

St. Francis School Newsletter

May 26, 2005

Virtue of the month: COOPERATION

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

Our Student Council elections will take place today. I am really excited to get this important aspect of our school underway. I joined the Association of Catholic School Student Councils recently as they furnish important materials and program suggestions to enhance the student's positive experiences with student government. The 2005-06 St. Francis School Council will be announced later today and a list of officers is included in this week's newsletter.

As I plan for next year, I am carefully considering how we (parents/teachers) can work to better promote the positive formation of our students. The first and primary goal for a Catholic School is to ensure that a child's Faith is nourished and that the child's Catholic faith is given the highest priority as it is the bottom line for every Christian, namely to achieve salvation and life everlasting with God. How can the school help you as the primary educators of your children? - Well, first of all with solid instruction in the Faith. Secondly, by modeling our Faith to the children and witnessing through our actions the love God has for each of your children. Thirdly, by working in close alliance with our Pastor, Father Tom, Christ's direct representative to this Parish community as well as in the celebration of the sacraments, in particular through the celebration of the Eucharist.

What can you do in all this? Well, as I see it, by establishing the importance of Faith and Education in your homes, you set the most important example to your children. While Faith is a gift from God, it is passed primarily through the parents we as a school act in a supporting role. Thus, it is vitally important that you take your children to Mass on Sunday; pray with your children and lift up the importance of their education. Please don't neglect manners, we live in a society that has largely forgotten this important part of civil society. I know it is a struggle in this area; this is why I am planning a program in this area for next year that will include everything from phone manners through table manners.

I hope I didn't get too 'preachy' today, thanks for giving these thoughts careful consideration and if you have any ideas or comments, drop me a note or stop by.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

Upcoming Events

- ◆ June 3rd, Parent Surveys Due
- ◆ June 7th, Canned Food Day
- ◆ June 13th, Auction Meeting, 6:30
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Thank you to everyone who ran for Student Council. The 2005-2006 St. Francis School Student Council is:

Commissioner General:	Peter Gioia
Commissioner of Finance:	Katie Vincent
Student Council Secretary:	Ivan Carrera
Commissioner of Publicity:	Cate Lucas
Commissioner of Safety and Ecology:	David Leavy
Commissioner of Athletics:	David Loucks
Commissioner of School Spirit:	Megan Dennison

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.

Pizza and Quiznos Orders

If you paid for pizza for tomorrow (May 27th) the slip is attached to the June Pizza Order form. Please use that as a credit in June.

If you paid for Quiznos when your student was on a field trip, the order is attached to the June Quiznos Order form. Please use that as a credit in June.

Yearbooks

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

Magazine Sales Update

We have some final figures from the magazine sale. We had a total of 415 magazines and/or products sold. From these we made a little over **\$3,200!!!** We will continue to get funds from anymore online sales and the notecards that were mailed. Thank you to everyone for making our first magazine sale a success. Don't forget to save those renewals and new subscriptions for next year.

Tutoring

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

Dennis Uniform

Dennis Uniform will be closed May 30th for Memorial Day.

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.

Thank You from Mrs. Haugsten -

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, well wishes and the cards.

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.

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.

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