



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy

"A Faith Filled Future"

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Dear Families,

Research shows that family involvement and open lines of communication promote student success. Positive interaction between teacher and parent strengthens the feeling of support all children need for success in school. Our goal at **St. Francis** is to foster and promote an atmosphere of open communication regarding your child's progress and behavior in both home and school. To accomplish this goal we will once again implement the following strategies:

In the Nursery, Pre-K, and Kindergarten classes, all classes will have a Classroom Dojo to build a communication bridge between the classroom and the home. ClassDojo is a communication app for the classroom. It connects teachers, parents, and students who use it to share photos, videos, and messages through the school day. They use ClassDojo to work together as a team, share in the classroom experience, and bring big ideas to life in their classrooms and homes. Your child's teacher will discuss the purpose more specifically during the orientation sessions.

In all classes, Nursery through grade 8, letters/email blasts will be sent on a regular basis, informing families of what their child is doing in school, topics being studied, projects being worked on, upcoming events, and opportunities for family involvement and reinforcement of school activities and learning at home. Our class webpages in Grades N-4 are a great resource to find homework, assignments, test dates, special events and more. In Grades 5-8 all assignments, test dates, project dates, etc. can be found on your child's class Google Calendar. Both class pages and class Google Calendars can be found on our school website.

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy strives to promote respectful, well-mannered and Christian-like relationships between students, students and teachers, faculty members, teachers and administration, and of course with parents, parishioners and community members as well. We ask that the etiquette you receive is reciprocated when communicating with teachers, our office staff, our neighbors on Beach 129th Street, and each other. This etiquette should be in place during in-person communication as well as phone, email, notes to teacher, Class Dojo, etc. Please be mindful to include a respectful tone and we will be sure to reciprocate the same through everything we do.

It is our hope that by creating additional ways to open lines of communication between the **Academy** and home, families will find out a little more of what is happening in school and therefore, have additional opportunities to be part of their child's learning experience. I am confident that by working together we will be able to best meet the needs of the students at **St. Francis**.

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Sincerely in Christ,

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