

St. Francis School Newsletter

April 6, 2006

Virtue of the month: PERSEVERANCE

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ April 7th, Talent Show Meeting, 3:15
- ◆ April 7th, Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service, 7:00PM
- ◆ April 8th, PSO Fun Run Meeting, Sherwood Starbucks, 8:00AM
- ◆ April 11th, Canned Food Day
- ◆ April 12th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ April 14th, Good Friday, No School
- ◆ April 19th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ April 21st, PSO Family Fun Night
- ◆ April 26th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ May 3rd, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ May 5th, Cinco de Mayo

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

This week, I have asked the teachers and staff to share any ideas they would like to see incorporated into our 8th Grade traditions and graduation activities. In this week's newsletter, I am now asking you to submit your ideas for consideration (a feedback form is contained in the packet).

The Faculty and I are also working on next year's calendar. The process is ongoing and our final draft is being completed before it goes into the Department of Catholic Schools for approval, and made official. But one thing I can share at this point, is our commitment to doing both a Meet the Teacher evening before school begins as well as a Back to School Event sometime around the middle of September. This is being done based on both feedback that I have received from parents, (Grade level meetings, informal conversations, Parent Surveys etc.) as well as the Faculty's desire to better meet the communication needs of our school. The final Calendar for next year should be available sometime before June 10th.

Enrollment is looking most positive for next year, it seems that our fine reputation is growing from comments I am hearing from newcomers. As we build, we must not lose sight of the fact that we have formed a community, for the noble purpose of bringing these children toward greater understanding of their world, but most important of all, a greater understanding and love for God.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

Homework Club

Homework Club will be on Wednesdays on a drop in basis and on Thursdays by invitation only.

School News

If you have any school news (classroom projects, activities, etc.) that you would like to submit for the Sherwood Gazette, send it to Krissi Kizziar at kkizziar@hotmail.com or give her a call at 503-330-0885.

CONGRATULATIONS FIFTH GRADE!

Some of our fifth grade students took part in the Knowledge Master Open competition. This is an academically oriented trivia contest. They came in second place in the state of Oregon.

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 April 17th and will be delivered April 20th.

Share Hours

We are looking for someone who can tie bows, do calligraphy, and/or grant writing. Call the school office if any of these are your talents.

5th Grade Lenten Project

Thank you to everyone for the support of the 5th grade Lenten project - K.A.P. See the enclosed flier for this week's focus.

Outdoor School

Our Middle School Students will be at Outdoor School next Monday-Wednesday. Please keep them in your prayers.

PSO NEWS

Little short on share hours? Here are several upcoming PSO Events that can help:

Saturday, April 8th: Planning meeting for the fun run. Join us at Sherwood Starbucks while we plan the "fun" event. We will meet at 8:00AM

Friday, April 21st: Family Fun Night "Fun and Games". We need help with setup, cleanup, and running the games. Please contact Rachel Engstrom at 503-612-6857 or engstrom5@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer to help.

AUCTION NEWS!!!

Auction Update: Mandatory May Meeting for all past and present chairs and committee heads, as well as current kinder parents and all parent volunteers who plan to help with the auction. Save the Date: Monday, May 1st, 6:00-7:00PM in the Parish Hall. More details to follow.

Sign up now for the Second Annual St. Francis School Charity Golf Classic on Saturday, June 3rd. Registration forms are available in the school office.



Parish News

The Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service is tomorrow (April 7th) at 7:00PM.

The annual St. Francis Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 15th at 11:00AM for ages 0-11. Individually wrapped candy donations may be left in the box in the narthex. We are also looking for a "bunny suit". Call Veronica at the parish office if you have one.

Looking for a gift for Easter, First Holy Communion or Confirmation? Stephanie Curtiss (of the Parish staff) has gift items for sale. She will be in Parish Office all day tomorrow (April 7th - great time to shop without the kids!) and after all Masses April 8th, 9th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 30th. This is a fund raiser for the Confirmation Students.

Youth Band Praise Fest - Friday, April 28th at 7:30PM our Parish will be hosting a Praise Fest with youth bands from other parishes joining ours. This will be a night of contemporary praise music with Eucharistic adoration. Come join in the fun! Bring yourself, family, and friends to join the youth from these parishes in Praise!

OUT OF PARISH NEWS

Resurrection Catholic Parish Youth Group and St. Luke's Production invites you to come to MAXIMILIAN: SAINT OF AUSCHWITZ, on Sunday, April 23, at 6:30 pm. This 90 minute one-man drama will be performed by widely acclaimed actor & director Leonardo Defilippis and has all the elements of a professional theater: sets, lights, costumes and a beautiful original musical score. Come see this inspiring drama of the life of St. Max Kolbe, who Pope John Paul II canonized and has called "the saint of our difficult age". Fr. Kolbe was prisoner in the concentration camp at Auschwitz during WWII and gave up his life so that a married family man could live. This drama is recommended for 10 years and up due to heavy content, but all are welcome. Tickets are \$5.00 per person, and can be purchased by e-mail at stmax.rcp@comcast.net or call Jenny Guiley at 503-643-6524. Resurrection Parish is located at 21060 SW Stafford Rd in Tualatin.