

# November 2020



*“Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.”*

William Arthur Ward

Dear Parents,

As we enter into November we are so delighted that St. Francis Academy has been open for eight weeks, we have had to quarantine classes for exposure to Covid-19 but we still consider each day we are open to be a great success, to be a day of thanksgiving. All at SFA are striving to go above and beyond the Governor’s and Board of Health recommendations concerning the pandemic. Parents, thank you especially for your following of our reopening plan, without your attention to detail and social distancing this success would not be possible. But as you well know Covid-19 is making a resurgence or a spike in our area and many areas throughout the United States.

The holiday season is almost upon us and families will be gathering to celebrate our uniquely American Thanksgiving in three weeks. Each year my family gathers at my sister’s home in Buck’s County, Pennsylvania. It is an enchanting area in the autumn. I attend Thanksgiving Day Mass at the magnificent shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa and the day after we head into Doylestown’s quaint main street to see Santa arrive on a fire truck and light the Christmas tree. It is absolutely charming and if you go, someday, be sure to reserve a ride on the Santa Steam Train, I know I enjoyed it more than my grandson! Alas, this will not be happening for Thanksgiving 2020 for any of us. As Dr. Fauci and medical experts extol us not to gather in large groups indoors, so this year we shall gather in smaller groups, cook smaller turkeys and not cross state lines but we will still give thanks for the bounty the Lord provides. Parents, if you feel it necessary to travel, to be in large crowds, indoors and unmasked, we must request that your children attend school virtually for the two weeks after Thanksgiving break until December 14<sup>th</sup>. The health of our teachers, staff and students and the future of our school year depend upon your honor and honesty. We are committed to the protection of our students and teachers and we need your serious commitment to help us achieve this goal.

Though it may not be the Thanksgiving we are used to let’s make new traditions for our children and loved ones and turn seemingly ordinary opportunities into blessings.

With gratitude,

Ms. Savage

## Reminders:

- Full dress winter uniform will begin on November 30<sup>th</sup> for all students grades K - 8, including distance learning students. Proper school shoes and ties are mandatory. The SFA brown sweater is the only permissible sweater.
- If your child is late, he/she must enter through the front office entrance and have their temperature taken.
- Included in this packet is the registration form for the 2021/2022 school year. We must all plan early and think ahead. Please be sure to return by January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Thanksgiving Food Drive from November 4<sup>th</sup> - November 20<sup>th</sup>.

