

# St. Francis School Newsletter

March 3, 2005

## Virtue of the month: SACRIFICE

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ March 4<sup>th</sup> Jump Rope Assembly 12:45-1:15 Parish Hall
- ◆ March 7<sup>th</sup> Scrip Order Due
- ◆ March 7-11, Standardized Testing Grades 3-7
- ◆ March 9<sup>th</sup>, NO School Mass due to testing
- ◆ March 14-16, Parish Mission, 7:00PM
- ◆ March 21-25, Spring Break
- ◆ April 1<sup>st</sup>, Start of magazine sale
- ◆ April 8<sup>th</sup>, Mother/Son Bowling, 7:00-9:00PM

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

Unfortunately, we have had some recent problems with bullying. I have therefore developed an anti-bullying program that I would like to share with you today. I ask that you talk it over with your child and explain the importance of their role in promoting a school culture of respect.

### St. Francis School Anti-Bullying Policy

The Principal, all teachers and staff are committed to promoting a culture of respect at our school. Our aim is to create and maintain an atmosphere of caring and kindness and we will not tolerate cruelty or bullying toward any student. Bullying is contrary to our mission as its aim is meant to hurt, frighten, threaten, or isolate.

Examples of bullying include:

- using put-downs, making fun of someone
- spreading rumors about someone
- physically hurting someone
- teasing in a hurtful way

Our school staff will do the following to help prevent bullying:

- watch for signs of bullying and stop it immediately
- closely supervise students both in class and outside
- teach the **Steps to Respect Program** in Grades 3-7 (over the next few weeks)
- look into all reported bullying incidents
- assign appropriate consequences for bullying
- provide immediate and strong consequences for retaliation against students who report bullying

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Students at our school will do the following to prevent and address bullying:

- refuse to bully others
- treat everyone with respect
- refuse to let others be bullied
- try to include others in play
- report bullying to an adult

Together, we can build a better social culture here. While most bullying issues occur in the older grades, a great deal can be done at the lower level in setting up future success. For those of you with older children, I am sure that you will do your part in conveying the importance of this lesson to your child.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,  
Principal

FYI - The Dennis Uniform retail store will be closed March 9th-March 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **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.

### **Registration Fee:**

Remember that your registration fee must be paid in full by March 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fundraising Update:**

#### **SCRIP**

Scrip order dates for March are March 7<sup>th</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup>.

And don't forget to keep bringing in the Box Tops for Education and Campbell's labels, including Pepperidge Farm products - Goldfish and their cookies.

Magazine Sales start April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**St. Francis School**  
**Science Fair**

The 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be presenting a science fair on March 31<sup>st</sup> in the Parish Hall. Come see their models and experiments from 7:00-7:45PM.

We have new progress reports that will be used in grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>. They will be going out next Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

***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>, 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.

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.

Our school yearbook is being prepared for publication. The cost is \$12.00 before March 4<sup>th</sup> and \$15.00 after March 4<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be made payable to St. Francis School. Order forms are available in the office.

## PARISH NEWS

### **Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross**

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

### **Wearing of the Green**

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM, Parish Hall

Come enjoy Ruben Sandwiches, Potato Salad, Chips, Hot Dogs and Dessert.

\$7.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for Children

Wine, Beer and Soda provided by the Knights - Free-Will Offering

\$1.00 Raffle Game, Irish Sing-a-Long, Movie for children during the raffle.

Proceeds to benefit the Iraq War Memorial

### **Camp Tilikum**

St. Francis goes to Camp Tilikum August 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. This is for children entering the 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade next fall. Students age 16 and older can be counselors during this week. The cost is \$123 per student. Please contact Lisa McGuigan in the Parish Office at 503-625-6188 for more information regarding this spectacular summer day camp. Call right away, there are only 12 spots left.

Transportation is not provided.

