

St. Francis School Newsletter

September 29, 2005

Virtue of the month: HOPE

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 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 10th, Scrip order due
- ◆ October 11th, School Mass
- ◆ Oct. 13th, 1st and 2nd Grade Level Meeting, 6:30PM-8:00PM
- ◆ Oct. 14th, No school, Inservice

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Dear Families,

When we look back through the misty fog of time, certain human figures and events appear more focused than others, although a certain patina embellishes some and overlooks others. A wealthy cloth merchant, Pietro di Bernardone, fathered a child named John more than eight hundred years ago that we remember each day at our school. His mother's name was Giovanna Pica. Any guesses?

Let me give you a few more clues- John developed the first documented case of stigmata- where one's hands and feet bleed like those of Christ on the Cross; tried to convert the powerful Islamic Sultan of Egypt during the Fifth Crusade; has been credited with many miraculous intercessions; was buried in a secret location in 1226 AD but not located until 1818 (secretly buried because the relics of saints would often be stolen by rival City-States in the Middle Ages); invented the idea of a Nativity set- Can you guess now?

Although baptized John, the baby was called Francis by his father and we know him as St. Francis of Assisi. Spiritual, Francis promoted Eucharistic spirituality (interesting that we have perpetual adoration here at St. Francis); a devotion to the Church; turning away from pretentious wealth and embracing the lowly. It is no wonder that Pope Pius XI declared him the *alter Christus* in 1926. And certainly for his respect for all creatures great and small. We celebrate our patron on October 4th with Mass at 8:30 AM- join us if you can.

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 Dinner Tickets go up in price to \$70 October 1st. Stop by the school office Friday to get your tickets at the lower price of \$60.

Raffle Tickets

If you have raffle tickets that you are not going to sell, please return them to the school office. Thank you.

Scrip Order Dates

The scrip order dates for October will be October 10, and October 24th.

Uniform Exchange

Don't forget as your students outgrow their uniforms we do have some here at the school

Correction to School Calendar

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. There will be no before school care on November 1st. Call the school office if you have any questions.

Student Council

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

Campbell's Labels and Box Tops

We do collect Campbell's labels and box tops. There are boxes in the school office for them. With Campbell's Labels we can order items from their catalog and we receive 10 cents per box top.

Room Parents

There will be a gathering of room parents to discuss the year and especially Halloween. It will be Tuesday, October 18th at 3:00PM at the playground (weather permitting). Any and all parents are welcome to attend.

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

The school choir meets on Thursdays from 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

If you are first in line in the afternoon and we have forgotten to take down the rope by 3:00, please feel free to do so.

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

Community News

Metro Gymnastics Center on Lower Boones Ferry Road in Tigard is doing a survey to see if there is interest in an after school care program. They are offering to provide transportation and would allow for snack time, homework time and a gymnastics session. Cost to be determined. For more information you can call them at 503-968-9285. Their website is www.metrogymnastics.com.