

# St. Francis School Newsletter

March 31, 2005

## Virtue of the month: SACRIFICE

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ March 31<sup>st</sup>, Science Fair, 7:00-7:45PM, Parish Hall
- ◆ April 1<sup>st</sup>, Start of magazine sale
- ◆ April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Spring Clean, 9:00 - 3:00
- ◆ April 5<sup>th</sup>, Canned Food Day
- ◆ April 8<sup>th</sup>, Mother/Son Bowling, 7:00-9:00PM
- ◆ April 11<sup>th</sup> Scrip Order Due
- ◆ April 12<sup>th</sup>, General PSO Meeting, 6:30-8:00, Parish Hall
- ◆ April 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8:00PM Family Fun Night

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

I have important information to share with you today. The Archdiocese has communicated to us that we need to raise awareness and offer instruction in the area of Child Abuse and in providing a safe environment for our children. At the beginning of the year, you may remember getting an information brochure on this topic sent home in the brown envelope. It summarized the local Archdiocesan policy with some additional resources for families to contact for further information. (additional brochures are available in the school office) As you are aware, we already complete background checks on all individuals that come into contact with the children; this will continue to be done.

As part of the effort to ensure a safe environment, the Archdiocese has mandated that all adults that work with children in Parishes and Catholic Schools more than four times a year receive training to help prevent child abuse. I have just received word from the Vicar of the Clergy, Reverend Dennis O'Donovan that all individuals working with children must receive this training by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 or they will be unable to work with the children until the training is completed. This applies to all principals, teachers, aides, parents, and parish personnel.

The training involves watching a video and completing some outline reports. The video is produced by the State of Oregon. In today's newsletter, you will find a list of available training times. I apologize for the short notice, but I am sure you will agree with the importance of keeping our school and parish environment safe for the children. ( A service hour will be earned for attending the training.)

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,  
Principal



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.

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.

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

### Fundraising Update:

#### SCRIP

Scrip order due dates for April are the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<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 Crafting Club meets on Mondays after school until 4:00 in Mrs. Smith's room. This is for all 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

There are many items in the lost and found. If you are missing anything please stop by the office.



## CONGRATULATIONS!!

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

### Some calendar dates for the 2005-2006 School Year

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

NO ROOM PARENT MEETING APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>. SEE YOU IN MAY.

**DINNER TICKETS FOR THE MOTHER/SON BOWLING ARE IN YOUR ENVELOPE THIS WEEK. HAVE A GREAT TIME!**

## PARISH NEWS

The Parish is planning this summer's Vacation Bible School. This will be for children from 4 years old to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They are in need of volunteers (see enclosed flyer). The first portion of the meeting will be the Safe Environment Training.

## OUT OF PARISH NEWS

### CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Get Connected! 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students interested in attending Central Catholic's International Days assembly and luncheon on Friday, April 8, 2005 should call Patti Winter, Admissions Assistant, at 503-230-1056.

Raffle Tickets - Central Catholic High School will be raffling off a 2005 Cadillac STS on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Only 2000 tickets will be sold at \$50/each. For more information visit [www.centralcatholichigh.org](http://www.centralcatholichigh.org) or call the Development Office at 503-230-1056.