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Dear Parents and Guardians,

"I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose." (Corinthians 1:10-13)

The following reflection is taken from *The Word Among Us*:

Imagine how brightly the Church would shine if every family were to dedicate themselves to unity. Imagine how attractive the Church would be if we put aside legalism and made it our highest priority to love each other as brothers and sisters. Imagine how magnetic the Church would be if we put aside judgments and looked upon each other as children of God who are trying their best to live out the command to love God and each other. Unity doesn't mean agreeing on every issue. It means honoring and respecting everyone—including those we disagree with. That's because, as the Catechism teaches, the dignity of every human person doesn't depend on whether we like each other. It depends on the fact that we have all been created in the image and likeness of God (CCC 1700-1701).

The Lord is our light and our salvation,
Ms. Danielle Gonzalez

SFA-PTA

Thank you to the SFA-PTA for organizing the Family BINGO night on Friday. We hope you can join us for their next event, Movie Night on Friday, February 17th.

UPK:

1. We still have 3 UPK seats available for the 2016-2017 school year. We can enroll new students through January 31st, 2017. If you know of someone who has a 4-year old and is looking for a school, please refer them to St. Francis.
2. UPK Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is now open. If your child turns 4 on or before December 31, 2017, you can apply by going to www.schools.nyc.gov/ApplyOnline or call 718-935-2067.

"Smart" watches:

With the invention of the Apple Watch, other companies have followed in their footsteps and created a "Smart" watch. These watches are not allowed in school since they have the same capabilities as Smart Phones. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me, Ms. Gonzalez. Thank you.

A Look at the Week:

Monday, January 23rd - Chocolate sale ends. Money must be turned in today in order to receive prizes - NUTS cards, House points, additional recess time.

Next Week ~ Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, January 29th - we ask that some students who belong to St. Francis/St. Blaise attend one of the following Masses. Please come dressed in your uniform.

- 9:00 AM Mass at St. Francis. Mrs. Clarke Hall will attend and will say a few words after Mass
- 12:30 PM Mass at St. Francis. Ms. Gonzalez will attend and say a few words at the end of Mass.

If you do not attend St. Francis/St. Blaise, we ask you to represent the school by wearing your school uniform to Church this weekend in honor of Catholic Schools Week. Thank you.

Monday, January 30th - Twin Day. Student can partner up in groups of 2 or more and dress the same. (School appropriate attire)

Tuesday, January 31st - Sports Day. Students can wear their favorite sports jersey, athletic pants and sneakers.

Wednesday, February 1st - Inspiration Day. Students can dress like someone who inspires them or is their role-model. (School appropriate attire)

Thursday, February 2nd - School Spirit Day. Students can dress in schools colors - Blue and Gold. (School appropriate attire)

Friday, February 3rd - Buddy Day. Arrangements will be made. by classroom teachers as to what students will be wearing for the day.

- 10:30 AM Mass for the Feast of St. Blaise. All are welcome.
- 11:45 AM Dismissal for Grades K-8
- 2:20 PM UPK regular Dismissal