

St. Francis School Newsletter

March 9, 2006

Virtue of the month: SACRIFICE

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Mad Science Assembly, 10:30AM, K-5
- ◆ 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 17th, Irish Dancers, 9:30AM
- ◆ March 19th, Altar Server Training after the 10:30 Mass for children 9 years old and older
- ◆ March 22nd, Magazine Sale Prize Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

I have a couple of passages to share with you today, in keeping with our Lenten season. The first is from the document The Catholic School from The Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education and the second is a passage from Fulton Sheen and his book Thoughts for Daily Living.

“The Catholic school loses its purpose without constant reference to the Gospel and a frequent encounter with Christ. It derives all the energy necessary for its educational work from Him and thus “creates in the school community an atmosphere permeated with the Gospel spirit of freedom and love”. In this setting the pupil experiences his dignity as a person before he knows its definition. Faithful, therefore, to the claims of man and of God, the Catholic school makes its own contribution towards man’s liberation, making him, in other words, what his destiny implies, one who talks consciously with God, one who is there for God to love.”

And the two central teachings of Christ to love God and your neighbor as yourself-

“Spiritual maturity is reached when we love each “thou” that we meet with something of the same love we bear ourselves; pardoning when they do wrong, praising when they do right, finding excuses in the same way we excuse ourselves. It is not of great moment to be constantly asking ourselves if we love our neighbor. What is important is to act out that love. We learn to walk by walking, to play by playing and to love by loving. If we do anybody whom we hate a good turn, we find that we hate him less; if we do him an evil turn, we discover that we hate him more. Doing kind acts to people makes us find all people lovable. And if love is not there, we put it there and then everyone becomes lovable”.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

SAT Testing weeks reminders:

- Testing from 8:30-10:30, no unnecessary appointments during those times.
- A good breakfast
- Plenty of sleep
- Getting to school on time

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.

School Closures and Late Starts

We follow the Sherwood School District for closures and late starts. They will be announced on local TV and radio stations.

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

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!

Altar Server Training: There will be Altar Server Training for all interested, ages 9 years old and older on Sunday March 19th after the 10:30 Mass. Please call Pat Allen at 503-625-5246 to confirm that you will be there.

Magazine Sale reminders –

Keep selling magazines

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.

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.