

# St. Francis School Newsletter

November 17th, 2005

Virtue of the month: CHARITY

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, Noon Dismissal
- ◆ Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, First Reconciliation
- ◆ Nov. 21-23, Noon Dismissal
- ◆ Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, School Mass 8:30AM
- ◆ Nov. 24-25, No School
- ◆ Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, Safe Environment Training Class, 7:00PM
- ◆ Nov. 30-Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, Book Fair
- ◆ Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, Safe Environment Training, 10:00AM
- ◆ Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Coffee with the Principal, 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grades
- ◆ Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, PSO Family Craft Night, 6:30PM

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

This week's newsletter is filled with information including a wonderful letter from the Parent Service Organization, so I decided to share a thought today rather than submit you to information barrage!

I have an Irish setter (still a puppy at a year and a half) that lately has decided she likes to get up around 2:00AM for a late night snack and sit by the fire. Well, you might say, 'why do you put up with it'? I think it is a phase, you know like a child that gets up in the middle of the night. Anyway, I am sure it will pass. And I figure it is quiet, the kids are finally asleep and I can catch up with the news. As you are aware, there are so many awful things happening in our world today, I finally said to myself- enough- and I sought out info on one of my heroes, James Herriot, DVM, the English country vet and author of All Creatures Great and Small. As I looked at the website, I was reminded of what a thoroughly good human being he was. How he was able to see the humor in life, his respect for animals, the environment and people of all walks of life. I see a parallel between his approach to life and the vision of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. God is very present in all, and we can certainly sense this through everyday life experience.

To conclude; this is very true at our small school nestled in this little forest grove in a tiny town many have never heard of. This is a wonderful place and I hope you see what I am getting at today. I have no long list of information for you today, just a little thought to share- have a wonderful week.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,  
Principal

### Scrip Order Dates

The next scrip order date is November 28<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget that they make great Christmas gifts.

### Safe Environment Training

We will be having a Safe Environment Training on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM and Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM. This is for anyone who works with minors more than 4 times a year within the Archdiocese. The class is about 30 minutes in length and is good for 3 years.

### Christmas Program

For the Christmas program the "Angels" (Kindergarten) should wear their Sunday best with their wings.

### School Calendar

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

The PSO Family Night is Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30.

### Grade Level Meetings

The Kindergarten Grade Level meeting will be rescheduled.

### Homework Club

There will be no homework club on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Band and Choir

There will be **no** band practice on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. There will also be **no** choir on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Catholic High School Placement Test

Here is the schedule for the Catholic High School Placement Test for this year's 8<sup>th</sup> graders. It is suggested that you take the test at your first choice school. They will send the results to other schools at your request. Call to reserve a spot. The test fee is \$20.

Central Catholic: Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, Paul O'Malley 503-1056x112

De La Salle North: Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, Mateo Bradford 503-285-9385x103

Jesuit High School: Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, Shirley Poppe 503-291-5422

La Salle High School: Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, Andrea Burns 503-353-1413

St. Mary's Academy: Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, Julie Stillwell 503-721-7725

Valley Catholic High School: Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, Claudia Thomas 503-520-4721

Teacher Tips

With so many demands on your time, it's often difficult for parents and children to get together for a family meal, let alone spend some quality time together. But there is probably nothing your child would like more. Get up ten minutes earlier in the morning so you can eat breakfast with your child or leave the dishes in the sink and take a walk after dinner. Children who are not getting the attention they want from their parents often act out or misbehave because they are assured of being noticed.

Scholastic Book Fair

- Save the dates for our Book Fair!
- Set up will be Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The Book Fair will run from Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> to Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Clean up will be Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Many people have volunteered to help! The sign up sheet is in the office or call
- Laura Larsen 503-570-1134 to volunteer for the Book Fair.
- Remember to think about doing your Christmas book shopping here!!
- Thanks!
- Co-Chairs Laura Larsen and Jennifer Micich

## Community News

## Quest Faith Sharing:

All adults are invited to the Quest Faith sharing group on Thursdays from 9:15AM-10:15AM in the Parish Hall. (No theology degree required.) The topic each week is the next Sunday's readings. Call Lisa Ashley at 503-625-1285 if you have any questions.

## 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-8<sup>th</sup> 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. 20<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:cinder_bug@yahoo.com)

