

St. Francis School Newsletter

September 22, 2005

Virtue of the month: HOPE

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Sept. 27th, School Mass, 8:30
- ◆ Sept. 28th, Catholic High School Visit, Middle School
- ◆ Sept. 29th, 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Level Meeting, 6:30PM-8:00PM
- ◆ Sept. 30th, Coffee with the Principal, K and 1st grades, 7:30AM-8:30AM
- ◆ October 4th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ October 6th, 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade Level Meeting, 6:30PM-8:00PM
- ◆ October 11th, School Mass

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

Here are some updates and clarifications-

Parent Service Organization (PSO) - As has already been communicated, there are three vacancies for the PSO Executive Committee, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The school had requested through the newsletter for any interested parent wishing to fill these openings to communicate their interest either to the school office or to Rachel Engstrom, the President of the PSO. On Tuesday evening, September 20th, we held an open PSO meeting to discuss further the work of the PSO with any interested candidates. A group of fine parents have stepped up to offer their time and talent to serve on the Executive Committee. Each of these parents have already proven their earnest desire to work toward the betterment of our school community, therefore, I have asked them to serve our school community in the following capacities.

President- Rachel Engstrom

Vice President- Sherry Pedin

Secretary- Karen Carrerra/Val Delebroux

Treasurer- Ralph Mooers

The PSO is instrumental in furthering a number of community building activities as well as raising money to supplement our efforts to enrich the learning environment of our school. Next week, I will ask each of these parents to share their thoughts on how they will fulfill the duties of their offices. Please join me in expressing my gratitude for their willingness to serve.

6th/7th/8th Grade level Meeting- On Thursday, September 29th, from 6:30PM - 8:00PM, all 6th, 7th and 8th Grade parents are invited to the school to meet me and discuss any issues on your mind. Also, I will answer questions about the High School entrance process. We will meet in the 8th Grade classroom. I will be doing these meetings for all the grades throughout the month of October. These are purely optional, but you will receive a one hour service hour credit for attending.

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Kindergarten/1st Grade Coffee with the Principal- On Friday morning, September 30th from 7:30AM- 8:30ish, all Kindergarten and 1st Grade Parents and their children are invited to have coffee, milk/juice and coffee cake/donuts with me. It is yet another opportunity for you to build up our community.— Stop by if you can.

Raffle Proceeds- The proceeds generated from the auction raffle sales have once again been designated to go toward funding the cost of school field trips. The bus expense is typically in the hundreds of dollars per trip. In addition, there are costs per student for admission to the various destinations. Each class is asked to plan two field trips per year; the teacher submits a plan to me for approval. All money left over from last year's raffle profits was rolled over to this year.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

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.

Auction Class Showcases

We are putting the finishing touches on our Class Showcases. Items will still be accepted but cash donations in any amount would be greatly appreciated. This allows us to purchase the specific items needed to finish the Showcase. There will be an ice cream party for any class that reaches 100% participation. No donation is too small.

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 October 11th because Fr. Tom will be out of town on October 12th. Fr. Tom has agreed to have the Mass on November 1st, All Saints Day, at 9:30 to let the students sleep in a little after Halloween. School start time will be 9:15AM. Call the school office if you have any questions.

Student Council

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

Mass Attendance/Parish Subsidy

Please remember that it is the Archdiocese policy that all families receiving the Parish subsidy regularly attend Mass on Sunday and contribute to the support of the Church. These subsidies are reviewed on a regular basis to determine ongoing eligibility. On an even more important note, it is a duty of all Catholics to attend Sunday Mass. The spiritual benefits even outdo the financial benefits of the subsidy!

Quiznos Lunches

Quiznos was willing to try offering a choice of white or wheat bread. Due to the number of sandwiches it is not working out. All sandwiches will be made on white bread starting next week, September 28th. If you wish to cancel or change your order because of this, contact the school office no later than 3:10PM Monday, September 26th.

PE NEWS

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.

School Choir

School choir starts today after school. They will meet on Thursdays for 3:15PM-4:00PM. This is for students in 2nd-8th grades.

School Library

Would you like to help set up the school library? Call Dede Grosso at 503-625-9397 if interested.

Car Line

Please remember that the car line is not the place to stop and "visit". If you need to talk to someone, please park in the parking lot.

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

