

St. Francis School Newsletter

December 15, 2005

Virtue of the month: GENEROSITY

School phone numbers:
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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Friday, Dec. 16th, Polar Express Day, Wear pajamas or uniform
- ◆ Dec. 19th, 20th, 21st, Free Dress Days
- ◆ Dec. 20th, Christmas Program, 7:00PM; Students here at 6:00PM
- ◆ Dec. 21st, Noon Dismissal
- ◆ Dec. 22nd - Jan. 2nd, Christmas Vacation
- ◆ Jan. 3rd, School Resumes
- ◆ Jan. 4th, Jump Rope Team tryouts, After school

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

At this point, it looks as if we will not be sending out a weekly envelope next week. What that means is that in today's newsletter you will find information about the Christmas program next week. You will also see that due to your generosity this week in supplying canned food items for the needy, I granted free dress next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Don't forget that tomorrow we continue our Polar Express/Pajama day tradition.

Having family and friends at this time of year really enriches the Advent Season. Parenthood is especially rewarding at this time. I had a friend growing up whose father played Christmas music throughout the year because it made him happy. At the time I thought it a little odd, but you know since having my own kids, I don't think it all that strange. I watched, *The Grinch that Stole Christmas* more than a couple of times this summer with my youngest child, and I liked it-it made her happy.

Have a wonderful Christmas, enjoy the extra time with your family. I will keep each of you in my prayers and I wish each of you a Happy New Year- see you in '06!

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

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.

Scrip Order Dates

Our next scrip order will be Jan. 3rd (our first day back). Orders need to be in the school office by 8:15AM that morning. Delivery will be Jan. 5th.

Jump Rope Team

Wednesday, January 4th is the tryout for the jump rope team right after school. Practices will be on Thursdays.

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.

The classroom Christmas parties are Wednesday, December 21st. Contact the teachers for more information.

LEGO League 2005 Local Tournament

On Saturday, the St. Francis First Lego Team, the No Names, participated in one of 20 local tournaments where teams are scored in 4 different categories: project presentation, robot design, team work and robot mission completion. An overall winner and 3 runners up are named, along with first and second place in the individual categories.

The No Names won 2nd place in project presentation. I'm proud of the work that our team put in and the parent support at the tournament. I would especially like to thank Brian Grealish for volunteering to be the assistant coach at the tournament and Victoria Smith for being our tournament volunteer.

Regards,
John Ries

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 phone number for the Strahms should be 503-612-6606.

HELP WANTED: Friday, December 16th come to help clean the church to get it ready for Christmas. Starting after morning Mass, about 9:00AM.

BOOK FAIR

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with our Scholastic Book Fair! It was a very successful event. We beat our goal of \$5,500.00, which gives us over \$2,500.00 to spend on books for our school. Thank you to all who helped and all who purchased books. We ended up with some extra “dino eggs”. They are available on a first come, first serve basis and the cost is \$9.99. Thank you again.

Laura Larsen and Jennifer Micich

St. Mary's Academy News

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.