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

Please email information for the SF newsletter to Kathy Hunt at khunt@gtacs.org

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Christ – Above All Things

From the Principal

Twenty SF Students Give Witness to the Gospel of Life

In 1984 in Denver at World Youth Day Pope John Paul II called the youth to join the Church in fighting for a “Culture of Life.” This is what 20 of our students did as they joined over 300,000 of the faithful in Washington D.C. for the March for Life. They represented our entire school witnessing to and fighting for the rights and lives of the unborn. I spoke with four of our students that went, and they were deeply affected by this experience. Kara Jarvis and Marea Swaffer were moved to tears at a rally and were energized to continue this fight against the gravest social sin of our day. It is as Pope John Paul II declared in his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*: “Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of *that* person's life.” I want to thank all the students who organized the trip and the parents who accompanied them. We are all ready to make this trip a more significant part of our school; especially since next year will be the 40th anniversary of the devastating decision that the Supreme Court made in “Roe vs. Wade.”

Peace and All Good,
Mr. Erick Chittle

From the Counselor

Dear SF families,

Students from the sophomore class will be participating in a field trip to the Career Tech Center on Thursday, February 2nd. ONLY those students who turned in a signed permission form will be allowed to attend. REMEMBER to pack a sack lunch/drink to eat while we are in route to the Career Tech Center.

This is an exciting opportunity to see what classes are available to take during your junior and senior years.

Schedule changes should be completed. If you received a drop/add form from the office, please return it ASAP so the appropriate changes can be made in the computer.

KEEP visiting the scholarship box. Many new scholarships have been added and the updated list will be sent home early next week. Deadlines are quickly approaching and you don't want to miss the opportunity for some scholarship \$\$\$!

Know I continue to pray for you all,
Beth Maday

Report Cards

Report cards were handed out on Thursday this week. If your student has not picked up they are still available in the office.

GUYS and DOLLS Musical Production at SF

Get your tickets now don't wait until there gone! The high school is performing "Guys and Dolls" this year in the Kohler Auditorium.

Show times are:

Friday, February 10th 7 p.m.

Friday, February 17th 7 p.m.

Saturday February 11th 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 18th 7 p.m.

Sunday February 12th 2 p.m.

Sunday, February 19th 2 p.m.

Box office 946-0715 **11:00-2:00** \$15 Adults/\$10 Students and Seniors (65 & over)
(Box office located in the gym lobby off 11th street)

Student Sets New School Record in Basketball at SF

Sean Sheldon set a school record on Wednesday night for the most points scored in a boys' basketball game. Sean broke a record set by two former players by scoring 46 points in a 104-78 victory over the Benzie Central Huskies. Rich Eikey posted 42 points two times in his career in 1981 against Manistee Catholic and in 1982 over the Kalkaska Blue Blazers. Jim Swaney had 42 points in 1976 in a win over Cheboygan. Sean also tied a gym record set by Jay Smith, a former player from Mio that was set in the late 1970's. Sean is headed off to play at William & Mary next year on a full ride basketball scholarship. For further coverage please follow the link below to read the Record Eagles complete story. Congratulations Sean!

<http://record-eagle.com/sports/x370173210/Sheldon-hits-record>

Welcome New Students

Welcome to new students Maria Salgat (9th grade) and her parents Mark & Michelle and Sam Holmes (9th grade) and his parents Sam & Mary Holmes. We also welcome Luciano Rios an exchange student joining us from Argentina for a

year. She will be staying with host parents Cathy and Darryl Nelson until summer.

Catholic Schools Week Appreciation Luncheon

Thursday, February 2nd @10:30.... WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

We are looking for door prizes or money for door prizes & luncheon supplies.

Karen Provins @ 938-0664 KAP560@aol.com or

Katie Bobrowski @ 995-9887 kbobrowski@charter.net

Thank you so much for your generosity!

Lost & Found

Found: Grey sweatshirt with "America's Navy" printed on the back.

Light Grey XL wool coat

Red & Brown Spyder ski coat

Free Country Black ski coat

From Mrs. West in SF Library

Our SF Library and NHS will host a Horizon Book Fair February 1st-3rd. Please stop by the library next week for some literary shopping!

Boys Golf Sign-up

Any boys interested in participating on the high school golf team, please sign up in the high school office with your contact information.

Upcoming:

1/29-2/3 - Catholic Schools Week ([Calendar of student activities happening in the high school is below and also posted on GTACS website under student council](#)). Adjusted schedule for Thursday and Friday as follows:

Thursday, February 2nd

1 st	7:50 – 8:53 (63 min)
2 nd	8:58 – 10:01 (63 min)
3 rd	10:06 – 11:09 (63 min)
6 th	11:14 – 12:17 (63 min)
Lunch	12:17 – 12:51 (34 min)
Report to 7 th hour	12:51
Assembly	12:56 – 1:40 (44 min)
7 th	1:40 – 2:42 (62 min)

Friday February 3rd

(ALL SYSTEMS MASS TODAY)

4 th	7:50 – 8:10
Walk students to Gym	8:10 - 8:30
All Systems Mass	8:30 – 9:55
4 th Continued	9:55 – 10:50
5 th	10:55 – 12:05
Locker Clean Out	12:05 – 12:18

Lunch	12:18 – 12:58
Winter Activities	1:00 – 2:20
Pep Assembly	2:20 - 2:40

Catholic Schools Week 2012!!!
30 January - 3 February



Canned Food Drive competition all week - Help Father Fred and feed the poor and needy in our community.

Class Competition: (see class competition tally sheet on bulletin board)

- 1- Canned Food Drive – winner 20 points; 2d place 15 points; 3d place 10 points; last 5 points
 - 2- Spirit Week daily winners: 6 points per day times 4 days – a secret (designated teacher) will determine the class with the most spirit for the day.
 - 3- Spirit Banners for “WHITE OUT” Basketball Game vs Kaskaska – 3 Feb
 - 4- Class with the most points wins an awesome prize (and bragging rights!) Can the Senior class go out on top like they always do?!?!?
- All canned goods delivered before school to class advisor rooms.
 - Daily count during lunch – class officers deliver accurate count to Mr. Taplin’s room prior to 6th hour class. Student Council will load all cans on Friday to take to Father Fred.
 - Final tally class winner will be announced at White Out Basketball Game.

Catholic Schools Spirit Week!!!!

Jan 30 - Monday – Sports Attire Day

Jan 31 –Tuesday – Movie Character Dress-up Day

Feb 1 - Wednesday – Patriot (Red, White, and Blue) Day

Freshmen wear Red; Sophomores wear White; Juniors wear Blue; Seniors = choice
 (Council Members deliver gifts to all Parishes during Lunch – see Mr Taplin)

Feb 2 - Thursday – Crazy Hair/Hat/Tacky Sweater Day

Feb 3 - Friday – School Uniform – All Systems Mass!!

CSW Winter Activities Day – Friday, 3 Feb – After lunch to 2:15

(Student sign- up sheets for each event will be available during lunch all week in Mr Taplin’s Classroom.)

- Staff coordinators will supervise events. See attached sheet.

Event

1. Frozen Football
2. Ice Hockey/Ice skating
3. Banner Making (cafeteria)
4. 3v3 Basketball Tourney (gym)
5. Board Games (Library)

➤ Pep Assembly 2:20 – 2:40 All Athletic Teams & captains, Poms, Mr Taplin

➤ Snowcoming Dance – date TBD sponsored by the sophomore class.

