

St. Francis School Newsletter

December 8, 2005

Virtue of the month: GENEROSITY

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Dec. 10th, LEGO League Tournament (see insert)
- ◆ Dec. 13th, Canned Food Day
- ◆ Dec. 14th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Dec. 20th, Christmas Program, 7:00PM
- ◆ Dec. 21st, Noon Dismissal
- ◆ Dec. 22nd - Jan. 2nd, Christmas Vacation
- ◆ Jan. 3rd, School Resumes

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

I start today's newsletter with a thank you. And this thanks goes out to Mr. Ries, who has spent both his time and money in getting our first Lego Robotics team ready for this weekend's competition, sponsored by Intel. I ask you, what better way to help prepare youngsters for a future job in High Technology than to introduce it to them, during their early years, in a fun way. Thanks Mr. Ries and good luck to our team members: Sophia, Aidan, Matthew, Kevin, Logan, Hannah and Jacob. By the way, this thanks also goes out to his wife, Lynn, who has been spending many hours in helping organize our school library.

For several weeks after the auction we pay out on various bills and I believe I have now signed the last check! We exceeded our goal. Thank you one and all! Also, thirteen new computers and our Network Server, together with the tables and chairs, are on the way. I hope to get them installed soon. These Special Appeal items will certainly be put to good use!

I have not heard from anybody as requested in last weeks newsletter regarding the issue of school/home partnership- do respond-I won't count it late. Finally, as we move closer to Christmas, I conclude with the thought that each of us in our school community grow in our faith and oneness with God.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

Canned Food

Tuesday, December 13th is our canned food collection day. Items needed for the Christmas food boxes are listed on today's insert and also include: sweet potatoes (or yams), tomato sauce, tuna, frosting, and spaghetti sauce.

E-mail List

Just a reminder, if you have not already done so, to email the school office at: gretchen@stfrancissherwood.org to be put on the parent email list for school news and reminders.

Grade Level Meetings

The Kindergarten Grade Level meeting will be rescheduled.

Winter Weather

We will follow the Sherwood School District for late starts and school closures.

Classroom Parties and Birthdays

The rule is that any food to be served to students must be store bought.

Scrip Order Dates

There will be just one scrip order in December, Monday the 12th. Don't forget that they make great Christmas gifts.

LEGO League 2005 Local Tournament

We have a team of 7 students who will compete in the Intel Oregon FIRST LEGO League 2005 Local Tournament this Saturday at Mentor Graphics in Wilsonville. All are invited to attend the Competition Rounds. (see insert) A special thanks to John Ries- Coach, Brian Grealish-Assistant Coach and Mrs. Smith for her help.

Teacher Tips

Model the traits you wish to cultivate in your child: respect, friendliness, honesty, kindness. Exhibit unselfish behavior. Do things for other people without expecting a reward. Express thanks and offer compliments. Above all, treat your children the way you expect other people to treat you.

Correction to the school directory:

The address for Lawrence and Michelle Lazo is 10511 SW Naeve St., Tigard 97224

Central Catholic High School News

All middle school students interested in music or choir are invited as guests to the Central Catholic High School Band and Choir Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00PM. The concert will be held in the Fred G. Meyer Memorial Performing Arts Center at Central Catholic. Please use the entrance on 26th and SE Stark. After the concert, join us for refreshments and meet the Directors of Band and Choir as well as the performers. If you have any questions or to reserve your spot, please contact Heather McGowan no later than December 13th at 503.230.1056 or email hmcgowan@centralcatholichigh.org

St. Mary's Academy News

The St. Mary's Christmas Concert will be held Wednesday, December 14th at 7:30PM in the school auditorium. The annual event will feature the Marian Singers, Marian Instruments, Concert Choir and Freshman Choir singing and playing "Sounds of the Season". The evening is free to all.

Come to CYO Basketball Night at St. Mary's Academy on Friday, January 6! All CYO players and coaches will get free admission to the game between the St. Mary's Blues and Gresham Union High School. Face painting, popcorn, soda, prizes and a rousing halftime competition will be available during the game. The festivities start at 6:45PM in the Virginia and Richard Mathews Gymnasium at St. Mary's Academy, 1615 S. W. Fifth Avenue, Portland. For more information, contact Julie Stillwell at 503.721.7725.

Catholic High School Placement Test

Here is the schedule for the Catholic High School Placement Test for this year's 8th 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. 10th & 12th, Paul O'Malley 503-1056x112

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

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

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

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

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