

# St. Francis School Newsletter

February 17, 2005

## Virtue of the month: KINDNESS

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> Scrip orders due
- ◆ Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> Lenten Soup Supper 6:00 Parish Hall
- ◆ Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> Stations of the Cross 7:00
- ◆ Feb. 21, No school, President's Day
- ◆ Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, Auction Committee Meeting, Parish Hall, 6:30PM
- ◆ 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,

Yesterday at our weekly faculty meeting, I focused on our Catholic Identity. I think that it is useful to reflect from time to time on the centrality of this aspect of our school. In other words, it should not be taken for granted. I think that the most important point that the faculty made with regard to the question (what makes a school Catholic?) was this, it is the way in which the children are treated; it is the way you feel when you walk around the school, into the classrooms and the office. They reflected on the impression our school has made on substitute teachers and the comments they have made on the positive atmosphere in this school. In, I Corinthians, Paul perhaps says it best when he writes, "I may be able to speak the languages of men and even of angels, but if I have no love, my speech is no more than a clanging bell".

**Some developments:**

Classes for next year: If we can maintain the numbers that we have achieved (30% increase in enrollment), I will do the following:

*Separate classes so that there is a teacher for each grade except a blended 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade taught by a veteran senior teacher with some Departmentalized teaching.*

*If we can increase our present level of registered 2005-06 students by at least ten students, I will also hire a part time aid for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade.*

**Other development and reminders:**

Our web site continues to develop; the latest is that you can now look back to see past newsletters for information you may have missed.

Plans are moving forward to introduce Spanish next year; the faculty is beginning to look at its impact on our current curriculum and the instructional minutes necessary for its integration.

The teachers have asked that you make sure your children are getting enough sleep as we have found some kids very tired during the school day.

We are no longer telling the children to finish their milk, but I respectfully ask that you talk to your children about not wasting good food as it is part of our teaching as Christians.

The School Advisory Council met this week and discussed future 'big' picture financial planning, establishing an endowment as well helping with the current capital campaign pledges. I introduced them to the future "Phase II" plan of building a gym, library and computer lab. As I mentioned before, their role is in long range planning and because of their experience as well as their connections to the outside community, we are very fortunate to have them in place!

Enclosed you will find your Winter Parent Survey. Please return it at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,  
Principal

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.

New School Address - If you have set up tuition payments online, be sure they are using the new school address and not the post office box.

### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

#### **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 Subsidy:**

If you need a form contact the school office.

### ***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.

### **Fundraising Update:**

#### **SCRIP**

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

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.



Did you know that our school has a jump rope club? We do and they have been meeting Tuesdays after school, learning new techniques and routines. On Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 - 1:15 they will be putting on an assembly in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Please return your signed report cards to the school.**

**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 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.

## PARISH NEWS

### **Calling all Moms**

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

### **Lent Activities**

Lenten Soup Suppers are Fridays during lent in the Parish Hall at 6:00PM followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00.

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.