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## SFS Updates

### VJ! Live Jesus!

Greetings To Our Knight Family:

St. Francis de Sales School is the thread that bonds thousands of alumni and friends together across the country and, even around the world. Our mission thrives on building a community of alumni who appreciate the education they were provided, the disciplines instilled, and the friendships formed during their high school years. It thrives on our benefactors who understand the importance of our mission. Our alumni and benefactors are the lifeblood for upholding the values we cherish today and seek to impart upon today's generation of young Knights.

For these reasons, we delight in hosting events to reunite our graduates and friends. These events rekindle the relationships centered around the SFS community and remind us of the importance of our mission. Regrettably, the ability for us to gather our alumni and supporters has been greatly compromised this year.

**In an effort to protect the health, safety, and well-being of all concerned we are making the following changes to our events calendar:**

- **Fr. Healy Golf Outing:** This has been **cancelled**.
- **Reunion Weekend, Bancroft Bash:** This was originally scheduled for August 28/29 and has been **cancelled**.
- **Class of 1960 60th Reunion:** This has been **cancelled**.
- **Class of 1970 50th Reunion:** This was originally scheduled for August 21, 22; status **TBD**.
- **Knight Open:** Date **TBD**
- **Benefactors Dinner:** This will be held on **September 14/15, 2020**. To be mindful of physical distancing and the typical crowd size for this well-attended event, we have opted to provide our benefactors (donors who have given \$1,000+ in the current fiscal year) the choice of two nights.
- **Hall of Fame Banquet:** This was originally scheduled for October 22, 2020. but has been **cancelled**.
- **Presidential Gala:** This annual event is being held on **November 21, 2020**. The plans are to proceed as an in-person event, with an added virtual component to allow for national alumni to participate as well as others in town who may not be ready to be part of a large gathering.

The current landscape in worldly affairs has forced us to make many decisions that run contrary to our human instincts. We long to gather in groups, yet much uncertainty remains making event planning very difficult, if not impossible. We trust you understand the decision for event modifications.

Regarding school operations, we are energized by the renewed commitment to serve our students this fall. St. Francis is fully committed to providing students in-person experiences. The true value of the Knight education is built on Bancroft. Simultaneously, we are also prepared to shift, if necessary, to alternative options. We have learned a great deal during the past several months and we are confident our school will emerge even stronger.

In our mission, for us to "be who we are and be that well", we need to try to be cognizant and intentional of our four pillars; spiritual, academic, social, and physical. Below, Fr. Rose shares four Cor ad Cor (heart to heart) videos with each focusing on one of the four pillars. These videos were sent to our students in an effort to intentionally remain connected with them and encourage our students to remain connected with SFS and each other. Enjoy!

**The Social Pillar emphasizes Intentional Brotherhood.**



**The Spiritual Pillar emphasizes Intentional Journey.**



**The Academic Pillar emphasizes Intentional Collaboration.**



**The Physical Pillar emphasizes Intentional Presence.**

