

St. Francis School Newsletter

September 15, 2005

Virtue of the month: HOPE

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Sept. 16, No school, Inservice
- ◆ Sept. 19th, School Pictures
- ◆ Sept. 19th, Auction Meeting 6:30PM, Parish Center
- ◆ Sept. 20th, Band Meeting, 3:15PM, Art Room
- ◆ Sept. 20th, Student Council Meeting, 3:15, 6th Grade Room
- ◆ Sept. 20th, PSO Meeting, 6:30PM, Parish Center
- ◆ Sept. 21st, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Sept. 27th, School Mass, 8:30

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

I am writing this a day early which is usually not the case, but as I will be at a meeting in Portland tomorrow, I needed to get this written in advance. I have a couple of things that I would like to bring to your attention this week.

Academics- Well, I can't say often enough how much the children benefit from having solid dedicated teachers; this is obvious to you and me but especially to the kids. We have such a faculty this year. My job as it pertains to this in part; revolves around calling for an increasing level of quality from our students. When a school has the teachers that know what is required to get there combined with their cooperation with the administration to get there, you simply need to execute. Coupled with your encouragement at home; we simply are looking at *prime learning opportunities*. Optimizing each child's potential is the goal, and this goal is obtainable when such a combination of factors is working together. True self-esteem comes from achievement, achievement comes from hard work. And hard work is the last piece in the puzzle. Please encourage this at home. You have got my promise that the faculty will do its part.

The Child to Child assistance program is the brainchild of the National Catholic Educational Association. The idea is to collect at least a dollar from every Catholic school child as well as every Religious Education student and then to send the money to replenish books and supplies to the students displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The deadline is September 30th. Just send the dollar in with your child and the Parish will send a check in our name to NCEA. (We are going to send one check)

The Mass this morning was a wonderful highlight of what we are about. Father Tom was in rare form today, together with all the kids. The emphasis on Jesus and the Cross really focused us all on the central reason we gather in this beautiful spot in God's creation.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

PE News

Thank you to the parents who have donated items or money for PE equipment. It is much appreciated and will be enjoyed by all.

Be sure your students wear tennis shoes on Mondays and Fridays for PE. For the older students who change for PE, shorts must be of appropriate length.

Help Needed for PE Setup

When it starts raining or gets very cold PE will be held in the Parish Hall. On those days we need help Monday mornings at 8:00AM and Friday afternoons at 3:00PM moving tables and chairs. The times fit in with drop off and pick up and this is a great way to earn some share hours. Please call the school office if you can help with this.

Auction News

The auction committee meets every Monday at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend. Come and meet new people, share ideas and start earning those share hours.

Student Council

Student Council will meet every Tuesday from 3:15-4:15.

School Pictures

Pictures will be taken Monday, September 19th. The order envelopes must be returned on or before that date. Uniforms are worn for school pictures.

Thursday Envelopes

Every week your student will bring home this envelope with the weekly newsletter and other information. You may return lunch orders in it. Be sure to return the envelope to the office every week.

Correction to School Calendar

The school Mass scheduled for September 28th has been moved to the 27th. The feast of St. Francis is October 4th and the school will attend Mass that day. We will also go to Mass on All Saints Day, November 1st. School will begin at the normal time.

Safety

Be sure to watch for people crossing the parking lot when dropping off students or picking them up.

Newsletters, calendar and school email addresses can be found at our website - www.stfrancissherwood.org. Click on the school link.

PARISH NEWS

Attention Moms:

Moms at all stages of life are welcome to attend an 8 week class where we share, pray and discuss motherhood.

Ministry of Mothers Sharing will begin September 20th at 7:00PM and meet in the St. Francis Parish Center. The cost is \$35.00 and includes a journal and celebration dinner with a guest speaker.

Please consider taking some time out for yourself and see how sharing and praying with other moms can powerfully affect your spiritual life!

For more information stop by the church office or contact Dede Grosso at 503-625-9397 to register.

