

St. Francis School Newsletter

October 27, 2005

Virtue of the month: FAITH

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Oct. 28th, Coffee with the Principal, 2nd & 3rd grades, 7:30AM-8:30AM
- ◆ Nov. 1st, Late start, 9:15AM, Mass, 9:30AM
- ◆ Nov. 2nd, 1st and 2nd Grade Level Meeting, 6:30PM-8:00PM
- ◆ Nov. 8th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Nov. 8th, Canned food for Thanksgiving food boxes
- ◆ Nov. 10th th & 11th, No school
- ◆ Nov. 14th, Scrip order due
- ◆ Nov. 15th, 6:30PM-9:30PM, PSO Family Fun Night

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

It has been a very fruitful week here at St. Francis School in more ways than you think. Not only was the Auction an absolutely wonderful financial success, but it also demonstrated some great things about our community. I would like to ponder on these for a moment-

The effort was selfless and demonstrated a high level of unity. It was a fine example of community. I am sure there were little glitches along the way, but in the full measure of it all, the united effort of so many simply shined above any petty conflicts or issues. Donors, parents, parishioners, school faculty and staff and of course, even the St. Francis students all contributed to this successful result. Of course there were key people that led along the way, but my purpose here is not to mention a long list of names, they know who they are! My purpose is to ask you to join me in acknowledging the community effort that came together in unity to produce some admirable results, not the least of which is in bearing witness to a greater purpose, which is to build up the Kingdom of God.

I have asked to teachers to help start a new column in our weekly newsletter. I thought that it would be a good idea to tap their collective wisdom and experience and have them share a thought on helping you with some ideas. Of course, this is done respectfully, and they are not telling you how to do your job, but I do know that over time, they have dealt with different issues and have come to know that certain solutions work.

The first Survey of the year is in this week's newsletter- please submit it by November 9th. Also, please read the Mission Statement and Philosophy Statement; if you have any proposed modifications or suggestions, write those on the back of the Survey. Have a wonderful week.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

Scrip Order Dates

The scrip order dates for November are Monday, November 14th and Monday, November 28th.

E-Mail

Gretchen will be putting together an e-mail list for keeping parents informed of upcoming events, schedule changes, etc. To be put on the list, send an email to gretchen@stfrancissherwood.org. If you were on the list last year please send an e-mail to make sure our address for you is accurate. Also, let Gretchen know if you would like your e-mail address included in the school directory. Again, even if it was in last year, send it again to make sure it is correct.

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 and shirts must be long enough to have no midriff showing with arms straight up.

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

Correction to School Calendar

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.** The school Mass scheduled for November 9th has been moved to November 8th.

Grade Level Meetings

The Grade Level meeting for 1st and 2nd grades has been rescheduled for Nov. 2nd from 6:30PM-8:00. The Kindergarten Grade Level meeting will also be rescheduled.

Recycle Printer Cartridges

Bring in your used printer cartridges and the school can get free copy paper for them.

Kindergarten Angels

The kindergarten class will be angels for the Christmas concert. Please call the school office if you have information about inexpensive angel wings or if you would be willing to make them.

Teacher Tips

Watch what you say in your child's hearing. If you are upset or angry at your child's school, teacher or principal, and feel the need to vent, be sure your child is not within hearing range. Overhearing negative comments about the school or school personnel can cause your child to feel s/he has "permission" to think that way also, and this can translate into a range of problems for your child at school, including refusing to do work, feeling that it's "OK" to talk back, and even deciding not to do as the teacher asks. Be careful to make only positive remarks when your child/children are in hearing range!

Parish News

The Parish bazaar is November 5th from 9:00AM to 9:00PM with dinner following the 5:30 Saturday night Mass and on November 6th from 9:00AM to Noon.

Missing: The parish is missing two white altar cloths, last seen in the washer and/or dryer. Please let us know if you have any information about where they might have been placed.

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.

Missing Cat: Is anyone missing a white cat with black markings? It was found at the school. Call the school office if you or someone you know is missing a cat.