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Deadline for submissions to this newsletter is Thursday @ 11:00 a.m.

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## *Christ – Above All Things*

### **Retreat! Retreat!**

Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> will be a fun day away from school – a day of reflection and retreat for our underclassmen! Please check out bus times, below, for freshmen and sophs, and have your student to school in plenty of time to be checked in before their bus leaves.

**Freshmen** will head out to Timberlee Resort for a retreat entitled “It’s About Time”. Presentations will be given by 3 senior students addressing the fears and anxieties of high school life. Senior speakers will encourage the students to rely on their faith through the sometimes difficult times of high school - talking about their own high school experiences, how they turned to God for help, and how He continues to guide them now. With games, prayer, discussion, a delicious lunch, and of course the celebration of the Eucharist with Father Ken Stachnik, this is certain to be a memorable retreat for the freshman class. The bus leaves St. Francis at 9:00 a.m.

**Sophomores** will spend the day in beautiful Empire at St. Philip Neri parish. Theme for the sophomore retreat is “Obstacles to Christ”. Through both large and small group activities, students will be challenged to recognize those things in life that get in the way of a better relationship with Jesus. Activities will take place both indoors and out. Fr. Zeljko, new pastor at St. Philip’s, will offer a special presentation for our students as well as Mass to finish up our day. Sophomore leaders have prepared a powerful skit to share with their classmates after lunch, offering a striking visual of the battle Satan wages, trying to keep us from a relationship with Christ. Weather permitting; we will walk down to Empire Beach to enjoy some fresh air and lunch together. Sophomore bus leaves SF at 7:30 a.m.

The **junior class** will meet at Immaculate Conception’s Centennial Hall Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. to spend the day looking at their relationship with Jesus as well as the different styles of prayer they can use to enhance that relationship. Juniors will examine some of the relationships Jesus had with people during his

lifetime and how their encounters with Him changed their lives. They will examine the qualities of a healthy relationship and discuss the important role friends play in our lives. Students will have time to reflect on what they've learned during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The junior retreat will end at 2:30 p.m., with either students driving themselves home or parent transportation.

### **SF Blood Drive**

St. Francis Student Council will be sponsoring a blood drive here at SF on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Anyone age 16 or older can donate. Parents are also invited to sign up for a slot. The sign- up sheet is located in the high school office.

### **Congratulations to Kiwanis Student of the Month**

Tyler Hansen was recognized as the Kiwanis Student of the Month at a luncheon at the Elks Club this past Monday.

### **Congratulations to Rotary Students of the Month**

Kate DeYoung and Greg Wallace were recognized this past Tuesday at the Rotary lunch at the Country Club.

### **Lost & Found**

**Lost** at SF – Girls North Face aqua/grey jacket

**Found** at SF – Green MSU hooded sweatshirt

Black NIKE hooded sweatshirt

Light Blue American Eagle hooded sweatshirt

### **Upcoming:**

October 17<sup>th</sup> Underclassmen Retreats and senior service day

October 18<sup>th</sup> No Chapel Mass this week.

October 21<sup>st</sup> **No late start.** Speaker Fr. Ben Ludetke in the Kohler Auditorium- Jean Day to benefit Breast Cancer Bowl – SF Blood Drive all day.

Adjusted schedule for Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>.

1 <sup>st</sup>	7:50 – 8:35
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:40 – 9:22
Assembly	9:27 – 10:12 (8 <sup>th</sup> grade will be joining us)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:17 – 11:59
4 <sup>th</sup>	10:04 – 11:46
5 <sup>th</sup>	11:51 – 12:33
Lunch	12:33 – 1:13
6 <sup>th</sup>	1:13 – 1:55
7 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 – 2:42

October 28<sup>th</sup> Gladhander Preview Night - No school for High School

October 29<sup>th</sup> Gladhander

November 4<sup>th</sup> – Picture Retake Day

November 7<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL – Regional Staff Development Day

November 10<sup>th</sup> – ½ day – Parent Teacher Conferences

