

# St. Francis School Newsletter

February 3, 2005

## Virtue of the month: KINDNESS

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> Teacher Appreciation Day
- ◆ Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday
- ◆ Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> Middle School Input Meeting 6:15PM
- ◆ Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day
- ◆ Feb. 21, No school, President's Day
- ◆ March 1<sup>st</sup> Room Parent Meeting
- ◆ March 1<sup>st</sup> Canned Food Day
- ◆ March 7-11, Standardized Testing Grades 3-7
- ◆ March 21-25, Spring Break

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

Well, I hope you feel appreciated today! As you probably know, today is Catholic School Parent Appreciation Day. What does that mean, you might ask. I would like to share my thoughts on the subject.

The Church teaches us that Parents are the primary educators of their children. Society has a responsibility to help transmit our Culture and society's general expectations to ensure the well being of civil life. Public schools are under tremendous pressure to deliver this in an increasingly secular atmosphere. Too many children are growing up in foster care, in neglectful or tragically, abusive situations. Values once held in common are under serious attack. Public School teachers and students also need our prayers.

Enter the Church and Catholic Education. There is no institutional equal to the understanding of our human condition than that of the Church. The contribution of Catholic Education to the cultural well-being of society is unparalleled. From the teachings of Christ to the monasteries that safeguarded classical knowledge after the fall of the Roman Empire through the foundation of Cathedral Schools and the first Universities all the way down to the creation of Catholic Schools that were founded in our country in response to anti-Catholic bigotry; our Catholic School parents have been partners with us all the way. As a result, our Faith has been passed along, together with a reputation of excellence in education. Catholic Schools are more needed today than ever, we continue to guard our values and honor the time tested wisdom that we have inherited from those that preceded us. Parents that understand this are to be commended and this is the reason you are appreciated by this Catholic educator!

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,  
Principal

**AUCTION NEWS**

**Mark your calendar for  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St.  
Francis School Auction  
– October 22, 2005**

This year's theme is Mardi Gras and the planning is already in motion. If you are interested in volunteering and earning some share hours, contact Patricia Lyons at trishfx@comcast.net or just come to our next meeting...Many hands make light work! Meeting dates to the end of this school year: Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, April 18, May 16<sup>th</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup>. All meetings are at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Testing for next year's Kindergarten students is taking place the first two weeks in February. Call and make an appointment if you have not already done so.

**FACTS Tuition Assistance:**

Applications are available in the school office or online at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com). Application deadline is March 15, 2005.

**Parish Subsidies:**

Enclosed is a parish subsidy form for next year for those who received one for this year. Please fill it out and return it to the school as soon as possible. This will help as the parish prepares it's budget for next year. If you need a form contact the school office.

Mrs. McGarry, our Art teacher, has a special request. She would like to be able to do clay projects. Does anyone know of someone with access to a kiln? If so, please call the school office or Mrs. McGarry. Thank you.

Homework Club will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:00. This is for students in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grades.

### Fundraising Update:

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February dates will be the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Order forms are available in the office. Valentine's Day is coming up. You can get a certificate for a 1 lb. box of See's Candies for \$13.20. Cutting back on sweets? How about a gift card to Borders or Powell's for that special someone? Or get a restaurant gift card for that romantic dinner.

And don't forget to keep bringing in the Box Tops for Education and Campbell's labels (as much of the label as possible.)

It was suggested at the PSO meeting that we have an e-mail list for quick communication with the parents. Please send a message to [gretchen@stfrancissherwood.org](mailto:gretchen@stfrancissherwood.org) and your e-mail address will be added to the group list.

### Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart

Dear Parents,

Just a quick reminder that our community service event Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart is quickly approaching. This will be done during physical education classes Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Our goal for the American Heart Association is \$1500.00. We currently have about \$1,000.00. Envelopes may still be turned in. All of the money goes to the American Heart Association. The dollars are invested in research (25.4%), public education (30.5%), professional education (12.9%), community service (7.6%), fund raising (16.2%), and management and general (7.4%). As of January 21<sup>st</sup> our kids have raised \$420.00. We are very proud of them. The prizes are displayed in the office by Mrs. Brown's desk. The hearts in the hall (made by Jeana Lobdell and Katie Vincent) display the "in honor of" and "in memory of" cards. Thank you for having your children participate in this worthy cause.

Pam Dennison, Monique Loucks, Molly Todd and Marcella Hatfield

## PARISH NEWS

Confirmation Blanche House Homeless Service Project - Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.  
 “Taking it to the Streets” lesson 3-4PPM, Food prep 4-5PM, 4-5PM travel to Blanche, 5-6PM deliver food and supplies. Parishioners and families are welcome to attend this Confirmation service project. We will be collecting hats, gloves and hand warmers for this program all week in the parish office. Contact Sarah for any questions at 503-625-6187.

### Other Catholic School News

**St. Paul Parish Dinner Dance & Auction:** Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Auction:** Silent Auction starting at 11:30AM, oral auction at 12:30PM at the St. Paul Community Hall, St. Paul, Oregon. Free admission, snacks and beverages sold.

**Dinner Dance:** 6PM at the St. Paul Community Hall. Music by the band “Design”. Buffet dinner served. Tickets are \$25.00 per person, advanced sales only. Limited supply.

**Raffle:** Hand-crafted items, tickets are \$1.00 each or 12 for \$10.00.

For more information call 503-633-4321.

**Central Catholic H.S. Drama Department presents World War II Big Band Musical “Over Here” on March 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, & 13. Tickets prices are \$20 and \$30 per person. To order your tickets, call Jane Towle at 503.235.3138, Ext. 107. Students in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grades interested in drama will want to attend a special “Meet the Cast Performance” Saturday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. To reserve complimentary seats for the student and one chaperone at the March 5<sup>th</sup> evening performance, please contact Jane Towle, 503.235.3138, Ext 107.**

Space is limited, so call today.

**Students in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grades interested in Foreign Languages should plan to attend “Central Catholic H.S. International Days” on April 7.** Learn more about world cultures from the variety of CCHS Foreign Language Clubs. For more information and to save a spot for your student, call Patti Winter, Admissions 503.230.1056, ext. 229.

**Sherwood Junior Baseball Organization****2005 Baseball for children ages 5-16**[www.sherwoodjuniorbaseball.com](http://www.sherwoodjuniorbaseball.com)

Sherwood JBO P. O. Box 605, Sherwood, Oregon 97140 (503)925-8264

Registration is now taking place for this year. You may register online at [www.PreEnroll.com](http://www.PreEnroll.com). The registration deadline is Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Coaching applications are due Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Applications for coaches and players are available in the school office.

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Suggestions for PSO - Feel free to tear off this section and drop it in the can in the school office.