

St. Francis School Newsletter

April 13, 2006

Virtue of the month: PERSEVERANCE

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ April 13th, Family Fun Night planning meeting, after 7:00PM Mass
- ◆ 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
- ◆ May 7th, First Holy Communion, 8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses
- ◆ May 10th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ May 17th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ May 20th, St. Francis Friar Trot, 8:00-9:30AM

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

First of all, I want to welcome all of our school families that will be entering the Church this Easter through the Parish RCIA program, something all of us can truly celebrate as a school community.

Mr. Fulks will be finishing work on his Masters degree and will not be teaching Music for the remainder of the year. He will however continue his work with the Band. Mrs. Smyth has taken over his duties and will finish out the year. She will still retain her position as 1st Grade Aide working the same number of hours in this capacity. Mr. Fulks has expressed his desire to return to his Music position at the start of next year.

How often have you wondered what you can do as a parent to help your child better succeed at school? I just read a Time Magazine article on a growing crisis of 'drop outs' among High School students around the country. A highly complex problem to be sure, but a few thoughts spring to mind with regard to our success at St. Francis School. Among the 'drop outs', they experienced while in school, a lack of a shared commitment on the part of parents and teachers. The value of embracing the importance of Education is another. Laziness, excuse making, tough economic conditions, broken homes; it runs the gamut. But, if I may speculate a guess, there is one they may have missed and that is Faith. For as you know, with Faith come many gifts including a curiosity to better understand ones world. We teach hard work, perseverance, sacrifice etc. because each of these values has its own reward. In Catholic Schools, we teach patience, and instill the notion of delaying gratification, most notably as it applies to our spiritual journey.

Keep partnering with your child's teacher, keep instilling the Faith at home, keep reading to your children, especially the Classics, for there is so much Hope and Promise if you do. Have a wonderful Easter!

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.

School Business Directory

Do you own your own business or do you have a home-based business that you would like to have listed in the St. Francis School's Business Directory? Mindi Morris and Judy Gram-Leach will be putting together such a directory. This directory will include your name, type of business (small description if necessary) and any contact information you might want to provide--phone number, email, website, etc. This will be a great way to support, advertise and reference our school's family community. Please contact them if you are interested in being included @ mindi_morris13@yahoo.com (503) 318-8611 or montegonarts@msn.com (503) 554-0244. We look forward to hearing from you!!!!

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 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.

Third Grade Population DOUBLES in a day!

How could this happen? On Tuesday, April 11th there were 36 students in Third Grade! St. Francis' Third Grade is corresponding with St. Mary's, Albany students. They have been writing each other since school began this year. It was fantastic for these students to meet in person!

They shared information about their individual pen pal to the whole group. The similarities were remarkable! The students prayed our outdoor Stations of the Cross together, picnicked, played, and created huge bubbles on the playground. They decorated pencils and bookmarks. They exchanged letters....in person!

It was a great day shared by new friends, on a beautiful spring day. God bless everyone who made this special day possible.

AUCTION NEWS!!!

Auction Update: Reminder for all – Mandatory Meeting, Monday May 1st at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. Please see the additional fliers in today's envelope for more details. Feel free to contact the auction chairs with any questions (Kim Mooers, Mary Parietti or Val Rice). We look forward to seeing you there.

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 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.