

St. Francis School Newsletter

April 7, 2005

Virtue of the month: PERSEVERANCE

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ April 7th, VBS meeting, 6:30, Parish Hall
- ◆ April 8th, No School
- ◆ April 8th, Mother/Son Bowling, 7:00-9:00PM
- ◆ April 11th Scrip Order Due
- ◆ April 12th, General PSO Meeting, 6:30-8:00, Parish Hall
- ◆ April 15th, Magazine Orders Due
- ◆ April 15th, 5:30-8:00PM Family Fun Night
- ◆ April 18th, 6:00PM, Auction Meeting, Parish Hall
- ◆ April 18th-22nd, Spirit Week

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

Our Mass yesterday was very moving. Our First Grade Class did an absolutely wonderful job with their participation and reading. Our guest priest, Father James Farrell gave very clear explanations of the parts of the Mass as he went along and we concluded with a decade of the Rosary led by two First Graders, Keely Grealish and Jessica Cary. The Rosary was said in honor of our late Holy Father. All week I have been reading passages from John Paul's writings. We have offered special prayers for the repose of his soul and Mr. Bartel did a marvelous lesson on his life, to mention a sampling of many activities we have done this week. I would like to share the following reflection John Paul II wrote on bringing up children.

“The task of education has its roots in the parents’ primary vocation to share in God’s creative work. By begetting in love and for love, a new person having the vocation to growth and development in him, the parents take on the task of effectively helping that new person to live a fully human life: “Since parents have conferred life on their children, they have a most solemn obligation to educate their offspring. Hence parents must be acknowledged as the first and foremost educators of their children. Their role as educators is so decisive that scarcely anything can compensate for their failure in it. For it devolves on parents to create a family atmosphere so animated with love and reverence for God and man, that personal and social development will be fostered among the children. Hence the family is the first school of those social virtues which every society needs” (Vatican II).

The parents’ right and duty is described as *essential*, connected as it is with transmission of human life: it is described as *original and primary*, as regards other educational functions, because of the uniqueness of the love relationship which exists between parents and children; it is described as *irreplaceable and unalienable*, therefore as not being able to be totally delegated to others, nor usurped by others.

Away and beyond these characteristics, the most radical element – that which characterizes the parents’ educational duty – is paternal and maternal love. This finds the accomplishment of the task of education making its service to life full and perfect. The parents’ love turns from being *source* into *soul*, thence into *norm*, inspiring and guiding the whole of the concrete work of education, and enriching it with those values of gentleness, constance, goodness, service,

disinterestedness, spirit of sacrifice, which are the most precious fruit of love.”¹

Our pastor, Father Tom McCarthy, S.J. will be returning from Rome next week. Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,
Michael Cantu,
Principal

¹ Prayers and Devotions from Pope John Paul II, Viking Press 1984

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 Crafting Club meets on Mondays after school until 4:00 in Mrs. Smith's room. This is for all 6th and 7th graders.

Fundraising Update:

SCRIP

Scrip order due dates for April are the 11th and 25th.

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 Orders are due by April 15th.

AUCTION NEWS

Brainstorming Meeting - Monday, April 18th at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall

See the enclosed flier. This is a fun evening to meet other parents and come up with ideas to make this another great auction. If you've been wondering what you can do to help with the auction - this is the place to be.

NEW ADDRESSES

The Parish and the School have new mailing addresses. Please use the new addresses to avoid delays. Be sure to correct the address for any online payments.

St. Francis Parish, 15651 SW Oregon St., Sherwood, OR 97140

St. Francis School, 15643 SW Oregon St., Sherwood, OR 97140

Spirit Week
April 18th - 22nd
Schedule of Events

Monday: Crazy Hair/Hat Day

Tuesday: Pajama Day (Quiznos' lunch)

Wednesday: Hawaiian/Beach Day; Hot Dog Luncheon

Thursday: Principal of the Day - Megan Piggott;
Collegiate Day/Oregon State-Oregon Civil War Day

Friday: Principal of the Day - Rachel Rice; Clash Day

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

PARISH NEWS

The Parish is planning this summer's Vacation Bible School. This will be for children from 4 years old to 5th grade. They are in need of volunteers. There is a meeting tonight in the Parish Hall at 6:30. The first portion of the meeting will be the Safe Environment Training.

OUT OF PARISH NEWS

CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Get Connected! 6th, 7th and 8th 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 23rd. Only 2000 tickets will be sold at \$50/each. For more information visit www.centralcatholichigh.org or call the Development Office at 503-230-1056.

LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL

Summer Session at La Salle High School: Classes for 5th-12th Graders and Camps for 3rd-12th Graders. For more information, visit their website at www.lasalle.pvt.k12.or.us or call 503-496-1733.

UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND

University of Portland - Girls Basketball Camp

Day Camp - June 27th - 30th for grades 3-8

Skills Camp - July 30th-31st for grades 7-12

For more information, visit their website at www.up.edu or contact Kelley Berglund at 503-943-7736 or berglund@up.edu.