

St. Francis School Newsletter

February 10, 2005

Virtue of the month: KINDNESS

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Feb. 14th Valentine's Day
- ◆ Feb. 18th Scrip orders due
- ◆ Feb. 21, No school, President's Day
- ◆ Feb. 21st, Auction Committee Meeting, Parish Hall, 6:30PM
- ◆ March 1st Room Parent Meeting
- ◆ March 1st Canned Food Day
- ◆ March 7-11, Standardized Testing Grades 3-7
- ◆ March 21-25, Spring Break

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

We began Lent with a wonderful Mass yesterday. The children that served, did the readings, read the Prayers of the Faithful and presented the gifts. All did a wonderful job. It was also the first time our new school choir sang at our Mass. During Lent, we will do a number of things to remind the children of this very special period in the Church Calendar. The PSO is sponsoring Soup Night on Friday, February 25th together with a children's version of the Stations of the Cross.

Enrollment Picture: We are trending up with a current increase of about 30% over this year. This is very positive news as it will allow us to further develop the school.

Mother/Son Bowling Night: Make sure you come out for this one...April 8th, from 7:00-9:00PM at the Wilsonville Lanes. Cost will be \$11/person which includes shoes.

Computer Update: Filtering software has been ordered and will be installed soon. A typing software program was also ordered and will also be installed as soon as it arrives. All children will work on their keyboarding skills. Other software programs are under current study and review. I have written a full computer curriculum guide that will be distributed to all grade levels.

Students Reaching Peaceful Solutions: I am launching a new program to help the Middle School students deal with peer issues and conflicts (see enclosed form for details).

School Advisory Council: We will hold our second meeting next week. Slated for discussion are the following topics- a need based supplementary scholarship fund; the first capital campaign and pledge follow-up; summary of current marketing activities; discussion of fees and tuition; our new web filtering system; gossip and its negative effects on a school community; a future meeting schedule. I am inviting Mrs. Rachel Engstrom, the PSO President to sit in on the meeting.

Parent Survey: Our Winter Parent Survey will go out in next week's brown envelope.

SAT Testing: We will be conducting our first standardized testing the week of March 7th. There is a School/Parent Conference scheduled on May 26th, 27th to discuss the results, the details for this conference will be spelled out at a later date.

Middle School Parent Meeting: This went very well from all input I received. Thanks for the great turn-out and the ideas generated!

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

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

Enclosed is a copy of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon Child Abuse Policy for your information.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Testing for next year's Kindergarten students is still taking place. 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. Application deadline is March 15, 2005.

Parish Subsidy:

If you need a form contact the school office.

AUCTION NEWS

***Mark your calendar for
the 3rd 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. 21st, March 14th, April 18, May 16th, June 6th and June 20th. All meetings are at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall.

Fundraising Update:

SCRIP

Correction to scrip order dates: Due to the holiday on February 21st, the next scrip order will be due in the school office on Friday, February 18th.

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



Please do not drop of your students outside in the morning until a teacher is present.



HELP WANTED: Athletic Director to see about organizing CYO teams here at St. Francis School. Call the school office if you are interested.

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 and your e-mail address will be added to the group list.

Other Catholic School News

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 6th, 7th, or 8th 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 5th evening performance, please contact Jane Towle, 503.235.3138, Ext 107.
Space is limited, so call today.

Students in the 6th, 7th, or 8th 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.

Join St. Anthony’s CYO Track Club

Open to all 3rd through 8th graders

Do you love to run? Jump? Or throw stuff real far?
Who doesn’t?!

Join kids from several parishes in CYO Track. You can try many running, jumping, and throwing events in track meets with teams from all over Western Oregon and Southwest Washington. It’s a blast! The closest CYO track team to St. Francis School is St. Anthony CYO Track Team.

Twice a week practices are held at Fowler Middle School in Tigard near St. Anthony parish. Dates and times to be determined (probably Tuesday and Thursday, 4 to 6PM).

To register:

Sign up after Mass Sunday, February 13th after the 9:00 Mass (10:00-11:00AM) and after the 11:30 Mass (12:30-1:15PM) or Wednesday, February 16th from 5:30-6:45PM at St. Anthony’s.

For more information see:<http://www.stanthonytigard.org/CYO/index.html>

PARISH NEWS

Confirmation Blanche House Homeless Service Project - Saturday, February 12th.
"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.

Calling all Moms

The Mom's Group will meet on Wednesday nights at 7:00PM starting February 23rd. There is no child care provided. Call Dede Grosso at 503-625-9397 for more information.

Sherwood Junior Baseball Organization

2005 Baseball for children ages 5016

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. The registration deadline is Feb. 20th.

Coaching applications are due Feb. 15th.

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

