

St. Francis School Newsletter

March 17, 2005

Virtue of the month: SACRIFICE

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ March 18th, Free Dress Day Grades K-5
- ◆ March 21-25, Spring Break
- ◆ March 31st, Science Fair, 7:00-7:45PM, Parish Hall
- ◆ April 1st, Start of magazine sale
- ◆ April 2nd, Spring Clean, 9:00 - 3:00
- ◆ April 5th, Canned Food Day
- ◆ April 8th, Mother/Son Bowling, 7:00-9:00PM
- ◆ April 12th, General PSO Meeting, 6:30-8:00, Parish Hall

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

Well, I start with some wonderful news: Mr. & Mrs. Fulks are the proud new parents of a baby son, Sebastian! Mr. Fulks is expected to return to his Music classes when we get back from Easter break. The boy was born yesterday but I am sure had he been born today the name would be Patrick!

The Catholic population of Ireland was long deprived of formal education under the penal system imposed by the English. Heroically, because it could mean their deaths, Jesuit priests, as well as lay teachers secretly instructed the Irish in their faith as well as with general knowledge. These came to be known as Hedge Row Schools because they were conducted hidden away by tall hedges in the fields. The thirst for both knowledge and faith was great and despite the hardship, both knowledge and faith prospered during a particularly dark period of Irish History.

It is ironic that sometimes when something is freely available, the demand is not as great. I believe economists link this to the law of supply and demand. Scarcity increases demand, at least in goods. Through your sacrifice, you are making the same knowledge and faith, linked together, available to your children. The point I would like to make is that Education in which these two components are linked is not all that common, it is scarce if you will. And while you and yours don't risk life and limb to send your children to Catholic School, it is a sacrifice and you are to be commended. I wish all of you a very special Easter and a wonderful vacation.

Happy St. Patrick's Day,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

FREE DRESS.....FREE DRESS.....FREE DRESS.....FREE DRESS.....FREE DRESS

THERE IS A FREE DRESS DAY FRIDAY, March 18TH FOR GRADES K-5TH. THEY DID AN EXCELLENT JOB OF BRINGING IN CANNED FOODS.



Some of our student's art work is on display at the Sherwood Coffee Company. Stop by to see these masterpieces and enjoy a cup of coffee. Be sure to let them know how much we appreciate being included in their community art display.

St. Francis School Science Fair will be March 31st in the Parish Hall from 7:00-7:45PM. Come see what our 5th, 6th and 7th graders have done.

Fundraising Update:

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The last scrip order date for March will be March 28th.

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 1st.

Be sure to RSVP for the Mother/Son Bowling by the 28th so we can let them know how many to expect.

Our school yearbook is being prepared for publication. The cost is \$15.00. Checks should be made payable to St. Francis School. Order forms are available in the office.



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to our 5th grade boys who played CYO basketball. The A team placed 3rd in the CYO City Tournament. Way to go!

Some calendar dates for the 2005-2006 School Year

Sept. 6th - First Day of School
 Sept. 16th - Inservice, No School
 Oct. 14th - Inservice, No School
 Nov. 10th - Faith Formation Inservice, No School
 Nov. 11th - Veteran's Day, No School
 Nov. 24th-25th - Thanksgiving, No School
 Dec. 22nd-Jan. 2nd - Christmas Vacation
 Jan. 3rd - School Resumes
 Jan. 16th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School
 Jan. 27th - Faith Formation Inservice, No School
 Jan. 29-Feb. 4th - Catholic Schools Week
 Feb. 20th - President's Day, No School
 March 27-31 - Spring Vacation
 April 14th - Good Friday, No School
 May 29th - Memorial Day, No School
 June 15th - Last Day of School

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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 20th.

The results of the Winter Survey are enclosed with the average for each item. Thank you to all who participated.



Just a reminder - to facilitate picking up children in the afternoon please display your family name sign in your windshield.

If you and your children are staying after school to play, please make sure they are watching out for cars in the parking lot.

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.

Camp Tilikum

St. Francis goes to Camp Tilikum August 15th-19th. This is for children entering the 1st - 6th 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 by noon this Friday, March 18th to reserve your spot. Transportation is not provided.

Easter Egg Hunt

Bring your baskets and join in the fun at our Easter Egg Hunt. This is for ages 0-11 years old on March 26th at 11:00. We will gather in the Parish Hall for prayer and instructions. **Individually wrapped, nut free candy is still NEEDED (VERY MUCH NEEDED!) It can be dropped off at church this weekend or at the Parish Office by noon on Wednesday, the 23rd.** **Volunteers are also needed for Saturday. Setup begins at 8:30AM. Call Sarah Ryor, 503-625-6185 for more information.**

