

# St. Francis de Sales Times

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Saint Francis de Sales School

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## ST. FRANCIS IS BACK



The new school year is officially underway, and students are already settling into their routines of classes, homework, and activities. The halls are full of energy as everyone gets used to new schedules, meets teachers, and reconnects with friends after summer break.

Just like the rest of the school, the 7th Grade School Newspaper is also back in action! This year, we the new 7th graders are ready to take on the challenge of keeping the paper alive and exciting. As the former 7th graders move on to 8th grade, they have passed the torch to us, and we are eager to continue their work while adding our own ideas and creativity.

Here is how the newspaper works: Each month, either Room 7 or Room 17 in Mr. McDevitt's and Mr. Cherry's homerooms will take turns with the duties of the newspaper. First, the students select their article topics and prepare interview questions. Next, they send out emails to the teachers or staff members they may be interviewing. Not all articles require an interview; some require formal research instead. Once the research or interviews are complete, students begin working on their rough drafts. As a class, we then go through the editing process together, rewriting sentences and searching for mistakes. When the final version is polished, it is off to publishing!

It may have taken a little time to adjust to early mornings and busy days, but now we are back in the swing of things and ready to make this year one of the best yet. Keep an eye out for upcoming articles, interviews, and features that highlight what is happening around our school.

Here's to another great year, both in the classroom and in the pages of our newspaper!

First in  
math®

1st  
Mr.  
Magee

2nd  
Ms.  
Alfred

3rd  
Ms.  
Moore

4th  
Ms.  
Gaines

5th  
Ms.  
Harner

# WEATHER

As October arrives, Philadelphia welcomes cooler temperatures and colorful fall foliage. This year, the forecast predicts a warmer-than-usual fall with mostly mild weather, perfect for enjoying outdoor activities. Average highs are expected to be in the mid-60s, with lows in the low 50s.

There are many fun ways to enjoy fall in the city. The Northern Liberties Fall Festival on October 12th will feature local vendors, seasonal treats, and live music. The Fall for the Arts Festival in Chestnut Hill also takes place on October 12th, offering arts and crafts, live demonstrations, and activities for children.

With crisp air, colorful leaves, and plenty of seasonal events, fall in Philadelphia is a great time to get outside and enjoy all the city has to offer.



## WHAT'S COMING UP!

**October 13th:** *Parent-Teacher Conferences and Progress Reports* — Parents and guardians are invited to meet with teachers to discuss student progress.

**October 21st:** *No School for Students* — The school will be hosting its annual Golf Outing.

**October 24th:** *\$2 Halloween Dress Down Day* — Students can dress in festive Halloween colors or themed outfits for a \$2 donation.

**October 27th:** *School Picture Day* — Students may wear their **Sunday best** or their **school uniform** for pictures.

**October 30th:** *Halloween Dance (6–8 PM)* — Get ready for a fun night of music, dancing, and Halloween spirit!

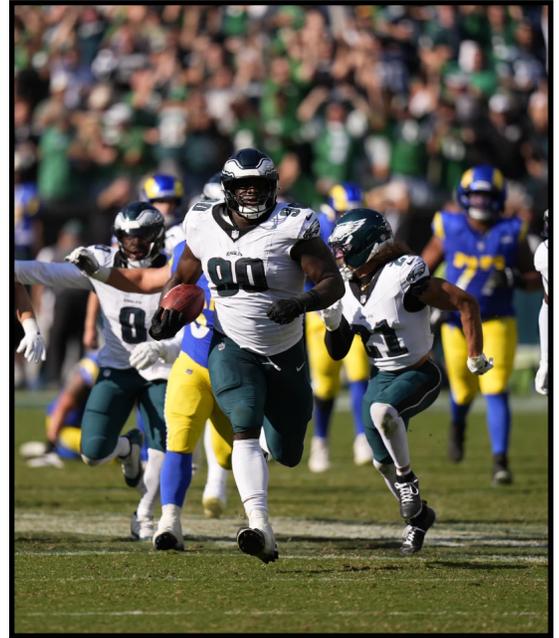




# FLY EAGLES FLY



The Philadelphia Eagles are off to a strong but challenging start this season with a 4–2 record, putting them in first place in the NFC East. The team opened the year with exciting wins, including a thrilling victory over the Cowboys in the season opener and a dramatic game against the Rams where Jordan Davis blocked a field goal and returned it for a touchdown to seal the win. Quarterback Jalen Hurts continues to show his leadership on the field, making plays both through the air and on the ground. However, the Eagles have also faced setbacks, dropping their last two games—including a tough 34–17 loss to the New York Giants in Week 6.



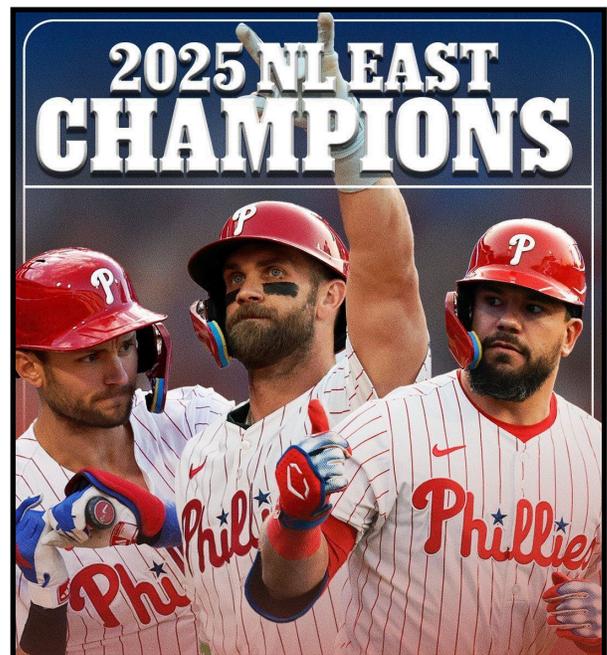
Despite the recent struggles, the Eagles remain one of the most competitive teams in the league. Their powerful running game continues to be a major strength, but the passing attack needs more consistency to keep defenses off balance. On defense, injuries have made it difficult to stop the run, though the return of linebacker Nakobe Dean is expected to give the team a boost. With plenty of games left in the season, the Eagles are focused on bouncing back, improving their balance on both sides of the ball.

# RED OCTOBER

For the second year in a row, the Philadelphia Phillies are the NL East champions! They clinched the division in Los Angeles against the Dodgers. After being swept by the Mets in a three-game series, the Phillies came back strong and won eight out of their next ten games to win the division. Citizens Bank Park was rocking all season, and fans call it “Bedlam at the Bank” because it gets so loud and exciting.

But Red October didn’t end the way Phillies fans hoped. The team lost to the Dodgers in the playoffs and were eliminated in the NLDS. The final game was heartbreaking when the Dodgers won 2–1 in the 11th inning after a throwing error that let the winning run score.

The players and fans were disappointed, but everyone knows the Phillies will be back next year ready to try again.



# FIRST IN MATH SHOWDOWN

★★★ YOUR SCHOOL PRESENTS ★★★  
**FIRST IN MATH  
SHOWDOWN**

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**ARON  
YOHANS** VS **KDUS  
YOHANS**

**24** First in  
**GAME** MATH  
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“First in Math” is an online math practice program that turns learning into a fun and engaging competition. Through a variety of interactive games and challenges, students strengthen their math skills—from mastering basic facts to tackling multi-step word problems. The program also encourages teamwork and a positive attitude toward learning by rewarding progress and friendly competition.

At St. Francis de Sales School, students are working hard and climbing the ranks. St. Francis is on the move and looking to reclaim that *First in the World* ranking!

Two standout players, brothers Kudos Yohans and Aron Yohans, are leading the charge. Kudos, a 6th grader, currently holds first place, while his younger brother Aron, in 2nd grade, is close behind and determined to take over the top spot. Their dedication and teamwork are inspiring students across the school.

We are proud of all our students who participate in *First in Math*! This year, 15 players have already earned over 10,000 stickers, showing tremendous effort, growth, and school spirit. Keep up the great work, St. Francis—every problem solved brings us closer to number one!

## STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council is the representative body of our school, dedicated to serving the community by following the principles of Service, Integrity, Respect, and Responsibility. To be part of the Student Council, students must maintain good behavior, keep up their grades, and show respect for the school, classmates, and teachers.

When I spoke with Ms. Gaines, I asked her what her favorite part of helping with the Student Council was. She said, “*My favorite thing is helping the students become leaders.*”

I also had the chance to interview Marbely, the President of the Student Council. When asked why she chose to join, she said, “*To be a voice for the students.*” Her favorite part of being on the council is that it’s fun and gives her the chance to be involved in the student community while helping with school events.



# PERFORMING ARTS - WITH MS. DINA HENRY



St. Francis de Sales School has an exciting new special this year: Performing Arts! Directed by Ms. Dina Henry, performing arts focuses on body language, movement, gestures, and building confidence. In this class, students learn that they shouldn't be afraid to express themselves and be their true selves.

Ms. Henry's love of dance inspired her to become a performing arts teacher. She brings so much passion and energy to the classroom, sharing her own dance experience to help guide her students. "Performing arts helps students build confidence and self-esteem," Ms. Henry said. "Many of my lesson ideas come from my own experiences with dance, and that's what I teach my students."

One of the highlights of performing arts is the school dance, which Ms. Henry is especially excited to teach. She is ready for shows, concerts, and school plays—but her question is: are the students ready? So, St. Francis de Sales, are you ready to take on these new challenges and shine on stage?

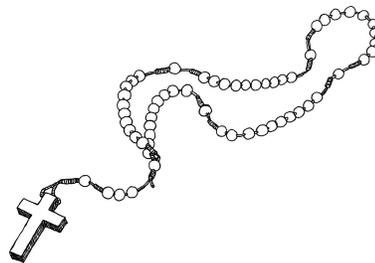
## THANK YOU ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA

We were thrilled to welcome our friends from St. Thomas of Villanova, who generously donated a large amount of school supplies for our students. Their kindness will help ensure that every student at St. Francis de Sales has the materials they need to learn and succeed. The St. Francis de Sales community is deeply grateful for this thoughtful donation and for the continued friendship between our schools. Thank you, St. Thomas of Villanova, for your generosity and support!



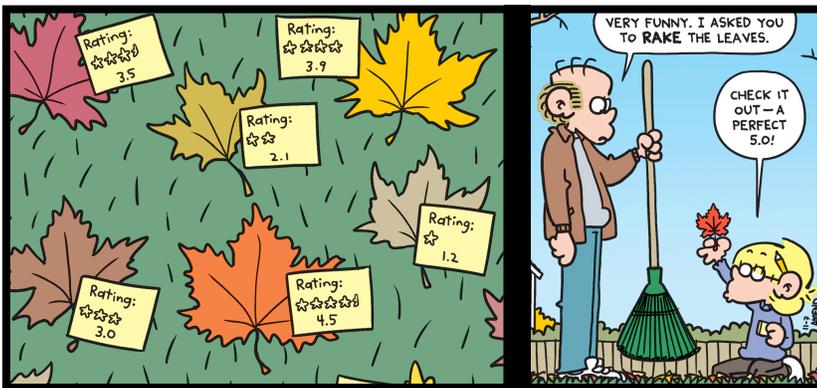
### *Prayers and Intentions*

- All of our Benefactors
- Bernadette Godley
- Mr. Callaghan
- Mr. Duzinski
- All of our special intentions—



**"The prayers of the St. Francis' children are very powerful." – Sister Mary**

# COMICS

## School Jokes to Brighten Your Day!

Why did the dog do so well in school?  
**Because he's the teacher's pet!**

Why was the math book sad?  
**Because it had too many problems.**

Who is the leader of all school supplies?  
**The ruler!**

What's the best place to grow a flower in a school?  
**The "Kinder-garden"!**

## BACK TO SCHOOL CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### ACROSS

3. Work that needs to be done after school
7. Our school's new special taught by Ms. Henry
9. Keeps our school clean and helps you cross the street
10. People you like and spend time with at school
12. The principal of the school
13. Our school mascot

### DOWN

1. Used to write assignments and notes in class
2. Where students sit and do their classwork
4. A key value in our school community
5. What students wear each day to school
6. The vice principal of the school
8. Doing what you are supposed to do
11. Used for writing and erasing mistakes

