

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy

"A Faith Filled Future"

Christopher Scharbach
Principal

June 2022

Dear 5th-8th Grade Families,

As we enter into these much-needed summer months, we want to reinforce that the **best** thing you can do to prepare your child for the upcoming school year is to make reading a priority and a routine in your home.

The more your child reads, and is read to, the more your child's network of knowledge strengthens. It not only is "preparing them for the next grade," but also improves their ability to focus, builds reading stamina, broadens their vocabulary, and strengthens their ability to make connections, draw conclusions, and better understand the world around them. Reading daily 30 minutes a day is an investment for a lifetime.

When looking at your summer schedules and trying to balance it all, please remember to make reading a priority. Your child's teacher will give a list of titles that your child should choose from to read over the summer and complete an accompanying assignment. Of course, they may also read books beyond this list for their own reading leisure. We believe strongly in the summer months being a time of continuing sound academic habits and routines.

For our returning students, you will continue to have access to your i-Ready account over the summer, until mid-august when the Diocese will begin to rollover data for the upcoming school year. We encourage you to take advantage of i-Ready as a customized learning tool that will help students stay engaged and academically attuned over the summer. Students and families can decide if they would like to continue to use the MyPath i-Ready lessons in math and reading this summer.

Enjoy your summer and know that we can't wait to see you in the Fall!

Mr. Scharbach

While we are away from school during the summer we would love for the students to share their travels and new discoveries with us. As your family visits new places, send the school a postcard to share your experiences! This will give the students a fun opportunity to work on their writing skills over the summer. When we return back to school in September, your postcards will be displayed in the school. We look forward to hearing from you over the summer!

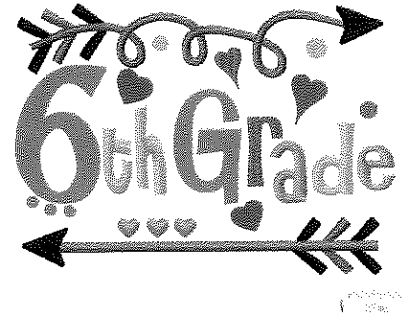
Please mail postcards to:

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy
219 Beach 129th Street
Belle Harbor, NY 11694

Welcome to 6th Grade!

Dear 6th Graders,

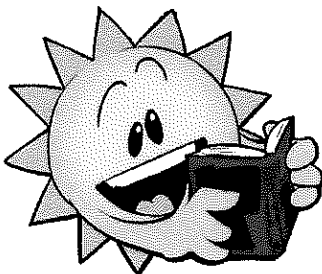
Sixth grade is always a memorable year for students as they continue their journey to becoming the leaders of the school! It is also a busy year in which students grow to be more capable and responsible young adults.



This year will be departmentalized and we expect you will enjoy having four teachers who each enjoy teaching their specialty. It is very important that you continue to remain focused and organized throughout the year. This year you will be learning a lot of new topics in all of your classes. In Language Arts, you will be focusing on your essay writing and grammar skills. Additionally, you will continue to develop your reading comprehension skills. In Math, you will further develop your higher order thinking skills with word problems using algebraic equations. In Science, you will be learning about Physical Science, studying topics such as matter, elements, motion and energy. In Social Studies, you will be studying World History, studying many different cultures and civilizations around the world. In addition, you will continue your studies in Spanish, STEM, Art and Physical Education.

Your academic performance is very important in Sixth grade. Your grades this year will be considered when you begin to apply to High Schools. You will also be considered for induction into the National Junior Honor Society both during the 1st and final trimesters.

In closing, we look forward to seeing how you will contribute your best self to Saint Francis De Sales Catholic Academy in the coming year. Have a fun and relaxing summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall for an exciting and educational year!



Sincerely,

Your 6th Grade Teachers

September 2022
Sixth Grade Supply List

- 1 - Earbuds for Chromebook (these stay in school in your desk)
- 1 - Pencil case - soft case with a zipper. Do not buy hard pencil case boxes because they don't fit in the desk.
- 1 - Book sock
- 1 - Homework notebook or planner (your choice)
- 6 - Marble/Composition Notebooks (SS, Science, Math, LA, Spanish, Religion)
- 7 - Separate one subject folders
- 1 - 1 ½ inch binder for science (nothing larger than 1 1/2inches)
- 1- Pack of binder dividers (12 tabs)
- 2 - Packages of looseleaf (One for science binder)
- 1 - Box of pens (blue or black) (no erasable)
- 1 - Colored pen of your choice
- 2 - Boxes of pencils (sharpened with erasers) (no mechanical)
- 2 - Pencil sharpeners
- 1 - Scissors
- 1 - Scotch tape
- 1 - Box of Crayons
- 1 - Pack of colored pencils
- 2 - Highlighters (yellow)
- 3 - Glue Sticks
- 2 - Boxes of Tissues
- 1 - Roll of Paper Towels
- 2 - Clorox wipes
- 1 - Hand Sanitizer (pump)
- 1 - Can of Lysol or Disinfectant spray

Please have one roll of clear contact on hand to cover workbooks only.

Supplies are due during the first week of school.

Thank you!



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Dear Incoming 6th Grade Families,

We hope you are looking forward to a relaxing summer with your children, family and friends. Before we know it, we will be meeting again in the schoolyard to begin another year at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy.

We wanted to inform you of an important vaccination requirement from the New York State Department of Health that **must** be completed before your child(ren) return to school this September 2022. **All children born after January 1, 1996 must have 1 dose of Tdap vaccine upon entering 6th grade and/or turning 11 years of age. Please have your child vaccinated and submit documentation to the main office before we return to school in September.**

Unfortunately, noncompliance with this vaccination requirement will result in a \$1,200.00 fine on the school from New York State for each student. Noncompliance may also require administration to no longer allow the student(s) to attend St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

Sincerely,

Christopher Scharbach

SUMMER READING LIST 2022

(Incoming Grades 5 and 6 ELA)

(You will select 2 books for your summer reading. They can both be from this list or select one from here and one of your own. Remember to select two books of different genres.)

(The following books are classics and award winning novels for Middle / Intermediate School.)

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 Days by Jules Verne
BREAK IN THE BASILICA by Ahearn
HOLY TWINS: BENEDICT AND SCHOLASTICA by Norris
OUR TOWN by Wilder
TALES OF KING ARTHUR by Talbit
THE SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON by Weiss
THE ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD by Green
WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS by Wilson Rawls
THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH by Norton Juster
ESPERANZA RISING by Pam Munez Ryan
ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHINS by Scott O'Dell
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA by Katherine Patterson
MANIAC MAGEE by Jerry Spinelli
MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN by Jean Craighead George
BUD NOT BUDDY by Christopher Paul Curtis
THE SIGN OF THE BEAVER by Elizabeth George Speare
OLD YELLER by Fred Gipson
THE CITY OF EMBER by Jeanne Du Prau
MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien
INSIDE OUT AND BACK AGAIN by Thanhai Lai
NUMBER THE STARS by Lois Lowrey
DRAGONWINGS by Laurence Yep
STAR GIRL by Jerry Spinelli
SOUNDER by William H. Armstrong
JULIE AND THE WOLVES by Jean Craighead George
MY BROTHER SAM IS DEAD by Christopher Collier and James Lincoln Collier
PERCY JACKSON AND THE LIGHTNING THIEF by Rick Riordan
WAIT TILL HELEN COMES by Mary Downing Hahn
THE THING ABOUT JELLYFISH by Ali Benjamin
WHITEFANG by Jack London
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA by C.S. Lewis
LITTLE HOUSE IN THE BIG WOODS by Laura Ingalls Wilder
NANCY DREW MYSTERIES by Carolyn Keene
HARDY BOYS MYSTERIES by Franklin W. Dixon and Edward Stratemeyer
ORBITING JUPITER by Gary D. Schmidt
WRINGER by Jerry Spinelli
COUNTING BY SEVENS by Holly Goldberg Sloan
WAIT TILL HELEN COMES by Mary Downing Hahn
REVOLUTION IS NOT A DINNER PARTY by Ying Chang Compestine
TREASURE ISLAND by Stevenson
FRONT DESK by Arthur A. Levine (Gr. 4 to 7) - Fiction
GRETA' S STORY by Valentina Camerini (Gr. 3 to 6) - Nonfiction

Ms. Re asks that you do NOT read any of the titles listed below:

THE GIVER, TUCK EVERLASTING, I AM A STAR: CHILD OF THE HOLOCAUST, WONDER, LILY'S CROSSING, WILLOW RUN, MYSTERY ON CHURCH HILL, DOGMAN, I SURVIVED SERIES, WHO IS/ WHO WAS/ WHAT IS / WHAT WAS SERIES, DIARY OF A WIMPY KID

BOOK REPORT FORMAT - SUMMER READING: Students entering Gr. 5 & 6
Please type the two book reports (Remember each book should be a different genre.) Please print a hardcopy and create a cover - any type you like.)

Name -

Incoming Grade -

Book's Title -

Author -

Illustrator (or N/A if there were no pictures) -

1) KNOWLEDGE:

List the Who, What, Where, When, and Why of the novel.

2) COMPREHENSION:

Describe in a detailed paragraph the setting of the story. Remember that setting includes both time and place.

3) APPLICATION:

Write three facts and three opinions from the story. Remember that facts are true and can be proven. Opinions are just what someone or a group of people think. Opinions may or may not be true.

4) ANALYSIS:

Who is the main character in the story (the book's star)? Would he or she make a good friend? Why or why not? Include specifics from the novel.

5) SYNTHESIS:

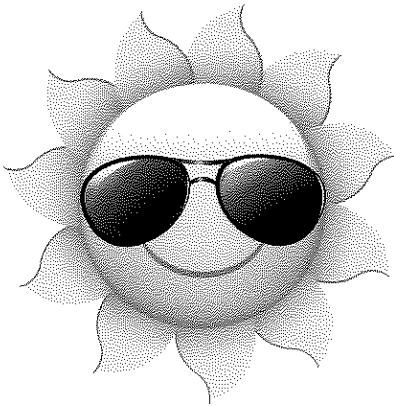
Pretend you are speaking on the phone with any character from the novel and write the dialogue (conversation). You may prefer to do this as if it were a text or email conversation.

6) EVALUATION:

Do you think the main character in the novel acted appropriately? Do you agree with the choices he or she made? Justify your answer by citing from the book.

SUMMER MATH

Incoming 6th Grade Math Students



In order to have a productive year in 6th grade, the incoming 6th grade math students need to complete an online math assignment during the next two months. It is important to keep your mind and math skills sharp as you enter 6th grade in September. Your online summer math assignments will be organized in a timely manner. There will be 6 assignments posted weekly and each assignment must be completed on its designated week. You must complete it by the end (Sunday) of that week. Some assignments will be a skill lesson with video and practice questions, and some assignments will be a math skills game. You may

use any device available (computer, laptop, ipad, iphone....) to complete these assignments.

You have already joined the "6th Grade Math Summer Assignment Class Page" on Google Classroom using your St. Francis email and password. The assignments will be posted on this page and your graded reports will be sent to me automatically via this page.

The online application we will use is mathgames.com

If for whatever reason you find that you and your family will be camping in "Siberia", off of the internet grid for a week with no electricity, please email me before you leave and I will give you further instructions. (mfountaine@stfrancisschoolbh.net) This type of scheduled summer assignment is to prevent "summer slide". You need to keep your mind focused on your math skills regularly in order to achieve maximum performance in the classroom next year.

Continue to practice your times tables and reverse division facts!! You must know them without hesitation.

Thank you!

Assignment schedule:

Week 1 (July 4th): Complete Math Assignment #1

Week 2 (July 11th): Complete Math Assignment #2

Week 3 (July 18th): Complete Math Assignment #3

Week 4 (July 25th): Complete Math Assignment #4

Week 5 (August 1st): Complete Math Assignment #5

Week 6 (August 8th): Complete Math Assignment #6

August 15th thru September 4th, play the online multiplication/division facts games as many times as you can.