

# St. Francis School Newsletter

February 2, 2006

## Virtue of the month: KINDNESS

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Free Dress Day
- ◆ Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, Auction Meeting for Kindergarten Parents, 6:30PM
- ◆ Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, Father/Daughter Dance, 6:30PM-9:00PM
- ◆ Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, Jump Rope for Heart
- ◆ Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, Science Fair
- ◆ Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, No school, President's Day
- ◆ Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, School Mass 8:30AM

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

Well, what a week we have had! Each day this week has brought with it the celebratory spirit that we set out to achieve during Catholic School's Week. I would like to point out that paramount in my planning the events for the week was the desire to recognize community in its various forms, in the lives of our students. We began on Sunday with the Parish Community; on Monday it was centered on our Pastor and Parish Office Staff; on Tuesday, you, our parents; on Wednesday, the Grandparents; today it was the students and tomorrow our Faculty and staff.

Recently, a scholar/professor and founding member of the Institute of Catholic Educational Leadership program at the University of San Francisco, Father Edwin McDermott, S. J. passed away. Father McDermott wrote a wonderful little book on Catholic Schools that revolved around the themes of *Gospel Message, Building up the Community through service to the Community*. All this; naturally taken from Catholic teaching. I believe that we were able to touch upon all three this week and I think that Father Edwin would certainly agree, if he were with us. And by the way, I think he is, in the sense that it was because of a lecture he and Sister Mary Peter Traviss, O.P. gave many years ago, that I went on to attend the University of San Francisco and complete my studies in the Catholic Educational Leadership program. His teaching has remained with me to this day.

Lastly, I would like to ask you to get out there and tell other parents about our school. We have a good thing here, and we should not hide it like misers. A good number of new families came to see us this past Sunday, but I am sure there were some who might not have heard the good news about St. Francis School!

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,  
Principal

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 24<sup>th</sup>. Open enrollment has begun. This year there is a \$15 testing fee for all incoming students.

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](http://www.factstuitionaid.com). **The deadline is March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006.**

Printer Cartridges

Keep us in mind when recycling printer cartridges - we accept all kinds, large and small, ink jet and laser.

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 Orders

Scrip orders are due Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> and will be delivered Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Share Hours

We can use help moving tables and chairs for PE on Monday mornings (when you drop off) or Friday afternoons (at pick up).

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 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.

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

**Parents: Extra hands are needed for turning ropes. Call Gretchen and let her know if you can help.**

**THANK YOU** to the parents, teachers and students who helped with the refreshments on Grandparents' Day. It was appreciated by all.

### CYO Track

Registration for CYO track through St. Anthony School in Tigard is February 13<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM - 7:30PM. **Bring your child to registration!** Practices will begin mid-March. If you have any questions email Julie Sieg at [Jsieg@stanthonytigard.org](mailto:Jsieg@stanthonytigard.org).

### 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 20<sup>th</sup>. Tryouts begin in March. You may also register online at [www.sherwoodjuniorbaseball.com](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be played in school gyms. Registration remains open through February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Registration can be made on-line at [www.sherwoodsoccer.org](http://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](http://sherwoodsoccer.org),

Email: [Indoor@sherwoodsoccer.org](mailto: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.