

SFA PTO NEWSLETTER 3-2-11

PTO MEETING

The March PTO meeting has been **MOVED!** It will be held this Monday, March 7th at 7:30 pm in the library. Please make a note of it and plan to attend!

WALKATHON MEETING

There will be a Walkathon meeting on Monday, March 7th at 6:30 pm before the PTO meeting. Please try to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Sargi.

JR. HIGH DANCE CHAPERONES

Our last dance is this Friday, March 4th. The following families are scheduled to chaperone: Fuerst, MacKenzie (2), Wagner, Besselman, Henighan, Wong, Pannitto, Flowers, Ferritto, Hyslop, Olivio and Alicea. Please plan to arrive by 6:45 and to stay until 10:15. If you have not chaperoned 2 dances and would like to volunteer for this dance or if you have any questions, please contact Susan Carney at scarney9@yahoo.com or 440-729-7574.

ATTENTION TRACK ATHLETES....GRADES 4-8

First practice will be on Tuesday, March 8th from 6:45 - 8:00 pm in the SFA GYM. The practice schedule for the first two weeks (Week of March 7 & 14) will be Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 6:45 - 8:00pm. Information regarding practices after the first two weeks will be passed out during the first week of practice. Any questions please contact DeAnn Bartram (bartrams@sbcglobal.net). Come prepared to run outside weather permitting.

ATTENTION 7TH GRADE PARENTS

Please plan on attending an informational meeting about fundraising for our Washington D.C. trip next year. The meeting will be held Monday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Our first fundraising event is the last school dance scheduled for Friday, April 15th and we need to organize volunteers. Any questions contact Sue Matticoli 440-256-8980 or Lesley Deegan 440-684-0464.

COSI ON WHEELS

Looking for Volunteer Hours? COSI On Wheels is coming to SFA Wednesday, March 16, 2011! This year's program for grades K-5 is "The Incredible Human Machine". Volunteers are needed to help out with the hands-on activities that day. Interested in helping out and earning some volunteer hours? Contact Audra Norton at (440) 446-0711 or audnorton@yahoo.com

MALLEY'S TIME

Look for the Malley's Easter Candy Catalog to come home with your child today. A letter is attached with instructions for ordering. You can contact Lisa Atkinson (Spech) or Gina Corcelli for questions. Your order benefits the Junior High and is so greatly appreciated!

STUDENT FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

Lent is coming!! Lent is coming!! - Wednesday, March 9th is Ash Wednesday.

Last week the Pope gave his annual Lenten message, with a theme from Colossians: "You were buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him." The Holy Father illustrated a "particular connection" between baptism and Lent, "as the favorable time to experience this saving grace." He observed how receiving Baptism as an infant "highlights how it is a gift of God: no one earns eternal life through their own efforts. The mercy of God, which cancels sin and, at the same time, allows us to experience in our lives 'the mind of Christ Jesus,' is given to men and women freely." "Baptism," the Pope said, "is not a rite from the past, but the encounter with Christ, which informs the entire existence of the baptized, imparting divine life and calling for sincere conversion; initiated and supported by grace, it permits the baptized to reach the adult stature of Christ."

The Lenten process of conversion, he said, is designed "to free our hearts every day from the burden of material things, from a self-centered relationship with the 'world' that impoverishes us and prevents us from being available and open to God and our neighbor. "Through fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, he said, "Lent teaches us how to live the love of Christ in an ever more radical way."

Fasting helps people overcome selfishness and self-centeredness; almsgiving is a reminder of the sharing that should mark each day of a Christian's life; and time dedicated to prayer is a reminder that time belongs to God and his desire is for people to spend eternity with him.

Stay tuned next week for more of Pope Benedict's Lenten message.....

Readings for Sunday March 6th:

Dt 1:18 26,28,32

Romans 3: 21-25,28

Mt 7:21-27

PTO BOARD POSITIONS

The positions of Vice President and Treasurer are up for nomination for the 2011-12 and 2012-

13 school years. It is a two year term. If you are interested in the positions or have any questions please contact Kelly Sargi or Toni Carr.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The following committee chairs are available for next year: Santa Shop, Chess, Ladies Night Out and Hospitality. If you are interested in chairing one of these (it's a great way to get volunteer hours and get involved!) please contact Kelly Sargi.

PTO BREAK THE ICE

This is a new feature where we get to know the faculty, staff, and parents of SFA a little better! If you are interested in participating, email darvina@yahoo.com!

This week we learn a little about Mrs. Publicover:

1. Husband, Children: [My husband's name is Dan and we will be married for 10 years this June. I have one daughter, Sophia, 20 months old.](#)
2. Who was your favorite celebrity as a child? [Mickey Mouse](#)
3. Favorite Book? [As a child, Superfudge by Judy Blume. As an adult, To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee](#)
4. Favorite pizza topping? [Mozzarella di bufala and artichokes](#)
5. What super power would you love to have? [A healing power of some kind would be amazing!](#)
6. What is 1 word that describes you best? [Compassionate](#)

FAMOUS QUOTE

"It's not the load that breaks you down, it's the way you carry it." Lena Horne

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE PTO NEWSLETTER

If you wish to include something in this newsletter, please email Darvina Knaggs at darvina@yahoo.com or send your info through school mail addressed "NEWSLETTER c/o Natalie Knaggs 2-9". To be included in Wednesday's envelope, all submissions must be received by email no later than 3:00 pm on TUESDAYS or school mail on TUESDAYS.