

St. Francis School Newsletter

January 19, 2006

Virtue of the month: COURAGE

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Jan. 20th, Mother/Son Bowling
- ◆ Jan. 22nd, 8:30AM & 10:30AM Masses, Welcoming and Blessing Rite for First Holy Communion Students and Parents
- ◆ Jan. 25th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Jan. 27th, No school
- ◆ Jan. 28, School Clean-up
- ◆ Jan. 29th-Feb. 4th, Catholic Schools Week
- ◆ Feb. 10th, Father/Daughter Dance, 6:30PM-9:00PM

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

Next month, our Virtue is **Kindness**. This month, it is **Courage**, and we continue to emphasize the importance of this, integrating it into our curriculum. I would like to let you know that I am asking the teachers to link the two virtues in their character education, the last two weeks of January. I do this because it takes courage to be kind. It is a quality of character that requires a person (young or old) to take a chance and offer a kind word or deed to someone who might be marginalized or left out. As a character trait, it is thoroughly Catholic; it is absolutely **Christ-like** in its application.

I am asking every parent to talk over the topic. Discuss the two principal commands of Christ with your child- **1) to love God with your whole heart 2) to love your neighbor as yourself**. By practicing these, we define our school community as being true to our calling. Our school will be a better school by doing so.

On another note, I invited Father Tom over to the school this morning. You see, Father is celebrating his 75th Birthday. The kids sang for him and presented him with hand drawn birthday cards. Please join me in wishing a Happy Birthday to Father and to thank him for his support of our school.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

E-mail List

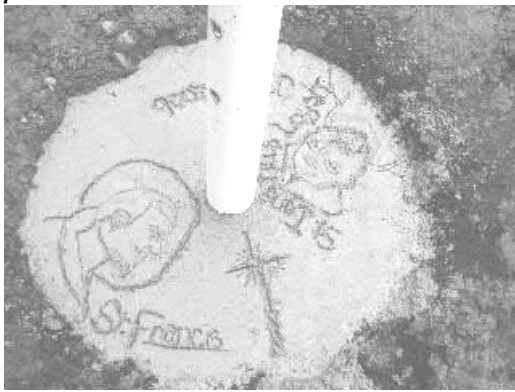
Just a reminder, if you have not already done so, to email the school office at:
gretchen@stfrancissherwood.org to be put on the parent email list for school news and reminders.

Registration

We are currently accepting commitment forms from current families for the 06-07 school year. There is a \$50 nonrefundable deposit per family due with the form. This \$50 will be applied towards the \$200 nonrefundable registration fee per student which is due by March 24th. Open enrollment will begin, Sunday, January 29th at our Open House.

The FACTS forms for tuition assistance for the 2006-2007 school year are available in the school office. You may also apply online at www.factstuitionaid.com. **The deadline is March 27th, 2006.**

The base of the school's new flag pole.

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.

First Holy Communion Students and Parents

There will be a Welcoming/Blessing Rite for First Holy Communion Students and Parents at the 8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses on Sunday, January 22nd.

PSO School Cleanup

There will be a school cleanup day on Saturday, January 28th to prepare for Open House starting at 8:30AM. This is a great opportunity to earn some share hours.

Student Council

All Student Council members are asked to attend the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday, January 29th. They should be in uniform and nice shoes. They will be showing people around during our Open House.

Scrip Orders

Scrip orders are due Jan. 30th and will be delivered Feb. 2nd.

Jump Rope for Heart: Please return the “In memory of” and “In honor of” hearts to the school. They will be in the school atrium. In order for the students to participate in Jump Rope for Heart, they need the signed Heart Association permission slip turned in. The Jump Rope for Heart will be Monday, February 13th at 11:30.

There is information enclosed about online fundraising for Jump Rope for Heart. You do not need to collect money to participate.

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.

Indoor Soccer

This year, Sherwood youth again have the opportunity to play indoor soccer with the Sherwood Youth Soccer Club. But for the first time, home games for 3rd-8th graders in the program will be played in Sherwood's Fieldhouse facility. Away games for these ages will be played in school gyms in Tigard and Tualatin. Games for Kindergarten - 2nd grade will be played in school gyms. Registration remains open through February 9th, 2006. Registration can be made on-line at www.sherwoodsoccer.org, or through the mail. Mail in forms can be obtained at the Sherwood library, at school offices or the Fieldhouse.

Indoor soccer operates March through May and serves grades K-8. Two games are played each week: boys play Tuesdays and Thursdays; girls play Mondays and Wednesdays. For further information visit the website at

Internet: sherwoodsoccer.org,

Email: Indoor@sherwoodsoccer.org

Message phone: 503-672-9264, ext 499.

SYSC Indoor Soccer operates separately from the Fieldhouse soccer leagues, but works in cooperation with the Fieldhouse and the City of Sherwood to offer our community a variety of soccer programs.