

St. Francis School Newsletter

October 6, 2005

Virtue of the month: FAITH

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

I have some updates and tidbits of information for you in this week's newsletter-

Fire Drills/Safety Issues- We had our October Fire Drill today and it went very well. The teachers reviewed the procedures with the children. Our Student Council Safety Commissioner assisted in the drill (nice job, David). Later, we will conduct an Earthquake drill as well as a lock-down drill. On the topic of safety procedures, I would like to summarize a few points of our emergency plan that I will be reviewing with our faculty this month. As you know, all doors except the office door are kept locked during the school day. Children are supervised at all times. If we were ever to face a natural or man-made disaster, we have quite a store of non-perishable food and drink in our Christian Service food bank. Next week, faculty members are going to be trained or re-certified in CPR and First Aid. We, the faculty and staff of St. Francis School consider safety of your children, to be our most important responsibility.

Our Band- While we may not yet have an award winning Dixieland Jazz Band, we are off to a very promising start, thanks to the children and Mr. Fulks!

Lego Robotics- Yet another program is off to a good start thanks to some enthusiastic students and parent volunteer, John Ries (father of Corwin, 2nd Grade and Sophia 5th Grade). Thank you John Ries!

Five New Students joined us this week- Actually one of them is a returning student, Becky (8th), two twins in 2nd Grade- Max and Sam, a 5th Grader- Kevin and a 1st Grader- Aubree-we are very pleased with their joining us!

Tonight is our 2nd in a series of Grade level meetings- this time around with all parents of 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders invited to come and share comments and questions with the group. Last week's session with the 6th, 7th and 8th Graders was very productive.

Teaching assignment- I have assigned myself to teaching 8th Grade Religion starting Monday next week. This will allow each of the Middle School grades to focus on their particular grade level material. It will also keep Mrs. Haugsten from developing a multiple personality disorder as she was trying to teach both 7th and 8th Grade Religion at the same time!

Sincerely,
Michael Cantu,
Principal

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Oct. 6th- 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade Level Meeting, 6:30PM-8:00PM
- ◆ Oct. 10th, Scrip order due
- ◆ Oct. 11th, School Mass
- ◆ Oct. 11th, Canned Food Day
- ◆ Oct. 13th, 1st and 2nd Grade Level Meeting, 6:30PM-8:00PM
- ◆ Oct. 14th, No school, Inservice
- ◆ Oct. 19th, School Mass
- ◆ Oct. 20th, Kindergarten Grade Level Meeting, 6:30PM-8:00PM

Auction News

The last auction meeting is Monday, October 10th at 6:30 in the Parish Hall. **THANK YOU to everyone for your help and support.**

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.

Missing a sandal?

A child's brown sandal was found on the black top after pick up on Tuesday. It is in the school office.

Canned Food

We will be collecting canned food the 2nd Tuesday of every month for the parish food bank. The parish provides food baskets to people in the Sherwood area. We hope to collect 2 cans per student. Thank you.

Correction to School Calendar

The school will 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 officers will meet the first Tuesday of every month from 3:15-4:15. Other meetings will be during lunch on Tuesdays.

Homework Club

Homework Club will now be meeting every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15-4:15. It will no longer meet on Mondays.

School Pictures

School pictures are being sent home today. Retake day is October 27th. See the information in today's envelope or call the school office if you have any questions.

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 Lunch and Field Trip

If you have a student in K-3 and you ordered them a Quiznos lunch for October 12th, you will receive a credit to use in November. You will need to pack a lunch for the field trip. It needs to be a sack lunch and drink that can be thrown away. Bring a pillowcase with the students name on it. Boots are recommended. School uniform should be worn.

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.

PARISH NEWS

There will be a Praise Fest the night of October 16 at 7:00PM in the church. The special guest group is Youth for Christ. Join us for this night of upbeat music.

Community News

The Sherwood YMCA is taking registrations for youth basketball. This is for children ages 3-8. Registration forms are in the school office or available at the YMCA.