



Knights' News

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Some R and R for April, 2008

RECOLLECTIONS and REVELATIONS

No "Reminder Notes" left behind

In the mornings, as I walk up the main stairs on my way to class, I pause to read the monitor at the base of the stairs. The few announcements remind me of imminent activities and the ever present birthdays of the day. Certain things catch my attention, so I take a small sheet of paper from my pocket and jot down pertinent information. The NOTES IN MY POCKET are "kind of organized", although I have not graduated to a Blackberry, or anything similar to it.

Every so often I remove all the notes from my pocket(s), to see how I am doing with everything. There is a general category of "THINGS I NEED TO DO". This would include such things as making up a test for Thursday, recording grades on Teacher Ease, returning some phone calls, and other such practical matters. When things get a little too hectic, I find it helpful to even write a note reminding me to take some time for prayer today! Even that can get away from me at times.

Another category is "THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO DO". I find it difficult to handle conflicts in schedule when it is virtually impossible to do two things at the same time. Some saints, I've heard, had the ability to bi-locate. I'm sure those saints are envied, not only by me, but by many of our parents when they look over their schedules. On the same evening, the winter sports banquet is scheduled for 6:30 pm, while I am also scheduled for a penance service at 7:00 pm. I would love to be at the sports banquet and join the swimmers and their parents, and I want to help with the penance service; but I can't be at each! How many times do we face similar dilemmas? Then there is a very practical one of wanting to go to a movie tonight, but I have to make up a test for my class tomorrow.

Finally there is the category of "THINGS I SHOULD HAVE DONE". This happens when I look through my notes and come across something that I had marked for two weeks ago. Guess what? I totally forgot about it. St. Francis de Sales reminds me to practice humility in such instances, but it is not always easy.

The "NOTES IN MY POCKET(S)" and the various categories have helped me in my prayer life. I've learned "to give THANKS unto the Lord" for the many ordinary things that have been completed; to pray for STRENGTH in handling conflicts in scheduling; and to ask FORGIVENESS for things I should have done, but didn't. "Reminder notes": a wonderful way to remember the ways in which God's marvelous LOVE touches my life.

*Fr. John Lehner, O.S.F.S.
St. Francis de Sales High School Chaplain*

APRIL, 2008, CALENDAR

Tues.	Apr. 1	J.V Tennis vs. Northview at Ottawa Park Varsity Baseball at Cardinal Stritch Freshman Baseball at Maumee	4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
Wed.	Apr. 2	All Juniors - Art Day at Toledo Museum of Art J.V. Baseball vs. Cardinal Stritch	4:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Apr. 3	SFS Red Cross Blood Mobile Varsity Tennis vs. Waite at Navarre Park J.V. Track & Field at SFS JV Invitational	8:20 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.

Fri.	Apr. 4	Freshman Baseball vs. Whitmer	4:30 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 5	Salesian Retreat for Juniors / Seniors – through Monday Varsity Track & Field at Lima Invitational Varsity Baseball vs. Columbus de Sales (DH) Lacrosse at Granville Athletic Boosters Reverse Raffle - gym	11:00 p.m. J.V. 12:00 p.m. / Varsity 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. – midnight
Mon.	Apr. 7	Delayed Start – Faculty Meeting	Classes begin at 10:20 a.m.
Tues.	Apr. 8	Varsity Tennis at Whitmer Varsity Baseball vs. Springfield Freshman Baseball at Clay J.V. Baseball at Springfield Varsity Lacrosse at Bedford	4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
Wed.	Apr. 9	Chappuis Mass and Social J.V. Tennis at Perrysburg J.V. Track & Field at Whitmer J.V. Baseball vs. Start Varsity Baseball at Saline High School J.V. Lacrosse at Perrysburg	Mass in Chapel 8:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Apr. 10	Varsity Tennis at Rogers Freshman Track & Field Plastic W at Whitmer Freshman Baseball at Sylvania Southview	4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
Fri.	Apr. 11	J.V. Tennis at Southview Freshman Baseball vs. Perrysburg Battle of the Bands - SFS gym	4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 12	Brisson 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament - SFS gym (<i>additional r.s.v.p. forms in the main office</i>) Varsity Baseball at Youngstown Ursuline (DH) Varsity Track & Field – Gold W Invite at Whitmer Lacrosse vs. Columbus Bishop Watterson	t.b.a. 2:00 p.m. J.V. 3:00 p.m. / Varsity 5:00 p.m.
Sun.	Apr. 13	Freshman Baseball at Start	1:30 p.m.
Mon.	Apr. 14	J.V. Tennis vs. MVCD at Ottawa Park J.V. Track & Field at Rogers Varsity Baseball vs. Rogers J.V. Baseball at Rogers ACT Prep Class at SFS	4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Tues.	Apr. 15	Varsity Tennis vs. Scott at Ottawa Park	4:00 p.m.
Wed.	Apr. 16	Junior Service Fair (<i>All Juniors given the opportunity to see places for Senior Service Project</i>) Tennis at Maumee Lacrosse at Gilmour Academy Varsity Baseball vs. Woodward Varsity Track & Field vs. Bowsher & Rogers at Rogers J.V. Baseball at Woodward Campus Ministry Prayer Service – Charity & Chipotle at Chipotle	school day Varsity and J.V. 4:00 p.m. Varsity 4:30 p.m. / J.V. 6:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Apr. 17	Varsity Tennis vs. Libbey at Highland Park	4:00 p.m.
Fri.	Apr. 18	Junior / Senior Funarama Free Day (quota sellers only) J.V. Tennis vs. St. John's at Ottawa Park J.V. Baseball vs. Whitmer Varsity Baseball at Whitmer Junior / Senior Prom at Gladieux Meadows	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. – midnight
Sat.	Apr. 19	After Prom Party at SFS J.V. Lacrosse at Wooster J.V. Tourney Varsity Track & Field at Clyde Invitational Freshman Baseball at Central (DH)	12:30 a.m. – 4:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

Sun.	Apr. 20	Junior / Senior Salesian Retreat at Camp de Sales - <i>through Tuesday</i>	
Mon.	Apr. 21	J.V. Tennis at Perrysburg J.V. Baseball vs. Waite Varsity Baseball at Waite ACT Prep Class at SFS	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Tues.	Apr. 22	Varsity Tennis vs. Start at Jermain Freshman Baseball vs. Maumee	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
Wed.	Apr. 23	Tennis vs. Central at Jermain Park Varsity Baseball vs. Start Varsity Track & Field vs. Libbey and Scott at SFS Varsity Lacrosse at Anthony Wayne J.V. Baseball at Start J.V. Lacrosse at Ottawa Hills	Varsity and J.V. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Apr. 24	J.V. Track & Field at St. John's Varsity Tennis at Clay Freshman Baseball vs. St. John's	4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
Fri.	Apr. 25	J.V. Tennis at MVCD Varsity Baseball at Libbey J.V. Baseball vs. Libbey	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 26	J.V. Baseball at Sylvania Southview J.V. Baseball at Ottawa Hills Varsity Baseball vs. Ottawa Hills & Sylvania Southview Varsity Track & Field at Tiffin Invitational Freshman Baseball at Delta Lacrosse vs. New Albany	t.b.a. t.b.a. t.b.a. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. J.V. 1:00 p.m. / Varsity 3:00 p.m.
Sun.	Apr. 27	LASSO Cinco de Mayo Scholarship Dinner - <i>see enclosed flyer</i>	noon – 5:00 p.m.
Mon.	Apr. 28	Freshman Track & Field Knight Classic J.V. Baseball at Scott J.V. Baseball vs. Scott ACT Prep Class at SFS	4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Tues.	Apr. 29	Varsity Tennis vs. St. John's at Jermain Varsity Lacrosse vs. Rocky River Freshman Baseball at St. John's	4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
Wed.	Apr. 30	J.V. Baseball at Central Tennis vs. Fremont at Ottawa Park Varsity Track & Field vs. Whitmer & Waite at SFS Varsity Baseball vs. Central J.V. Lacrosse at St. John's	t.b.a. Varsity and J.V. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

FUNARAMA 2008 was held on the last Sunday of February, as has been the custom for the past two decades. The Brisson and Chappuis parents, organized and staffed the event, taking care of everything from gathering prizes to staffing booths. Each student was asked to sell \$60 in raffle tickets: those who met their quota will receive a free day, date to be announced. Chairing the event for the Brisson Society: Joe Swint; Chappuis chairs were: Linda Karzim and Laurie Yeager; student chairs were seniors Joe Torti and Mike McKernan.

The first prize winner of \$100 a week for one year was Kathy Burkin; second prize winner of \$100 a month for one year was Mike McKernan; third prize winner of \$500 in cash was Judy Paulsen.

Junior and Senior Funarama Holiday – an incentive to sell FUNARAMA tickets is a class holiday. Both the Seniors and Juniors reached their class quota, therefore, students in those classes who reached their individual quota may take the FUNARAMA HOLIDAY. The FUNARAMA HOLIDAY for Juniors and Seniors is Friday, April 18th (Prom). Students who do not qualify for the free day **MUST** report to school. Since many are tempted to skip and take a holiday with their classmates, THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE EXCUSE FOR FUNARAMA HOLIDAY IS A WRITTEN NOTE FROM A MEDICAL DOCTOR. It would be unfair for the students who sold their quota for others to have the holiday. It would be giving the wrong message for students to “fake” an excuse for that day. Your cooperation is appreciated in this matter.

St. Francis **does not recognize a Senior Skip Day** in any form. It is not, nor has it ever been, a tradition in our school. Your son will be informed of special consequences if he should choose to skip a day organized as such. Teachers will be instructed to give no credit or zeros for work missed. St. Francis takes this stance on your behalf, for the safety of your son, and in accordance with state laws. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. *Carl Collier, Dean of Students.*

SENIOR PARENTS: Beginning **Monday, April 28th**, Seniors will be afforded the added privilege of **OPEN CAMPUS**. This means that your senior son may leave the school during his free periods.

Free Period – A free period is any period which shows up as a blank on his class schedule (including lunch). If he is a Teacher's Assistant (TA) during any of these blank periods, he is expected to report daily for that period. Each TA must clear any departures or absences with his teacher.

AP Classes – All AP students will meet every day until the date of the scheduled AP Exam. After that date, attendance at that AP class will be determined by the teacher for that class.

Please be advised that your son will be able to come and go during the day as long as he is in attendance for his mandatory classes. If you do not want your son leaving school during these final days, please contact Mr. Collier, Dean of Students.

Any Senior on Disciplinary Probation or Academic Ineligible List, will not be afforded this privilege.

Thursday, April 3rd is the St. Francis **Red Cross Blood Donor Day** in our gym. All parents are invited to be donors....call Pat Fittante or Kate Malone (419-531-1618 ext. 323) for an appointment. It is best to make an appointment but we are also grateful for drop-ins from 8:20 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Students 17 and older will be asked to donate. If you have never seen the Red Cross Blood Mobile set up, stop in....the event is organized and staffed by the students. The Knights donate over 100 units of blood to our community....*it is an impressive endeavor!*

REGISTRATION for the 2008-2009 school year is due on April 30th for all classes....

Details on the 2008-2009 tuition will be forthcoming.

St. Francis de Sales High School awards **Financial Assistance** only to families submitting applications through the Private School Aid Service Tuition Assistance Program. **A new application must be submitted each year.** *The forms may be attained on line through the SFS web page – www.sfstoleado.org or from Fr. Olszewski's office at this time.* The amount of financial aid is determined by consideration of: family size, income, net worth (savings, home equity, other assets), a student's age and scholarships the student may have earned. All students receiving financial aid are required to work at school as part of the financial aid package.

Guidance News

SENIORS

Important Notice to Senior Parents: Mr. Maj will be requiring a student information and verification form to be completed by students and their parents no later than April 14th. The purpose of this information is to verify all the information that has been processed through Mr. Maj's office. Mr. Maj will be requiring this form to be completed on-line through Naviance Family Connection. Mr. Maj will provide your son with the instructions via group e-mail to seniors and their parents. If your son receives additional scholarships or if he is undecided as to his **FINAL CHOICE SCHOOL**, he can go back into the site and make the necessary changes. Mr. Maj encourages a parent to assist his or her son in completing this information for graduation purposes. If you or your son does not have an e-mail address, please request your son to see Mr. Maj for the necessary information.

Attention Senior Parents and Seniors: Students are reminded that most schools require that you notify them that you are attending the college in the fall before May 1st. This notification also requires certain payment fees depending upon the school's policy. Mr. Maj encourages students and parents to review their financial aid packages prior to making a final decision. Once a decision is made students must follow through the directives for offers of admission and for financial aid packages. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Maj or Mrs. Faust.

Mr. Maj must have a copy of all your letters regarding the status of your college applications. Seniors must also bring in copies of all scholarship awards and financial aid packages from each university that you were accepted at. Only those acceptances and scholarship awards **verified in writing** will be posted in the **Graduation Program**. Individual scholarship dollars are not identified and all financial aid packages remain confidential.

Seniors often forget that they need to continue to work until the end of the school year. Final transcripts are sent to final choice schools at the end of June. All college acceptances are **"conditional acceptances"** until colleges receive the final transcripts. Seniors are reminded that they must pass all their courses, tuition and fees must be paid in full, any materials belonging to the school must be returned to the school, and demerits or detentions must be served in order to receive their high school diploma. Parents are encouraged to call their sons to accountability during these last and somewhat difficult months.

JUNIORS

Prospective Student-Athletes: The National College Athletic Association (NCAA) does not recognize failures made up by private tutoring. If your son has aspirations of playing sports at the collegiate level any failure should be made up in summer school. All students interested in playing a college sport were required to complete an information sheet for Mr. Maj on-line. NCAA registration needs to be completed on-line at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net by the end of the school year. Students must download the transcript release form and bring two copies of the form to Mr. Maj giving him permission to send the transcript to the NCAA Clearinghouse.

All juniors should be in the process of registering for the SAT and the ACT. The SAT has a required Writing Test and the ACT has an Optional Writing Test. Students were given the necessary information for registering and the appropriate deadlines for registration. All students should register to take both examinations in May/June. Student should also register to take the optional writing portion of the ACT. Students were encouraged to complete all their college research prior to registering for these examinations. Students and parents are reminded that more and more schools, including state schools, want the scores sent to them directly from the testing institutions. Students should identify the schools they want score reports sent to on their registration forms; otherwise, they will be incurring additional costs in the future. No junior should be taking the examinations for the first time in the fall of their senior year. When students are researching schools they need to be attentive to admissions requirement and to the requirement for their designated major. Some selective schools require SAT subject area tests; these have already been discussed with your sons. Mr. Maj is meeting with each junior to discuss his career and college goals.

REGISTER ONLINE: **SAT (www.collegeboard.org)** **ACT (www.act.org)**

SAT	June 7, 2008	registration deadline	May 6, 2008
ACT	June 14, 2008	registration deadline	May 9, 2008

SOPHOMORES

PLAN test results have been received. Ms. Konnert will be going in to sophomore seminar classes this month to provide students with an interpretation of the results. Once all students have them Ms. Konnert will send out an e-mail through the Naviance system to let you know this. If you are not yet registered on Naviance, please let either your son's counselor or Ms. Konnert know so he/she can provide you with your unique 6-character registration code. And to view a power point interpretations go to:

www.sfstoledo.org/faculty/personal/kkonnert and click on the link.

FRESHMEN

Freshmen currently in Computer Applications class were introduced to ACT Discover and Naviance recently. These are computer base programs used on a regular basis by the guidance counselors to assist students in making important academic and career decisions.

All Parents: All students have been assigned various tasks in Naviance and in ACT/Discover. Assignments for each class have been posted in Naviance's website <http://connection.naviance.com/sfstoledo>. Parent guest password is majfaust. Your son should have been given this code in an envelope for you when he met with his counselor for registration. Parents will be able to complete the parent brag sheet on line through this system.

The Guidance Department is in the process of recruiting additional tutors for students in need of tutorial services. If you are a certified high school teacher interested in providing your services outside of the regular school day, please call Mr. Maj at SFS. Parents are expected to initiate the contact with you to make the necessary arrangements for services and fees. A copy of your certificate will need to be on file in our administrative office. Tutoring is an invaluable prescription for some of our students seeking success.

Many fine educational opportunities both here in the United States and abroad continue to arrive almost daily for students for this summer. If you would like to see what is available, please contact Mr. Arnold in the Guidance Department or go on line to the Family Connections part of the Naviance program.

Teen Institute members on March 6th made a presentation about living drug and alcohol free to the eighth graders at St. Patrick's of Heatherdowns School. Those who participated included senior, **Rami Barazi, Mark Blowers, Greg Boyer, Alex Malosh, Adam McCabe, Sean McCarthy, and Ryan Raftery**; juniors, **Alex Beck, Tom Dunn, Jon Findlay, Connor Gavin, Trevon Gaston, Nick Glover, Greg Pacer, Scott Uram, Andy Urbanski, and Dan Wilczynski**; sophomore, **Samuel Evola** and freshmen, **Danny Barazi, A.J. Glover, John Lincoln and Dakota Stugarek**. **Mark Blowers** was the master of ceremonies and **Adam McCabe and Dan Wilczynski** gave outstanding speeches.

Upcoming Teen Institute events include

.....April 10: All Saints, Rossford – Presentation to 7th and 8th graders.
.....April 25: Fourth Annual Regional Teen Day at Northwest State Community College.

Chappuis News

Upcoming events:

Wednesday, April 9, 2008 - Chappuis Mass 8:30 am; fellowship gathering afterward. Please join Chappuis moms for our final *morning* Mass this school year. Don't miss this chance to meet SFS moms and catch up on Chappuis happenings!



Friday/Sat – April 18/19 - Junior-Senior After-Prom — Help needed with this “High Rollin’ Knight!” Our annual after-prom party for our junior and senior knights is just around the corner, and we need about 40 chaperones to help with games, food, raffles, etc., at SFS from 11:30 pm – 4 am. We thank those of you who have volunteered, and we encourage more of you to do so! If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Anne Williams, annewill@umich.edu, or (419) 534-2263. Heartfelt thanks to those of you who provided a generous donation or gift for this event. There is still time to make a donation - just send in the donation form to the main office or call Karen David.



Volunteers are always needed for the SFS Spirit Store. If you can help out – even just a day or two; please call Debi Billings at (419) 351-0668.

Harms Carpet One Floor & Home in Maumee is offering a fundraising opportunity for SFS. On purchases of new flooring, 3% of the pre-tax sale will be donated to SFS. All you need do is complete the form “Giving Back to Schools” which is available in the main office and on the Chappuis website. Feel free to visit their website at www.harmscarpetone.com for further information about product offerings. Please contact Karen David if you have any questions.

Pam Barnswell, Creative Memories Consultant, has offered SFS parents a fundraising opportunity for digital storybooks. Information will be available at our April Chappuis gathering, and is available in the Spirit Store. Feel free to call Pam directly at 419-534-3012 with any questions.



to all our volunteers:

Mary Westphal, Barb Schlembach, Linda Yodzis, and Marie Mocek for organizing our Knight of Insight. This annual event featuring Fr. Olszewski was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Fr. O for sharing his knowledge and wisdom.

All our dedicated Fun-A-Rama volunteers, especially Linda Karazim and Laurie Yeager, Co-Chairs. Here is a note from Linda Karazim: “Volunteers are the heart of our successes at Fun-A-Rama. Over 325 S.F.S. Knights, parents, families, alumni and friends gave of their time on Sunday, February 24. To the booth chairs, booth volunteers, those who created the almost 50 Country Store baskets and the bakers of the very yummy baked goods, I thank you. We had the highest number of volunteers and donations than ever. Your loyalty and love of St. Francis de Sales are more than evident. Kudos to all who joined us to make the 2008 Fun-A-Rama the best ever!” Thanks to Fr. Extejt for his leadership and guidance, too!

Marianne Kirian and the Collegium Honorum Committee for all the coordination and serving of refreshments for this special event. More than 125 Knights, who achieved a cumulative GPA or 4.000 or better, were honored.

Anne Williams and our After-Prom Committee, Don Conry, Tim Gerken, our Knight-Riders Basketball Team and supportive faculty and staff for all their time and energy devoted to the charity basketball game against the Channel 13 All Stars.

All the moms who graciously donated cookies and helped with set up and serving for our National Honor Society Program.

Remember to check the Chappuis Website at www.sfstoledo.org, click on “Parents”, then Chappuis, for the latest information. Feel free to call Karen David, Chappuis President, (419) 843-9065; karensdavid@bex.net with questions or comments.