

St. Francis School Newsletter

January 5, 2006

Virtue of the month: COURAGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

I can't say that getting back from vacation was easy for everyone, but I think by now even the most reluctant student is at least reconciled to the fact and back in the school mode. As you know, even if they don't tell you, children need and thrive in routines. They need structure and a sense of what is expected of them. I am a firm believer in the idea that if you can provide a stable structured and supportive environment together with high expectations, the child will exceed beyond the limits you might have imagined.

Although we are now in the New Year, our year began some months ago. If I might remind you, among the goals I set for this year were:

to instill in the children a healthy work-ethic

to focus on Math instruction and enable the children to reach their full potential

to further develop that which is already established

to introduce some new programs and academic offerings

Next week, I am going to share my thoughts on how we have done on these in the first semester. Remember that the first semester ends on January 20th. If you have your own thoughts on the goals listed above, please feel free to communicate them in any way you choose- phone call, note/letter, or e-mail.

On the last day before the Christmas break, I drove over to the toy collection center to drop off the toys you had donated. When I arrived, they told me that everything had already been collected, despite the fact that we had called them that morning. I got on the cell phone and called a National Guard Armory. A young soldier answered the phone and said to bring them down. When I got there and unloaded all those gifts destined for the children of these soldiers, I really felt proud to be the principal of this school. That was a true bit of Christmas spirit there!

Sincerely,
Michael Cantu,
Principal

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Jan. 10th, Canned food day
- ◆ Jan. 10th, Student Council meeting for officers after school
- ◆ Jan. 11th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Jan. 16th, No school
- ◆ Jan. 20th, Mother/Son Bowling
- ◆ Jan. 25th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Jan. 27th, No school
- ◆ Jan. 29th-Feb. 4th, Catholic Schools Week

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. 17th. Orders need to be in the school office by end of the day Friday, January 13th.

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.

Bagel Lunches

The order for the lunch for Monday, January 9th needs to be in the school office tomorrow. Normally they need to be turned in by Wednesday.

RESOLUTION: To get more volunteer hours on the BOOKS

How: Put card pockets in the school library's fiction collection. The books have been culled and alphabetized. Now we need to make it easier for students to borrow them. The job should take 50-60 hours. Contact Lynn Ries for details. 503-682-6771.

Next week's envelope will include the Commitment Form for the 2006-2007 school year for our current families. A nonrefundable \$50 fee per family will be due with the form. The \$50 dollars can be applied to the nonrefundable registration fee of \$200 per student which will be due in full by March 24, 2006. The forms will also be available in the school office before (and after) next Thursday.

Community News

Registration forms for the Sherwood Junior Baseball Organization are available in the school office. This is for children ages 5-16. The registration deadline is February 20th. Tryouts begin in March. You may also register online at www.sherwoodjuniorbaseball.com.