

St. Francis School Newsletter

March 2, 2006

Virtue of the month: SACRIFICE

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ March 3rd, Jump Rope Team Assembly 2:15PM, Parish Hall
- ◆ March 8th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ March 13-24, Standardized Testing, Grades 3-8; No school Mass during testing weeks.
- ◆ March 13th, Auction Meeting, 6:30PM, Parish Hall
- ◆ March 14th, Canned Food Day
- ◆ March 14th, Magazine Orders Due
- ◆ March 22nd, Magazine Sale Prize Day
- ◆ March 27-31, Spring Break

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

In my section today, I would like to share some Family Lenten activities for your consideration. The Parish is conducting a Lenten Parish Mission next week led by a Redemptorist Priest, Father Jim Farrell. Father Farrell and a fellow Deacon will be visiting the classes next week in conjunction with the broader Parish Mission activities to discuss our Faith in context of Lent. Father Farrell will celebrate a special explanatory Mass next Wednesday for the children at 8:30AM- all parents and family members are welcome.

Some Family Lenten activities:

Prayer-

- To attend daily Mass with the entire family
- To Pray as a family together more frequently
- To spend some time in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
- To say the Rosary together as a family
- To work with your child in studying Scripture (reading the Bible together)
- To participate in the Parish Mission activities next week

Penance-

- To take the children to Confession during Lent
- To talk to your children about leading a Christian life of forgiveness
- To encourage some small sacrifice in honor of God
- To reflect as a family on the ways to improve in the sight of God

Service to those in need-

- To encourage your child to think of others
- To encourage a culture of respect for their fellow students
- To avoid gossip and unkind words about others
- To encourage good manners, and to avoid rudeness
- To participate in our canned food collection and the School Lenten project

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

Registration

Reminder: **The \$200 nonrefundable registration fee per student is due by March 24th.** Some classes are filling up so be sure to get this in on time.

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. **The deadline is March 27th, 2006.**

Calendar corrections

The auction meeting has been moved from March 6th to March 13th so that everyone may attend the Parish Mission.

There will be **no** school Masses on March 15th and 22nd because of testing.

Dress Code Reminder

From the Student/Parent Handbook - "Nails must be kept trimmed and clean - **no nail polish** or artificial nails".

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 March 13th and will be delivered March 16th.

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).

Box Tops for Education

If you have been saving up your box tops now is the time to bring them in. The end of February is the deadline for our April check. Be sure to check expiration dates (yes, they do expire).

First Holy Communion

The families of students preparing for First Holy Communion will meet on March 10th at 6:00PM for a Soup Supper and Family Lesson

SAFETY IN THE CAR LINE: The fire road should be used as an **exit** only and drive slowly through the parking lot both coming and going.

AUCTION NEWS!!! DATE CHANGE!!!

Auction planning is officially underway and this year's auction chairs are the ever spirited **KINDERGARTEN CLASS**. All parents/parishioners are invited to participate in any or all of the auction planning. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 13th at 6:30PM. If you have any questions contact Kim Mooers at kim_mooers@yahoo.com or any of the Kindergarten parents. No theme chosen just yet but mark your calendars now for October 21, 2006. This year's auction will be one you won't want to miss!



The school **Jump Rope Team** will have an assembly on Friday, March 3rd in the Parish Hall at 2:15PM. All are welcome to attend.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who participated in the Jump Rope for Heart. Our jumpers raised over \$1200.00 for the American Heart Association. And congratulations to the 4th grade - they had the highest contributions per student. (With Kindergarten, 1st grade and 6th grade close behind.)

**Magazine Sale reminders –**

Daily drawing of the Mega Prize Club coupons.

Orders due on March 14th

Prize day is March 22nd

Library news: Please return all school library books to the school library by March 24th. (Spring break)

Parish News

Lent starts Wednesday, March 1st. On Fridays during Lent the Parish has a Lenten Soup Supper at 6:00PM followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM. All are invited to participate. On St. Patrick's Day, Stations of the Cross will be at 6:00PM with a St. Patrick's Day Dinner at 6:30PM.

There will be a Lenten Family Marian Mission Sunday, March 5 through Thursday, March 9, 2006. See enclosed information.

Attention All Catholic Men!

Are you interested in weekly fellowship and a discussion of the upcoming Sunday readings? We would like to start a group on Wednesday mornings from 6:30-7:30AM at a Sherwood coffee shop(place to be determined). For more information, please contact Brad Ashley at 503-625-1285.