

St. Francis School Newsletter

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Virtue of the month: COOPERATION

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

I hope that everything is well with your family. I have some information to share with you today.

Spanish Program/Schedule adjustment: If you are not already aware, the Department of Catholic Schools sets standards for the amount of time allotted for each of the core subjects. To cover the academic material, a school needs to devote the proper amount of time to each subject, this much is clear to all of us. In adding Spanish, which will be taught to all children twice a week, we need to add minutes each day to the schedule. I am adding 15 minutes to each day to do this. Based upon the input provided, the school will opt for an 8:15-3:10 PM schedule. Thanks to all for your participation.

Student Council: We will have a Student Council next year as planned. The election speeches will take place tomorrow at 2:00PM, parents are invited to attend. The vote will take place next Thursday and the Council will be named next Friday.

Art Show/PSO evening event- On Tuesday evening, May 24th, starting at 6:30 PM, we will have our final PSO meeting together with the Art Show. Our PSO officers have done a terrific job this first year (loved the Fun Run) getting us off to a good start, they would love to see you there! The Art Show will coincide with this and it would be a great opportunity for each of our parents to express our collective gratitude to Mrs. McGarry for the absolutely wonderful job she has done this year. As you know, she will be relocating and will be sorely missed. New families have been invited, at least one of the new teachers will be there and the kids are welcome. Refreshments will be served!

Calendar- The detailed calendar is still being worked out, but I would like to share one date with you now- On Thursday, September 1st, there will be a 'Meet the Teacher Evening'. Parents will be able to tour the school, talk to the teachers and ask any questions they might have before we start on September 6th. It was decided to do this rather than a 'Back to School' event in later September.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ May 23rd Scrip Order Due
- ◆ May 24th, Art Show/PSO Meeting 6:30, Parish Hall
- ◆ May 30th, Memorial Day, No School

6th/7th Grade Retreat- Some time ago, I started planning a retreat for the 6th and 7th Grade. I contacted Central Catholic High school and began working with a person on their Campus Ministry Team. After the initial set-up, it was turned over to Mrs. Smith and detailed out. Our children will attend this Retreat on Wednesday, May 25th. Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Haugsten will chaperon. I am going over at lunch. It is a tradition that I would like to keep and perhaps even expand upon. Keep these kids in your prayers.

Formation: One of the toughest tasks I know of is helping children develop into thoughtful, considerate and well educated adults. Sometimes I fear that we lose sight of the centrality of our mission with all the distractions and or minor inconveniences. In this central mission, we work in partnership with you, and sometimes kids struggle along the way, the parents and teachers scratch their heads and get disappointed, but I can tell you this- there is no higher level of satisfaction for an educator (parents included) than seeing a child succeed and believing in themselves. For this, I say that the effort is worthwhile! Have a great week.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu
Principal

Auction News

Do you or someone you know have connections to a car dealership or auto broker? The auction committee is actively seeking a donation of a car or 24 month lease for this years raffle and we need your help to procure this large donation item.

If you can help or have questions regarding the auction, please contact Julie Schweigert at 503-625-6889 or julieschweigert@yahoo.com

Next Auction Meeting is Monday, June 13th at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

School Art Show

Our school Art Show is next Tuesday, May 24th at 6:30. Students are invited to come and view the show with their parents. New parents and staff members have been invited to the Art Show and PSO meeting. Come and welcome those who are able to make it.

Kay McGarry (our Art teacher) is looking for some help in preparing for the Art Show. She needs volunteers the following times:
Friday, May 20th, 1:00PM-3:00PM
Tuesday, May 24th, 10:30AM-12:00PM and 3:00PM-4:00PM. Please call her at 503-639-2318 if you are able to help.

Coldstone Fundraiser Update

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the Coldstone fundraiser. Many families enjoyed an outing for ice cream and the staff worked hard to mix and serve some delicious treats. Final sales brought in a total of \$210.00 and the owners pitched in an additional \$50.00 for a total of \$260.00. Proceeds from scrip sales are not included in this amount. Thanks so much for supporting our school and look forward to a Coldstone Ice Cream cake sale around the holiday season.

Yearbooks

It is not too late to purchase your yearbook. They are \$15.00.

Tutoring

Tutoring will be available during the summer. Call the school office to make arrangements or for more information.

Conferences

Call or stop by the school office to sign up for the Standardized Test Conferences. This is for grades 3rd - 7th only. They will be next Thursday, May 26th and Friday, May 27th.

Golf Tournament and Spaghetti Dinner

The deadline to sign up for the golf tournament has been extended until Thursday, May 26th. Registration forms are in the school office. Please let us know by May 26th if you are planning on coming to the Spaghetti Dinner (this is open to everyone, not just golfers). We'd like to give the Knights of Columbus some idea of how many people they will be cooking for.

Dennis Uniform

Save 10% on in-store purchases June 1-30, 2005.
July is polo shirt month. Buy 3 polo shirts and receive 50% off the fourth. Buy any six polo shirts and receive the seventh FREE.

New Addresses:

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

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

Please let the school and parish know if your address had changed.

Washington County Youth Ages 5-12 and their parents are invited to the 2nd Annual "Get Ready, Get Set, Get Fit!", Saturday, May 21st from Noon to 3:00PM. There are many activities and it is a FREE event. It is held at the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District, 15707 SW Walker Road, Beaverton, OR 97006 More information is available in the school office or call 503-629-6330.

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. Please call Penny Lombardo at 503-625-6185 if you can help or to register.

The Parish is starting work on our new Parish Pictorial Directory. They are looking for people to help with the page layouts. If interested please call Arlene at 503-625-6185.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

There is information available in the school office for the following summer activities:

Purple Pants Art Workshop: Ages 9-12, June 20th-24th; Ages 13-Adult, June 27th-July 1st

University of Portland Girl's Basketball Camp

LaSalle High School - Classes for 5th-12th Graders, Athletic Camps for 3rd- 12th Graders

Valley Catholic School - Girls and Boys Basketball Camps

Central Catholic High School - Summer Sports Camps

Bernie Fagan Soccer Camps