

St. Francis School Newsletter

April 20, 2006

Virtue of the month: PERSEVERANCE

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ April 21st, PSO Family Fun Night, 5:30PM
- ◆ April 26th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ May 3rd, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ May 5th, Cinco de Mayo, 10:30 Spanish Challenge, 1:30 Program
- ◆ 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
- ◆ May 24th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ May 25th and 26th, Noon Dismissal
- ◆ May 29th, No School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

First, let me thank those of you that sent in your suggestions regarding 8th Grade traditions. From these and in discussion with the Faculty, as well as with Father Tom, I have the following information to share about some now established St. Francis School traditions. Additional traditions are still being considered.

There will be a traditional 8th Grade Retreat. This will take place at the Father Bernard Youth Center on May 24th.

There will be a Kindergarten/8th Grade Breakfast. It will take place on June 9th at 8:30; all Kindergarten/8th Grade students together with all parents of our Kindergarten and 8th Grade students are invited.

Graduation Mass will take place on June 10th at 5:30 PM followed by a reception in the Parish Center.

Another date of importance is the Parent Appreciation Dinner. This was established last year and it is a formal way of the school communicating our appreciation for all that our Parent Volunteers do. All parents that fulfill their Service Hour commitment will receive a formal invitation. This year the event will take place on June 9th beginning at 6:30. The dinner will be catered. Further information will be furnished in the invitations.

There will be a General Parent Meeting on June 2nd at 6:30 PM in the Church. This will be an annual event in which I will give a general talk about the school, set goals for next year and answer questions previously submitted that would be beneficial for all. The tuition rates will be made public. There will another questionnaire sent out prior to the event. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend; the meeting is designed to take one hour.

Another tradition that I am starting is having a Breakfast for the 2nd Grade students and their parents following their reception of First Holy Communion. First Communion takes place on May 7th, the breakfast takes place on Monday morning. I plan to do this every year.

I close with another bit of thanks, this one going out to all those parents working on the Friar Trot Run. It looks to be coming along real well. Oh, and do not forget the PSO is also sponsoring another Family Fun Night this Friday. Come out and show your support and have a good time in doing so.

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!!!!

Special Lenten Activities for Kindergarten and 4th Grade

The Kindergarten and 4th grade classes participated in Stations of the Cross together. The 4th grade took the leadership role and read the stations to the Kindergarten class. The Kindergarteners did a great job of listening! The classes also make Resurrection Eggs (with the help of Ms. Hays and Mrs. Mathews). The students took turns sharing the story of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection. What a wonderful community spirit we have here at St. Francis School!

3rd and 4th Grade Lenten Cross

No Picture on Website

Scrip Orders

Scrip orders are due May 1st and will be delivered May 4th.

AUCTION NEWS!!!

Auction Update: Reminder for all – Mandatory Meeting, Monday May 1st at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. 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. Registration deadline is May 19th.



Parish News

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.

Portland State University is offering a Volleyball Camp on August 3-6, 2006 for girls ages 12 to 18 in Beaverton at The Courts (14523 SW Millikan Way). Registration forms are available in the school office. For more information, contact Marty Mozzochi at 503-646-7905 or mozzochi2@comcast.net.