

St. Francis School Newsletter

November 3rd, 2005

Virtue of the month: CHARITY

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Nov. 7th, Free Dress Day
- ◆ Nov. 8th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Nov. 8th, Canned food for Thanksgiving food boxes
- ◆ Nov. 9th, Parent Surveys Due
- ◆ Nov. 10th th & 11th, No school
- ◆ Nov. 14th, Scrip order due
- ◆ Nov. 15th, 6:30PM-9:30PM, PSO Family Fun Night
- ◆ Nov. 16th, School Mass 8:30AM
- ◆ Nov. 17th, Noon Dismissal
- ◆ Nov. 17th, Principal Appreciation Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

Help! I need your help to protect the integrity of our instructional day. You may ask, "What is he talking about"? Simply put, there are too many children coming late to school. There are too many going home early and our absence rate could stand some improving. The time we have with the children is precious learning time, I mean this. The commitment on the part of the faculty and I is to provide the very best education for your children, but we can't fully do the job for a child if they miss out consistently on class time. That aside, we are still off to a very good start, so much so that to celebrate the 1st Quarter that ends tomorrow, the students will be allowed free dress on Monday, November 7th.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

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

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.

School Calendar

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

There is no school on November 10th, 11th, 24th and 25th.

November 17th, 18th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd are noon dismissal days.

Grade Level Meetings

The Kindergarten Grade Level meeting will be rescheduled.

Recycle Printer Cartridges

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

Canned Food and other Nonperishables

Tuesday, November 8th is our canned food day. Needs for the Thanksgiving baskets are: canned fruit, canned green beans, foil, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, tuna, tomato sauce, brown sugar, canned yams, cereal, soup, canned corn, canned olives, canned milk, cake mix, oil, jello, pasta, canned pumpkin, canned pie filling, toilet paper, canned frosting, pork and beans.

Teacher Tips

Make school and education important. Coming late to school, leaving early from school, going on trips during the school year have a tendency to undermine that importance. Use after school hours for appointments and school vacations to take trips. It will make a difference to your child's learning and their attitude towards school. If they know you find school and education important, they will as well. A Haitian author, Jacques Roumain said "Education is a necessity, it helps to understand life."

School Conferences

School Conferences will be November 18th from 1:00 to 5:00, 21st and 22nd from 3:00 to 7:00. Sign ups are now taking place in the school office. Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Boris, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Haugsten would like the students to attend with the parents. The other conferences are parents only unless the teacher requests otherwise.

Scholastic Book Fair

Save the dates for our Book Fair!

Set up will be Tuesday, November 29th.

The Book Fair will run from Wednesday, November 30th to Monday, December 5th.

Clean up will be Tuesday, December 6th.

Many people have volunteered to help! We will have sign up sheets out soon!

Remember to think about doing your Christmas book shopping here!!

Thanks!

Co-Chairs Laura Larsen and Jennifer Micich

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.

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.

Cheerleading Clinic!

Come join the Varsity Cheerleaders at LaSalle High School to learn chants, cheers and dances! You will also get the chance to perform at half-time of a Varsity High School basketball game.

Who: Ages 4yrs-8th Grade

Where: LaSalle High School

When: Saturday, January 7, 2006 from 10:30-2:30

Cost & Deadline: \$40/girl (includes t-shirt and pom poms) due by Dec. 20th. Late registrations are welcome but will not receive a t-shirt.

Please contact Cindy VanDrimmelen for registration information and medical release forms. Home # 503-652-5923 or email cinder_bug@yahoo.com