and/or after school or during recess except with the express permission of a member of the staff.

G. Cheating, regardless of grade level or circumstance, may be cause for detention and/or suspension.

GRADE AND REPORT CARDS

The Report Card serves as a medium for the teacher to provide parents with an evaluation of the child's development in scholastic subjects as well as his/her attitude and behavior. The parent should accept the report card in this light, consider it objectively, and use it constructively to assist and counsel the child.

The report card is confidential and is given to the student to deliver to the parents at the end of each nine week period. If there is any question about a grade, the parent should contact the teacher. Students should be cautioned against comparing grades with other students.

Grading Scale **Kindergarten — 2nd**

- 3 = Proficient
- 2 = Basic
- 1 = Unsatisfactory

Blank Box = Not Evaluated



Grades 3 — 8

A+ 99-100	A 95-98	A- 93-94
B+ 91-92	B 87-90	B- 85-86
C+ 83-84	C 78-82	C- 76-77
D+ 74-75	D 72-73	D- 70-71
	F 69 and below	

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL AND HONOR ROLL

Students in grades 7 & 8 are eligible for placement on the school's honor rolls. Determination is made at the end of each quarter. The following criteria is used:

Principal's Honor Roll = 4.0
Honor Roll = 3.7 or Higher

(any grade below a "C" on the report card excludes inclusion). Serving a detention during grading term negates being placed on Principal's Honor Roll/Honor Roll.)

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences are held periodically with the student's parents to discuss progress and personal development. Please feel free to contact any teacher to schedule an appointment to meet with them after school. Teachers remain at school until 4:00 p.m. each afternoon. Please call the office if you wish to schedule a conference to insure the teacher's availability.

COURTESY

School discipline is necessary if you want your child to learn. Training in character begins long before the child is old enough for Kindergarten. The teacher represents the parent in the classroom. There must be a genuine unity of purpose and practice between you and the teacher, otherwise your child will be torn between two authorities. The resulting confusion will make it difficult, if not impossible, for your child to learn. In order to form proper habits and attitudes, the following rules of good conduct are constantly emphasized in the classroom:

1. Obedience to all authority.
2. Respect for other people and their property, including church and school property.
3. Courtesy at all times and all places. We expect the children to conduct themselves in a refined and courteous manner whenever attending assemblies, social, and other gatherings. At no time will booing, whistling, stamping of feet, or improper yelling be allowed.
4. Trustworthiness and fair play. Disputes which arise during play time should be brought to the attention of the supervisor and should be settled in a democratic manner. Fighting on the school grounds is forbidden and will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Offense could result in suspension of any and all parties involved. Good sportsmanship is that quality of honor that desires to be courteous, fair and respectful, and is interpreted in the conduct of the players, spectators, coaches, and school authorities.
5. Snowballing or ice sliding is not permitted on school grounds nor in going to or from school. Parents are kindly asked to instruct their children to avoid throwing snowballs at any time. The bodily dangers involved, risks of permanent injury, and possible law suits are too great...law suits against parents.
6. Throwing of any objects not intended for that purpose, or the inappropriate playing with equipment or playing at the inappropriate time or place is forbidden. For example: throwing rocks, sticks, etc; playing ball when cars are arriving or leaving the parking lot, unsupervised play before or after school.

MONEY & GIFTS

If money is sent to the school with a child, please write the child's name, grade, amount of money and purpose for which it is sent in a sealed envelope. The school will not be responsible for lost money as children should not bring money to school without specific purpose. DO NOT send bouquets of flowers, balloons, cookies, or gifts to school for your child (birthday or otherwise). There is no safe or appropriate place to keep items of this type until dismissal. If sent, they will not be delivered to the child until after school.



DRESS CODE



It is the parents' responsibility to see that their student comes to school each day in the approved dress. The dress code provides parameters to help avoid distractions in the learning process as well as providing a greater measure of safety for the students.

All students' clothing should be neat, clean, pressed, and mended as necessary. All students are expected to be well groomed when they attend school. The dress code is in effect every school day. **Dress-up or special dress days may be chosen at the discretion of the administration.**

GIRLS

Jumper: (K-5)



The St. Francis of Assisi school uniform jumper is hunter green and black plaid and must be purchased through **Parker Uniform Company**. The hemline must touch the floor when the student kneels.

Skirt: (6-8)

The St. Francis of Assisi school uniform skirt which is a sewn-down pleated skirt in hunter green and black plaid, must be purchased through **Parker Uniform Company**. The hemline must touch the floor when the student kneels.

GIRLS and BOYS

Shirts:

Students may choose from a solid white or solid green knit polo shirt in either long or short sleeve. They also have the option of choosing a button down white oxford shirt in long or short sleeve. A white rolled down turtle neck may be worn in colder weather. **The green knit shirt must be purchased from the Parker Uniform Company.** White knit shirts can be obtained from Parker or from other vendors but must be free of logos, emblems, colored trim, and have plain white or clear buttons. Shirts must be fully tucked in all day.



Pants:

Classic navy uniform pants from Parker Uniforms or any retailer selling uniform pants satisfies the dress code for St. Francis of Assisi School. No name brand casual pants (ie: Dockers). Pants must be hemmed and have no turned up cuffs. Pants must be belted and worn at the waist. The belt and waistband of the pants must be visible at all times.

Belts:

A solid navy, brown or black belt must be worn. A

belt is required for any pants with belt loops including jeans on Spirit Days or Jean Days.

Sweater/Sweatshirt:

A navy blue or hunter green V-neck cardigan or pull-over sweater is acceptable. A navy vest is another option. **All sweaters and vests must be purchased through Parker School Uniform Company.** Students may wear a navy blue uniform sweatshirt over their uniform shirt. **Sweatshirts must be purchased from U.S. Logo and be size appropriate.** Over/undersized sweatshirts will not be allowed.

Shoes:



All shoes must be nearly solid in the colors of white, navy, dark green, black or brown. Gym/tennis shoes are permissible. Shoes with neon, fluorescent colors, or lights are not allowed. All shoes must be tied completely, and high top or large tongued shoes must be worn with the tongue discretely inside the pant leg. Shoes must be kept clean and repaired. Shoelaces must be solid color with no fluorescent or neon colors allowed. No sandals, opened toe/heel shoes, work boots, or cowboy boots. For safety purposes, heels in excess of one and one-half inches will not be allowed. Follow the regular guidelines in the dress code regarding shoes for Dress-up days, Jean days, and Spirit days.

Socks:

Socks are required to be worn as part of the uniform. Knee socks or tights are allowed. All socks must be visible above the shoe. Socks must be solid white, hunter green, or navy. All socks must be free of lace, ribbons or other decorations.

Shorts and Leggings:

Girls are encouraged to wear shorts under their uniforms. During cold weather, girls may wear navy or black leggings under their uniform. Girls may not wear jeans, sweat pants or flared pants under their uniform.

Hair:

All students are to keep their hair clean and neat at all times. Boys must keep their hair out of their eyes and off their collars. Girls must keep bangs out of their eyes and long hair out of their face. Long hair must be secured with a hair clip or headband for art class. Neither boys or girls may have fad hair fashions (including, but not limited to, Mohawks, shapes/designs cut into the hair, extensions, highlight colors etc.) **Students are NOT allowed to alter their hair color.**



Undershirts:

Students choosing to wear a shirt under their uniform shirt must select solid, white tee shirts free of designs or words. Undershirt sleeves must not be longer than uniform shirt sleeves.

Make-up and Jewelry:

Make-up is not permitted. Boys may not wear earrings. Neither boys nor girls may wear excessive accessories or jewelry such as multiple large necklaces, rings, bracelets, or earrings. If teachers feel accessories are distracting, the student will be required to remove the accessory. All necklaces must be worn inside the shirt. All jewelry must be removed during art class in the art room. Religious medals may be worn outside the shirt.

Scout Uniforms and Little Flower Uniforms:

These uniforms may be worn on the days of official functions.

Used Uniforms:

A used uniform sale is held every summer in June. All uniforms offered for sale are screened for wear and for compliance with the dress code. More details are published in the parish bulletin and the Vernacular (parish newsletter) prior to the sale dates. New uniforms are also available for sale at the same time in this same location.

Dress Up Days:

Girls: Dresses or skirts may be worn. Hemlines must touch the floor when the student kneels. Slit skirts must not be slit above the knee. Dress slacks may be worn. Blouses/shirts/sweaters must be long enough to cover the abdomen and back at all times. No sleeveless shirts/sweaters or Bermuda shorts are permitted. No words or numbers on shirts.

Boys: Dress slacks may be worn. All pants must be worn at the waist with a belt. Collared shirts or sweaters are allowed, however no tee-shirt material. Polo type shirts must be tucked in. No words or numbers on shirts.

8th Grade Farewell Mass Dress Code

Girls' dresses should be appropriate for wearing to church on Sunday. Formals, slender/spaghetti straps, slit skirts, backless or off the shoulder styles are NOT acceptable. Dresses should NOT be low cut, too tight, or too short.

Boys' attire usually consists of a dress shirt, dress slacks, dress shoes, and a tie.

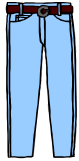
Spirit Day Dress:

Any **SFA** tee shirt, sweatshirt, or team jersey may be worn with jeans. Jeans and **SFA** shirts are allowed. Capri pants are permitted, however, no shorts or sweats are allowed. Students who do not have a spirit shirt, should wear their St. Francis uniform.

Any student who does not dress appropriately will not be allowed to participate in any future "Spirit Days" and will have to wear their uniform for the rest of the school year.

Free Dress Day:

Denim jeans in blue or black must be worn at the waist. Baggy, hip hugger jeans and overalls are not allowed. Capri pants are permitted. Long or short sleeve tee shirts are allowed as long as printed content is not offensive. Shirts, sweatshirts, turtlenecks, sweaters must be appropriately sized, avoiding skin tight or oversized fashions.



ENFORCEMENT OF DRESS CODE

The principal, assistant principal, teachers, and staff will monitor the dress of the students. The consequences for dress code violations are as follows:

1. The first infraction will require the student to call a parent to inform them of the violation. This call will be made in the presence of an administrator, teacher, or staff member.
2. The second infraction will require the student to call a parent in the presence of an administrator, teacher, or staff member and ask the parent to bring the appropriate uniform to school. The student will not be allowed to return to the classroom until they are dressed according to the code.
3. Any student that is consistently out of the prescribed dress code may face further disciplinary action that could result in expulsion from St. Francis of Assisi School.
4. The Catholic School Council realizes that the above requirements will not cover each and every situation. The administration reserves the right to make any necessary determinations.

No "Free Dress Days" for balance of the school year for any student who violates the dress code.

THE SCHOOL DAY



Grades K-8 Begins at 7:50 a.m. Dismissal 3:30 p.m.
Morning Preschool 7:50 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Afternoon Preschool 12:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

STUDENT MASS ATTENDANCE

Students in grades Kindergarten through eight are required to attend the 8:00 A.M. Mass with their class according to the schedule below.

No class Mass on Monday.
Grades 7 & 8 Tuesday
Grades 4, 5, & 6 Wednesday
Grades K, 1, 2, & 3 Thursday
Grades K thru 8 Friday





RELIGION

Religion is of prime importance, indeed the central element, in the school program. Knowledge of God must precede any real practice of religion. The child learns that religion is a life to be lived; that it is a part of all he does; that there are Commandments to be obeyed; it is brought home to him how he may daily prove his devotion to God by each deed of love and service to his neighbor."

(Diocesan Handbook of Policies)

ETIQUETTE FOR CHURCH

(To be observed by all at all times, not just school days)

1. Be on time for Holy Mass. Entering church after Mass has begun is always a distraction to the congregation. Coming early helps you find a place to sit and gives you time to prepare mentally and spiritually for Mass.
2. Upon entering the church, be mindful that you are entering the House of God. We begin our personal prayer at the entrance by making the sign of the cross with Holy Water, which reminds us of our Baptism when we became members of the mystical Body of Christ. We were Baptized with water in the name of the Holy Trinity. At this point there should be NO further talking, no chewing of gum, and a respect for others who are already gathered and are present in church for prayer.
3. When entering and leaving the pew, we genuflect before the Blessed Sacrament. This is a sign of our reverence and humble attitude before Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament in whose presence we have entered.
4. When entering the pew, be sure to move to the center of the pew so that other people do not have to crawl over you to get in. We should always begin by kneeling and making the sign of the cross, even if we arrive after Mass has begun. During this time, we should try to clear our minds of distractions and reflect on why we are here. We are about to enter into the highest form of worship that we can offer God, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We leave the world behind with all its noise and activity and direct our minds and hearts to God.
5. After we have placed ourselves in the presence of God and spend some time in prayer, we may be seated while we await the beginning of the liturgy.
6. When Mass begins, be ready to open the hymnal and join in the opening hymn.
7. In the introductory prayers we begin with the penitential rite where we call to mind our sins in a general way and ask the Lord for pardon and mercy.
8. We are then seated for the proclamation of the Word of God. We should be attentive and listen with both our mind and heart. We may want to follow along with the readings in the missalette.
9. After the Homily, the Profession of Faith and the Prayers of the Faithful, we begin the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the Offertory. The Eucharistic

Prayer is the most solemn part of the Mass. After the Holy, Holy, Holy the entire congregation should kneel as we prepare for the Consecration. NO ONE should be walking around except in dire emergency. If you are returning to your pew you should immediately kneel until the entire Eucharistic prayer is concluded.

10. As we approach the altar for Holy Communion, we should assume an attitude of profound reverence. If you prefer to receive communion in the hand, please open your hand flat, placing it over the other hand. This should be done slowly and reverently. Of course, our hands should be clean before receiving the Body of Christ. If you are receiving on the tongue, be sure to open your mouth and extend the tongue in a reverent manner. Always remember to say "Amen" in response to the Eucharistic Minister.
11. When we return to the pew we should assume a kneeling position. This is a very special time for prayer, thanksgiving, and deep meditation.
12. After the priest has reposed the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle, he will ask the congregation to rise for the closing prayer. We will conclude our celebration with the final blessing and the recessional hymn.
13. At the end of Mass all are asked to stay in their pews until the priest has completely left the altar, and the candles have been extinguished.

TARDIES



Our school day begins at 7:50 A.M.

All students who arrive late for class, regardless of the reason, must report to the office and obtain a tardy slip before being admitted to class. After five tardies, students will make up time lost as designated by the principal. A letter will be mailed home notifying parents of excessive tardies.

LEAVING SCHOOL

Parents are required to meet their children in the office for necessary appointments during the school day. The parent must sign the child out in the office. The child should be sent to the office to sign in when returning to school.

ABSENCES

A parent or guardian is asked to call the school on the day a child is absent or will be late due to an appointment. A written excuse from parents is expected when a child is absent from school. Trips and extended absences are to be discussed with the principal prior to departure and arrangements for assignments should be made with the teacher. A note to the teacher does not constitute an excused absence. A letter will be mailed home notifying parents of excessive absences.

TRUANCY

In accordance with state law 72-1113, a student shall be considered truant if the child is inexcusably absent on either three (3) consecutive school days, five (5) or

more days in any semester, or seven (7) days in a school year.

The principal shall notify the County Attorney, SRS, or other appropriate officials in writing of a student(s) who has been determined to be truant from school, the number of days the student(s) has been truant and the name and address of the parents/guardians.

RESPECT OF PROPERTY

Any damage done to school or church property, materials, furnishings, equipment, and /or the building(s) must be repaired or replaced at the expense of the offender. This also applies to students' properties if inappropriately handled or without the permission of the owner.

DISCIPLINE

A spirit of Catholic charity should permeate the school. Discipline is one means of achieving this goal and is aimed toward helping each child to grow in self-respect and responsibility as well as respect of others. Corrective measures will be taken by the classroom teacher or administration. If the child does not respond and improve behavior and/or attitude the parents will be called in for a conference. Some of the following measures may be employed: loss of recess time, writing exercises, detentions...age and maturity of the child will be considered in assigning discipline measures. For more serious offenses, there might be suspension, probation and/or expulsion. Corporal punishment is not considered an effective means of discipline and is not used in the Diocese of Wichita. Discipline can only be effective when parents and teachers cooperate and support each other in the role of educators.

The discipline policy for all 7th & 8th grade students is based on a demerit system. This does not negate any other discipline they may receive, nor are the teachers restricted to just demerits. Any student active in Catholic Schools Activity League that receives a detention will be suspended from the team for the period of the detention(s), usually one week. Any student receiving a detention will not be eligible for any "HONOR ROLL" recognition during the quarter the detention is taking place.

STUDENT TELEPHONE USAGE

Use of the telephone in the Main Office is limited to important calls only and is **not** to be used for personal calls.



CELL PHONE POLICY

Cell phones have become a valuable communication tool for parents and students, however the ability to text message and take pictures can lead to inappropriate actions. Therefore, cell phone use is absolutely prohibited while students are on school grounds with the exception of phone use for rides after practices or after other school activities. The phone by the gym door is available for student use after 5:00 p.m. If a student brings a cell phone to school, it must be turned off and

kept out of sight in the student's book bag or locker. Visible cell phones will be confiscated by teachers and staff and will not be returned to the student. A parent must come to school to see an administrator in order for the cell phone to be returned. Continued abuse of this policy will result in additional consequences. St. Francis of Assisi is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Each lunch period consists of 20 days. Students must eat the school hot lunch for the 20 day period OR bring a sack lunch for the 20 day period. This allows the kitchen to plan and purchase the correct quantities of food for the students. Please NO switching back and forth as this creates shortages and unusable leftovers. Menus will be sent home monthly.

Our hot lunch program is a key "ingredient" in our School Wellness Plan. Healthy school lunches provide energy for children's minds and bodies. Children who are not well fed have a harder time learning. Our food service workers are part of our educational team. They have made a commitment to assure that our lunches meet the nutrition standards established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture with attention to quality, taste, food safety and "kid appeal". Students are encouraged to participate.

Sack Lunch

If the child's sack lunch was forgotten and they must buy a hot lunch, please send the correct amount of money for your child's lunch the following day to school in an envelope **MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME** and give to the child's teacher.



Lunch Payments

Lunch payment envelopes are provided each month for your convenience. Please fill out the payment envelope completely and enclose your check. (We discourage sending cash with your child because of the chance of loss.) The envelopes will be sent home with the oldest child in the family the day before the new lunch period begins each month. Please return the envelope with the oldest child on the following day.

Free or reduced lunches are provided for students whose families qualify under federal guidelines. Applications will be distributed to all students at registration or in the school office during the school year. All information is kept confidential.

Food Allergies—The government requires our school to have a form signed by your doctor if your child has food or milk allergies. We are required to make substitutions in the school meal. These forms are available at registration or in the school office.

Fast Food—Please do not bring "Fast Food" or soft drinks (pop) into the cafeteria during lunchtime.

HOT LUNCH CLASS TIMES

1A 10:55-11:15	1B 11:00-11:20	1C 11:05-11:25
KA 11:10-11:30	KB 11:15-11:35	KC 11:20-11:40
2A 11:25-11:45	2B 11:30-11:50	2C 11:35-11:55
3A 11:40-12:00	3B 11:45-12:05	3C 11:50-12:10
4A 11:55-12:15	4B 12:00-12:20	4C 12:05-12:25
5B 12:10-12:30	5A 12:15-12:35	5C 12:20-12:40
7A 12:24-12:44	7B 12:28-12:48	7C 12:32-12:52
8A 12:36-12:56	8B 12:40-1:00	8C 12:44-1:04
6A 12:48-1:08	6B 12:52-1:12	6C 12:56-1:16

Guest Lunches

Parents and grandparents are always welcome to eat with your child. Please call the office one day in advance to make arrangements so the kitchen can plan for the extra meals. Payment should be made to the cashier in the cafeteria. Correct change would be helpful!

VOLUNTEERS

Stewardship is taught and encouraged at school. In this spirit, we appreciate your help in whatever way you are able to give. If you have special talents, please share them with us. Sign-up sheets are available at registration or by calling the office. Volunteers are required by the diocese to attend a VIRTUS training session. Check with the school office for dates and times. Also required is a signed copy of the Policy on Suspected Abuse.

PARTIES

Classroom parties are held in most classrooms on Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day and other special occasions at the teachers' discretion. Please sign up if you are available to help. Remember the Wellness Plan guidelines must be followed — only one treat may be of minimal nutritional value. You will be notified when to meet and discuss plans for the parties. Any deviation from this policy must be presented to the principal for approval.



Birthdays

Birthdays are acknowledged and celebrated at school for those occurring during the school year as well as during the summer months. Parents may bring treats to the classroom for these occasions but are asked to contact the teacher in advance so schedules can be adjusted. Please, no red drinks! If invitations are distributed at school, all students need to receive one, otherwise the invitations should be mailed.

FIELD TRIPS

Signed permission slips are required for students attending activities away from school. Children who do not return these slips will not be permitted to participate and will be kept at school or parents will be asked to pick them up. Parents are asked to volunteer their services for driving and supervising children

on these outings. A diocesan requirement is that we have on file a **driver's license and proof of insurance** for each driver. The diocese also requires each driver to read and sign the Policy on Suspected Abuse of Children and attend a Virtus training session.

Booster Seat

As of July 1, 2006, a new booster seat law became effective. The new law requires children ages 4, 5, 6 and 7 who either weigh less than 80 pounds or are shorter than 4' 9" in height to be placed in an "appropriate child passenger restraining system" that meets federal guidelines. This system is commonly known as a booster seat.

Keeping the students of St. Francis safe includes when they are riding in a car or truck for a field trip. It is required that drivers and parents have the proper booster seats when the students are leaving for any type of trip. In order to meet this requirement, students will be asked to bring their booster seats to school on days when a field trip is scheduled. Students that do not bring the required seat will not be allowed to participate in the field trip.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Although we have never yet had a serious emergency at St. Francis, we certainly want to be ready if one should occur. That means we take our fire and severe weather drills seriously!

Be sure to exit your classroom and the building in a quiet and orderly fashion. Your teachers will go over this information with you.

When the alarm does sound, you must walk quickly in a single file to your assigned area. This is not a time to play around, talk, laugh, push, or shove!

These drills conducted at regular intervals throughout the school year are required by law.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event that we should have to close school due to snow or any other disaster, we will contact the local radio and television stations. Please be sure to tune to the media before calling the school.



LOST AND FOUND



Take all lost or found items to the office. If you lose an item, report it to the office immediately. Report any lost textbooks to your classroom teacher. **PUT YOUR NAME ON EVERYTHING YOU BRING TO SCHOOL.**

COMPUTER LAB

The Computer Lab is open Monday thru Thursday after school until 4:00 pm. Arrangements may be made with the computer teacher for it to stay open later, if needed. It is available for students who need to complete school related assignments. Accelerated Reader testing is done in the Computer Lab Monday through Thursday from 3:30 — 3:45 pm.



EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM (EDP)

St. Francis of Assisi is pleased to offer our parents the Extended Day Program. This program provides a safe and secure environment for students before and after school. Morning hours, in the Cana Room are from 6:30-7:40 a.m. There is no charge from 7:20-7:40 a.m. Afternoon hours are 3:30-5:30 p.m. in Cana Hall. Please be sure your child is enrolled.

Any student not picked up by 3:45 p.m. will be sent to EDP and billed the \$25.00 registration fee and the hourly rate. Students using EDP must be picked up by 5:30 p.m. EDP is not available for drop-in childcare or Preschool students.

Children presently enrolled are given first priority each year if their accounts are current and their forms and fees are returned by the deadline.

The enrollment fee is \$25.00 per family to reserve a place for your children. Please see the EDP handbook for fees and complete details. You may also call the school office for additional information.

COUNSELING SERVICES

The goal of the counseling program is to increase academic achievement by fostering positive social, emotional, and spiritual development. Services provided include:

- individual sessions for children
- group sessions with children dealing with special issues (i.e. divorce, grief, conflict resolution)
- consultation with teachers regarding students
- classroom topics (i.e. self-esteem, friendship, problems with drugs/alcohol, bullying)
- teacher in-service
- referrals in the community for therapy & treatment services

Students may refer themselves to the counselor or they may be referred by a parent, teacher, priest, or staff member.

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING CLINIC

Wichita State University Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic in coordination with St. Francis of Assisi School offers diagnostic and therapeutic speech and language services to students Preschool-8th grade. The program, which operates on school premises during and after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, is avail-

able to students who are newly referred and those already receiving services through other agencies. Services offered include:

- screening
- evaluation and diagnosis
- treatment for voice, fluency, language, articulation, phonology and tongue thrust disorders.

If you would like more information about the services offered please contact Debbie Tremain MA,CCC-SLP at W.S.U. Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic at 978-3289.

HEALTH POLICIES

Students who are obviously sick should be kept home from school. This includes but is not limited to fever, vomiting, diarrhea, earache, pinkeye or rashes that might be contagious. Students must be without fever for 24 hours (without use of medicine such as Tylenol) before they are allowed to return to school. Parents should notify the office when a student is absent due to illness. The office will notify the teacher and the nurse.

Communicable Diseases—Health Department regulations for exclusion from school -

- Chicken pox—Excluded from school: until lesions are fully encrusted or until the 6th day onset of the rash, whichever comes first.
- Head lice—Excluded from school until treated and all nits are removed.
- Mononucleosis (Mono)—Excluded from school until fever free for 24 hours.
- Pink-eye—Excluded from school until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has begun.
- Ringworm—School attendance is allowed if the student is receiving treatment, but they should not participate in skin to skin contact (i.e. wrestling) until skin lesions are completely healed.
- Scabies (itch mite) - Excluded from school until appropriate treatment has begun.
- Staphylococcal infections (such as impetigo, abscesses and infected lacerations) are excluded from school until receiving medical treatment.
- Strep throat—Excluded from school until 24 hours after treatment with an antibiotic has begun.

Medication at School Policy

Parents are encouraged to arrange for medication to be given outside school hours. When it is necessary that medication be given at school, Diocesan policy requires a written request signed by both the parent and a doctor or dentist. A form for this purpose is available with the complete guidelines listed. The medication must come in the original container marked with the student's name. All medications are kept in the Health Room (exception-inhalers and epi pens). The policy applies to both prescription and over the counter medications. Parents are allowed to come to school and give the medication themselves if that is their preference.



Student Pregnancy Policy

Acts of premarital sex or abortion are serious sins and therefore occasions of grave scandal. When sexual misconduct results in pregnancy, the school's response must first of all reaffirm our respect for the sanctity of all human life. While the charity of Christ moves us to forgive and help a young woman and a young man when pregnancy results, in no way should our commitment to respond to the priority of life be interpreted as ignoring, treating lightly, or condoning sexual misconduct. Any student pregnancy requires a careful analysis of a student's status and presents the possibility of unique circumstances which require specific interpretation and application. The administrators of the local schools have the responsibility for making such interpretation and decision.

SAFETY PATROL

For the 5th & 6th grade students, Safety Patrol is a great way to show responsibility. They are able to help students safely pass at the crosswalks after school. Students will have the opportunity to volunteer for afternoon duty, which will be assigned every day for one week at a time. Depending on the number of volunteers, the amount of weeks assigned will fluctuate. The Safety Patrol training will take place shortly after the beginning of the school year.



BAND

The St. Francis Bands have been under the direction of Mrs. Jean O'Connell for the past 25 years. Students may join band in 5th grade. The 5th grade and 6th grade bands will perform two concerts their first year which will be the Christmas concert and a Spring concert. They may also perform with the 7/8th grade band at the last school pep rally. The 6th grade drummers will compose an original piece which they will perform on non-traditional percussion instruments. The 7/8th grade band is offered during Curriculum Enrichment class. Students may sign up for band and choir, and will be able to alternate each class for two or three days. The band performs for all pep assemblies, Christmas concert, Spring concert and if there's a St. Patrick's Day parade, the band will march. Band is an excellent musical experience that is performance based. Those who have been in band since 5th grade will enjoy the challenging and fun music they are now able to play. Guitar players are welcome if they are able to read music and take private lessons.

ST. FRANCIS CHOIRS

Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 have the opportunity to participate in "**Concert Choir**", an audition-based performing group. The rehearsals are after school from 3:40-4:30, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The group is for those students who like to sing and want to perform. This group provides an excellent musical experience as well as wholesome social fellowship.

The "**Concert Chorale**" is open to all 7th & 8th grade students. "**Concert Chorale**" is a class offered during Curriculum Enrichment. After school rehearsals will be announced ahead of time. Any student who wishes to participate in Chorale will be enrolled in 1st, 2nd and 4th quarter Choir. This way the choir stays consistent. These students wear special choir attire consisting of a white shirt with black skirts or pants and bow ties. This group has several performances during the year, including a Christmas tour.



ATHLETICS

St. Francis of Assisi participates in the Catholic School Activities League. Students in grades 6-8 may become active in volleyball, basketball, track, and cross country. Boys in grades 7-8 may participate in football. All participants must have a physical. The Catholic Schools Activities League has a special form that is available to be used when filling out the physical information. A cheerleading clinic is held in the spring for seventh grade girls interested in being on the squad for the following year.

Sports competition and practices are scheduled outside regular school hours. Compliance with athletic policies is required.

ASSIGNMENTS VIA INTERNET

7th and 8th grade students have access to their homework assignments via the internet.

1. Go to the web site www.ilearn.essdack.org.
2. Click on "Login".
3. Type in the student's user name and password. (student has this information).
4. Click on "Login".
5. Under "My Courses", click on the class titles "7th and 8th grade homework".

DEMERIT SYSTEM

1. All students are required to carry a demerit card and present it to a staff member upon request. Failure to present a demerit card will result in an automatic detention and demerit(s) put on a card. Demerit cards should be kept in their agenda books.

2. Lost demerit cards will result in a \$2 fine and an automatic three demerits assessed in the next sequential order. Students will not have the card replaced after a second replacement but will receive a detention and the sequential card. A washed demerit card must be turned into the principal and the student will be assessed a fine of \$2 and three automatic demerits in the next sequential order.

3. Accumulation of demerits will result in the following:

5 demerits = one detention

10 demerits = 2 consecutive detentions

15 demerits = 3 consecutive detentions, referral

20 demerits = 1 day in school suspension, referral

25 demerits = 1-3 day ISS, referral slip

30 demerits = 1-5 day out of school suspension,

referral, parent conference to discuss future at SFA.

A suspension of any sort requires students to do all work given, however, credit is given at the discretion of the classroom teacher and grades can be duly affected. A referral means that it is noted in the student's records that disciplinary action had been taken with the student. Parents are contacted when five demerits have been accumulated, or a detention has been given by individual instructors for violation of classroom procedures or directions. Cooperation and support from the parents is a necessary element in any school policy including the demerit system.

The demerit system does not negate the staff members' responsibility towards correction of consequences. The school cannot anticipate all situations and will take action in the absence of a specific rule or punishment to correct the situation in the spirit of these guidelines. A teacher detention may be given by individual instructors for violation of classroom procedures or directions.

DEMERIT CARDS ARE CUMULATIVE FOR THE SCHOOL TERM.

Violations are those behaviors which detract from the effectiveness of instruction and the good order of the school, and when accumulated also limit the ability of the student to meet all obligations. Violations may include but are not limited to:

1. Disrespect or insubordination to staff
2. Disruptive class or hall behavior
3. Dress code-grooming violation
4. Food, gum drink
5. Late to detention
6. Cheating
7. Misconduct at activities/functions
8. Lunchroom disturbance
9. Obscene gestures/inappropriate language
10. Unexcused tardy to class or school
11. Misbehavior at Mass or in church
12. Aggressive behavior toward student(s)
13. Misconduct during dismissal
14. Disrespect towards people or property
15. Other

This is not an all inclusive list. Actions not listed above will be handled by the teachers and administration as deemed necessary.

A major violation of the school's discipline code is one which seriously impairs the good order of the school, brings into question the student's willingness to remain in the school or harms the school's reputation. After any major violation, students must have a conference with the principal and pastor to determine the student's attendance status. Major violations include but are not limited to the following:

- Vandalism
- Alcohol/drug/tobacco possession or use
- Theft
- Falsification of parental permission, signatures
- Cheating
- Truancy

- Using obscene or profane gestures or language
- Refusal to follow instructions of authority
- Disrespect or insubordination to faculty or threats
- Tampering with fire alarms or use of any kind of incendiaries including matches, lighters, or fire works which may be harmful or disruptive
- Fighting or inappropriate behavior
- Leaving class, school building or school grounds without permission
- Accumulation of 20 demerits
- Removal from class due to behavior problem or continual violation of classroom rules
- Tampering with demerit system/cards
- Other

ACTIONS:

In most cases, consequences for major violations will occur according to the following:

- 1st major-multiple detention to expulsion
- 2nd major-In school suspension to expulsion
- 3rd major-conference to determine continued enrollment in St. Francis of Assisi

PARENTS ARE NOTIFIED OF ANY MAJOR VIOLATIONS AND ALL DISCIPLINARY REFERRAL FORMS.

DETENTION

Students are required to serve detention beginning at 7 a.m. and serve fifty minutes on the day assigned. Students will be given an assignment to complete during the time being served. It will in no case be used as a study time or tutoring time. A student reporting late to detention will be given a demerit for tardiness. A student not appearing for detention will be given a demerit and an additional detention, REGARDLESS of excuse for non-appearance. (This means one detention for not showing and one for make-up) Students are required to turn in their demerit cards on the last day of school. Those who have maintained expected behavior and attitude will be rewarded appropriately. Students involved in sports (CSAL) will be suspended from sports for a period of at least one week.

Diocesan Policy

Controlled Substance Guidelines

Our Lord calls us to respect His gift of our minds and bodies by practicing the virtues of prudence and temperance. Students' use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, other controlled substances, look-alike drugs, and act-alike drugs ("controlled substances") is illegal, and students who use these substances are to be held accountable.

1. The primary responsibility for addressing abuse of these controlled substances by students lies with the parents. Each school containing any of the grades 6-12 must have a plan for addressing substance abuse which includes annual mandatory

parent training: *ie.*, communication, information, formation, and consequences. Each parent organization must address substance abuse as a significant priority and report its efforts annually to the local school council.

2. Each school must have a written policy in its school handbook that outlines:

- a. program to educate students and parents about substance abuse
- b. procedures for confronting suspected substance use
- c. specific consequences which balance education and treatment of the offender and preservation of the common good
- d. consequences for participation in school activities and leadership positions for students who use or abuse controlled substances

3. Being in possession of, using, pushing, selling or threatening students regarding the use of any of the substances listed above is a violation of policy whether such behavior occurs:

- a) on school grounds
- b) at school functions, or
- c) at school-sponsored activities, whether on campus or at another site.

4. Students who assist in possession, use, or sale of controlled substances are also subject to disciplinary action. The principal may also notify the city police department of any controlled substance use that occurs on school grounds or at a school function.

5. A written record of the violation and disciplinary action taken must be kept on file.

6. When the principal (or designate) has reason to believe that a student possesses, has used, sold, or threatened others to use any controlled substance, she/he shall:

- a. confront the student immediately (except in the case of a medical emergency or disorientation).
- b. inform the student of the consequences of his/her behavior.
- c. notify the parent or legal guardian (or designate) of the student.
- d. Suspend the student until consequences have been met.
- e. in the case of a medical emergency related to substance abuse, any other procedures already set up by the school for medical emergencies should be followed.

7. Upon reasonable grounds, school officials, with a third party present, may search any property of the Diocese of Wichita (including lockers, desks, work

areas, or other assigned areas) and confiscate any substance considered to be illegal, illicit, dangerous, or disruptive. Parents shall be notified within twenty-four hours.

8. Upon reasonable grounds, school officials may also search and confiscate the personal possessions of students following the same guidelines as above. The reason for such a search must meet a standard of proof.

9. In order to set a good example for students, adult use of controlled substances above shall be banned from any school activity or school function where students are present.

10. Students who are concerned about their substance abuse and notify faculty or staff will not be subject to disciplinary action (once). Confidentiality will be honored when seeking and finding support for such a student.

COMMUNICATION

You can contact **any** SFA faculty or staff via email. All email addresses are the employees

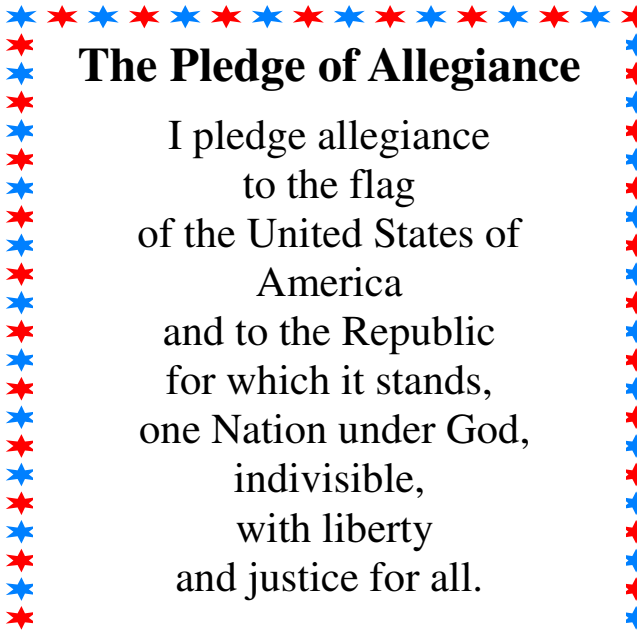
first initial and last name@stfranciswichita.com

For example:

mcarter@stfranciswichita.com

PRESCHOOL

The policies and guidelines for St. Francis of Assisi Preschool can be found in the Preschool Handbook.


The Pledge of Allegiance
I pledge allegiance
to the flag
of the United States of
America
and to the Republic
for which it stands,
one Nation under God,
indivisible,
with liberty
and justice for all.

St. Francis of Assisi Homework Policy

This explains the school's homework policy. Please read the policy with your child (or children) so that you understand the expectations of students and parents with regard to homework. We believe following these guidelines will help decrease tension associated with homework and increase your child's learning.

For your child to be successful with homework, she or he needs:

- A place to do homework. If possible, your child should do homework in the same place—an uncluttered, quiet space to study.
- A schedule for completing homework. Set a homework schedule that fits in with each week's particular activities. This may need to be adjusted from time to time.
- Encouragement, motivation, and prompting. It is not a good idea to sit with your children and do homework with them. They need to practice independently and to apply what they have learned in class. If your child consistently cannot complete homework assignments alone, please contact the teacher.
- Understanding of the knowledge. Each child learns differently and may require more support from their parents; however, when children are practicing a skill, ask which steps they find difficult and easy; ask how they plan to improve their speed and accuracy with the skill. If children are working on a project, ask them what knowledge they are using to complete the work. If your child consistently cannot answer these questions, please contact the teacher.
- Reasonable time expectations. Although there might be exceptions, as a general rule, children should do homework for approximately ten times their grade level in minutes (for example, a second grader would spend 20 minutes, a fifth grader 50 minutes).
- Bedtime. When it is time to go to bed, please stop your child from working, even if homework has not been finished. Additionally, we ask that you send a note to school to inform the teacher so that proper arrangements can be made.

Parent's Signature

Student's Signature

POLICY 420 CELL PHONE USE

Catholic school employees and volunteers are expected to use good judgment when operating a motor vehicle. Research has demonstrated that using a cell phone while driving creates a greater chance of being involved in a motor vehicle accident than other drivers. Therefore, cell phone use by employees and volunteers while operating a motor vehicle is prohibited when transporting students or other diocesan employees.

**POLICY 313
HARASSMENT**

Harassing behavior by adults cannot be tolerated in Catholic schools, whether it is persistent conduct or a single egregious act. Behavior is harassment when it has the purpose of creating an intimidating, abusive or offensive environment or unreasonably interferes with an individual's performance or behavior. Conduct targeted under this policy need not occur on the school premises or at a school-sponsored event to come under this policy. Third party persons who come in contact with diocesan employees or students are subject to this policy, whether they are volunteers, clients, family members, or the public (including parents and siblings, contractors, vendors, and others).

Employees who engage in harassment will be disciplined from verbal or written reprimand to suspension and termination as is appropriate. Third-party persons who violate this policy shall be subject to sanctions up to and including termination of the individual's relationship to the Catholic school system.

**POLICY 408A
STUDENT BULLYING AND HARASSING**

Bullying and harassing behaviors by students are not acceptable. This conduct need not occur on the school premises or at a school-sponsored event to come within the jurisdiction of the Diocese.

Each school must include in its guidance program periodic training for staff members, volunteers, and students about bullying, harassment, social alienation, and the consequences of such behavior. Students who are determined to have engaged in such behavior will be subject to progressive discipline ranging from mandatory counseling and suspension from participation in school-related activities and privileges, to disciplinary sanctions, up to and including expulsion, as laid out in each school's handbook.

POLICY 408B

VERBAL/PHYSICAL ASSAULT, THREAT OR HARASSMENT OF A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE AND/OR DAMAGE TO AND/OR THEFT OF PRIVATE PROPERTY BELONGING TO OR UNDER THE CONTROL OF A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE

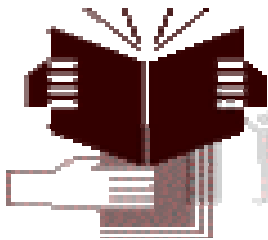
A student shall not intentionally cause or attempt to cause physical injury to a school employee or intentionally behave verbally in such a way as could reasonably be interpreted as a threat of physical violence to a school employee.

A student shall not intentionally cause or attempt to cause damage to any property and/or theft of any property belonging to or under the control of any school employee.

A student shall not use language or exhibit actions or gestures that could reasonably be considered profane, indecent, or obscene at or toward any school employee

1. on the school grounds during, before, or after school hours;
2. on the school grounds at any other time when the school is being used by a school group;
3. off the school grounds at a school activity, function, or event;
4. off the school grounds during, before, or after school hours, provided the act is a direct result of school employee performing his/her duties.

Violation of any provision of this behavior code may result in suspension and/or expulsion from school.
(KSA 38-120)



Saint Francis of Assisi Library

St. Francis of Assisi Library is an important part of the school, providing faculty and students with the materials they need to be successful. Every student has a scheduled time each week to use the library. In addition to this time, the library is open daily from 2:30 until 4:00 for their use. Students in grades K-2 may check out 2 books while students in grades 3-8 are allowed to have 3 books. The only fines assessed at the library are for books that are lost or destroyed. Fines are nonrefundable and must be paid by the end of the year.

2008-2009 Accelerated Reader Program

The Accelerated Reader goals set for the students will be individual goals. Teachers and students will work together to determine what they feel would be an appropriate goal for the student. Goals will be set each quarter and parents can view their student's individual goal in their agenda. Teachers will complete the second and third columns at the end of each quarter. An explanation of grade level goals which are different than individual goals and are the ones that are used to determine whether a child participates in the quarterly Accelerated Reader parties can be found on the St. Francis of Assisi Library web site, www.stfranciswichita.com/school/library.asp. If you have any questions about any part of the Accelerated Reader program you can contact your child's teacher or the librarians.

Student's Individual Accelerated Reading Plan

Student's Name _____

Teacher's Name _____

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Books Read/ Points Earned</u>	<u>Student's Average Score</u>
1 st Quarter	_____	_____	_____
2 nd Quarter	_____	_____	_____
3 rd Quarter	_____	_____	_____
4 th Quarter	_____	_____	_____

Please acknowledge that you've read the Accelerated Reader page and that you understand your child's goal.

Parent's signature

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