



SFds The Saint

November 2023

November: A month of Thanks and of Giving

On November 6th, 2023, Mrs Veronica Saunders, a representative of the Abaco Cancer Society, was our distinguished guest. She accepted a special contribution, that was generated during the month of October, on behalf of the the Society. Mrs Saunders expressed her gratitude to our school community and encouraged us to continue educating ourselves about Cancer.



Dedication of the Newly Rebuilt Sts. Mary and Andrew Parish Treasure Cay

On Sunday, November 5th, our school's choir was invited by His Grace, Archbishop Patrick Pinder to lead the Litany of the Saints and Communion Meditation at the Dedication Mass.





SFds K-Kids Club On da move!

On Friday, October 27th, SFds K-Kids Club participated in a "Trick-o-Canning" exercise in Marsh Harbor. The goal of "trick-o-canning" is to collect canned goods rather than candy. They joined with other K-kids students from Central Abaco Primary School (CAPS) and J.A. Pinder. K-Kids is a student led community service club for elementary students organized by the Kiwanis Club of Central Abaco. K-kids strives to create a community of young leaders helping others. The motto of K-kids is: "We Build."

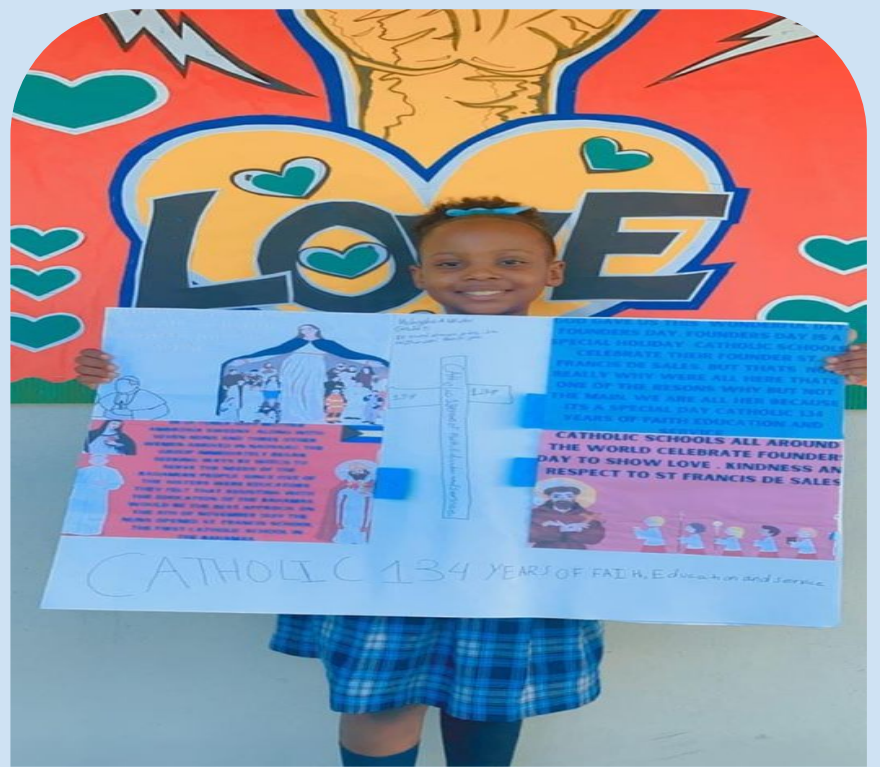


The canned goods collected were delivered to CAPS on Wednesday, November 8th. This is a part of a special K-kids initiative schools' pantry feeding program.



It's a Pizza Party

The students of the school choir and the winning students of our Founders' Day Poster competition were treated to Pizza courtesy of His Grace, Archbishop Patrick Pinder and Mr. Soncaire, school's principal.



Maleigha Rolle Grade 5



Orchyd Parker Grade 1



Zuri Okorafur Grade 6

Winners of the Founders' Day Poster Competition

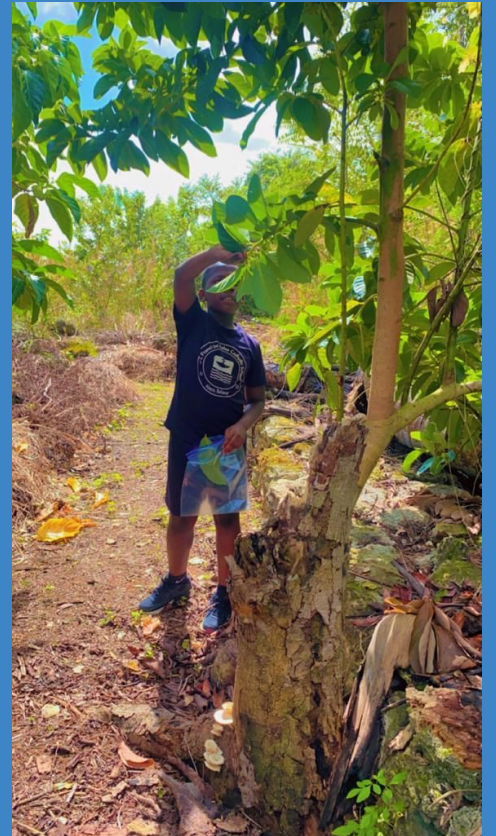
Female Mentoring Program Launched

On Friday, November 17th, SFdS held its first “Girls of Worth,” meeting for female students in grades 3 - 6. The topic for this session was: “Who am I?” these young ladies had an opportunity to positively affirm themselves by looking through a mirror and adding positive adjectives to their names (e.g. Joyful Julia etc.)



Science Eco Club

Earlier this month our newly formed Science and Ecology Club visited SKN Organic Farms.



Science Fair November 9th, 2023

Both our lower primary and upper primary students got a chance to participate in this year's Science Fair which was hosted by Friends of the Environment. The theme - The Bush: The True Value of Bahamian Terrestrial Forest. Here are our students showing off their presentations. They represented us very well.



Religion Speech Competition

Anya Hepburn, Grade 6 claimed third place in this year's Religion Competition. The topic: "Christian Values are Still Important." The competition was held on November 17th, 2023.



K-Kids Shares a Sweet Treat November 23rd, 2023

This Thanksgiving was a bit extra special as members of the K-Kids Club of St. Francis de Sales, organized pumpkin rolls for both staff and students of our school.



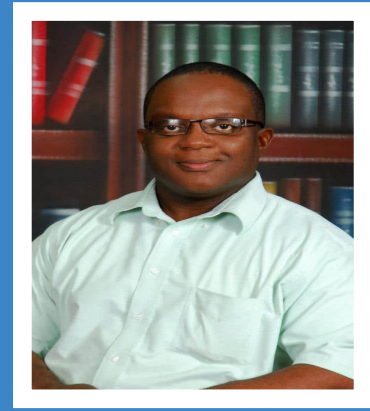
Kiwanis
K-Kids
Young Leaders Helping Others



Thanksgiving Mass November 23rd, 2023



Principal's Pitch:

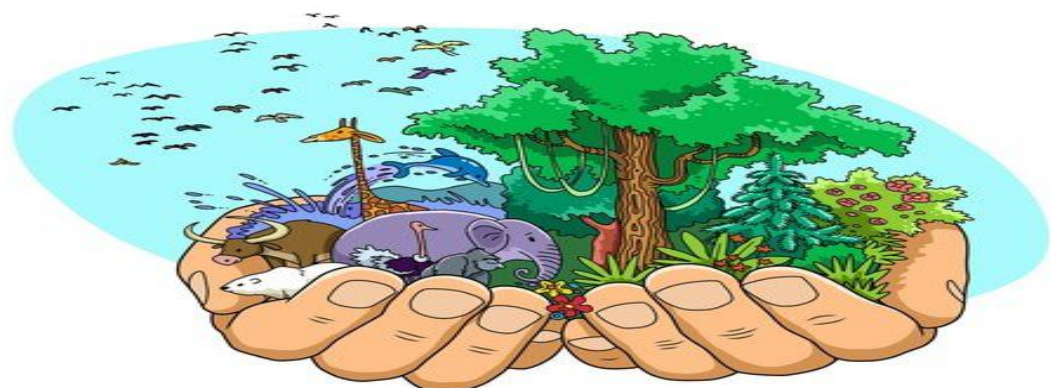


“Let all things now living, a song of thanksgiving; to God our Creator triumphantly raise...”

This once very popular Christian hymn, was first published in 1939. It speaks of all creation giving praise and thanksgiving to God. All living things giving thanks to God: sun, moon, stars, rivers and seas, sea creatures, plants, land animals and yes even humans as they fulfill their purpose. What an awesome message: thanksgiving is written into the very fabric of creation. It is written in the very fabric of our human hearts. Thanksgiving therefore is not just something we do on occasion but it is intimately connected and a part of who we are as children of God. Therefore there is always something we can give thanks for; even if it is just for the grace to see another day.

Let us practice this type of thanksgiving; not the type where we fill our bellies with turkey and shop for items we may or may not need online or rush to shop for deals on black Friday. These are not bad things in and of themselves as they put us in a festive mood. However, let us practice the type of thanksgiving that proclaims in word and in action our heartfelt gratefulness to God. Let all creation shout in great jubilation “Ad Dei Gloriam” - To God be the glory.

St. Francis de Sales; pray for us!





GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Students of St. Francis de Sales along with our K-Kids club members bring donated canned and boxed food items to the Department of Social Services on Wednesday, November 29th, 2023. The food items were collected and blessed at our Thanksgiving Mass on November 23rd.



**MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

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2023 - 2024

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Here are*

a dozen reasons *to choose Catholic Schools*

We cultivate a faculty and staff of people who are dedicated, caring and effective.

We provide a safe and welcoming environment for all.

We offer an education that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence.

We partner with parents in the faith formation of their children.

We have a 99 percent high school graduation rate. 85 percent of our graduates go to college.

We prepare students to be productive citizens and future leaders.

We emphasize moral development and self-discipline.

We teach children respect of self and others.

We instill in students the value of service to others.

We use technology effectively to enhance education.

We set high standards for student achievement and help them succeed.

We provide a balanced academic curriculum that integrates faith, culture and life.





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December

- 1st - School Mass - 2nd Term Fees Due
- 8th - Christmas Festival
- 14th - Class Parties
- 15th - Christmas Vacation begins

January

- 3rd - Students Return (full day of classes)

