

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy

Academy Family Association

January 26, 2022

Dear Families –

The Academy Family Association is proud to bring back the Card Party once again after a two year hiatus! The event will be held on Friday, April 29th in the gymnasium and small hall. As a Catholic Academy within the Diocese of Brooklyn we are required to abide by all diocesan directives pertaining to in-person events and capacity regulations. Current policies, structured by the diocese with the health and well-being of all guests in mind, will enable us to accommodate less than half of the usual number of guests in our buildings. Tickets for the Card Party will be sold online approximately one month prior to the event on a first come – first served basis. Additional details regarding ticket sales will be sent home in March.

Furthermore, we are working to determine ways for those individuals that may not be able to attend in-person to still be able to take chances to win some of the great prizes we have planned. We also plan on live streaming some of the category winners from our Academy Facebook page. Stay tuned for more details!

Due to the capacity limitations as well as the fact that we were honestly unsure if we would be able to host the event this year, resulting in our planning getting started considerably later than usual, we have made some changes to the format of the event and have merged/modified many of the categories of the past. We are excited about these new changes and hope that you will be too.

All prizes this year will fall into one of the following six categories:

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S

The first S is short for SHOPPING. All prizes within this category will be relevant to shopping. Prizes could include gift certificates to local merchants, donated items from local merchants as well as items that one might go shopping for, including jewelry, bags, etc. We know everyone loves that gift certificate to Flynn & O’Hara!

F

The F is short for FUN. All prizes within this category will be relevant to fun activities. Prizes could include tickets to local sporting events, concerts or Broadway shows. Prizes could also include gift certificates to local camps: (summer basketball camps, soccer camps, surf camps etc.) as well as sports leagues (ie: Rockaway Little League, Summer Classics etc.) Don’t worry moms, we anticipate some certificates to the local nail and beauty salons as well as spa certificates too!

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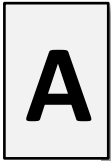
The D is short for DINING. All prizes within this category will be relevant to dining. Prizes will include gift certificates to local restaurants and eateries! From sit-down restaurants to family pizza nights, get ready to take advantage of some great spots to grab a bite near us!

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The second S is short for SUMMER! All prizes within this category will be related to summer in the sun. Prizes could include beach chairs, wagons, coolers, patio sets, BBQ sets, sunglasses, boogie boards and beach bags etc. - the possibilities never end! If only summer never ended!



The C is for CLASS PRIZES. Instead of the traditional class baskets, we are switching it up this year! Each grade will have one substantial class prize for you to win! Big Prizes could include: beach cruiser bicycles, Yeti coolers, Air Pods, video game consoles, paddleboards, BBQ grills etc.



The A is for AWAY! All prizes within this category will be connected to getting away, outside of Rockaway and outside of the city. Prizes could include North Fork Winery Gift Certificates, Kalahari gift certificates, Hotel and Airline gift cards and hopefully one or two big trips too! After the last two years we have had, we could all use a get away!

In addition to the above categories, we will also have a 50/50 as well as the annual tuition raffle.

In order for us to make this event great, we will need your help.

What we expect from you:

1. Similar to prior years, all families will be asked to once again contribute a minimum of \$50 per family. These funds will be used to purchase some of the great prizes outlined above.
2. All students will be asked to bring in \$5 each for their class prize. Please DO NOT send in the money just yet. Your Class Captains will let you know when to do so. Thank You!

There will also be other opportunities for families to contribute specifically to some of the grand prizes for the night including vacations and a Phoenix Beach Wagon. A donation form will be distributed to all families in February for you to complete.

How else can you help?

- Are you a local business owner? Do you work in a local business or restaurant?
Please consider donating a prize for our card party! Please email us at afa@stfrancisschoolbh.net so we can take note of your donation and make arrangements to get the prize from you. All prizes are appreciated and all donors will be listed in our card party booklet.

The Card Party has traditionally been one of the biggest fundraisers of the year for our Academy. We look forward to continuing this great tradition and hope you share our excitement for this year's event.

THANK YOU in advance for your support!

Best always,

The Academy Family Association