

St. Francis School Newsletter

September 22, 2006

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Sept. 27th, 8:30AM, School Mass
- ◆ Oct. 4th, Feast of St. Francis, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Oct. 13th, No school, In-service
- ◆ Oct. 21st, School Auction
- ◆ Oct. 26th, Picture Retake Day
- ◆ Nov. 1st, Late Start, 9:00AM
- ◆ Nov. 1st, School Mass, 9:30AM
- ◆ Nov. 1st, All Saints Day
- ◆ Nov. 3rd, Noon Dismissal
- ◆ Nov. 8th and 9th, Conferences, No School
- ◆ Nov. 10th, Veteran's Day, No School

Virtue of the month: HOPE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

If you have a child in 1st, 2nd or 3rd Grade, you will find an additional item in your envelope today, a Reading Level score together with a letter of explanation. There is a recorded score in that letter such as 6.4 or 4.2 which means 6th Grade 4th month level or say 4th Grade 2nd month level etc. These scores are meant to help both the school teacher and the parents better understand what they can do to better serve the needs of the student/child. Once you take a look at the score, contact your child's teacher to get their input on home activities that will maximize our efforts here at school.

I report this to our general parent population because it is part of an overall effort to better know our pupils and to advance our academic program. This effort includes the new Reading logs, better textbooks and materials and Teacher In-Service training, to name a few. This week I invited the representative from Oxford Sadlier Publishing to conduct an in-house training session to help the teachers better understand our new Vocabulary books. Writing vocabulary words in context sentences is an excellent way to increase a child's command of the English Language and this is a point of emphasis with this textbook series. In the Middle School, Mrs. Haugsten is readying a plan to introduce more memory/recitation of Classic Prose/Poetry.

I love this subject and you know I can go on and on, so that's all for today. I know from being a parent myself, how busy it all gets. Try to always read this packet each week as even during your busiest of times, it keeps you connected to your child's school. One last thing, thank you to our entire Auction team members- you are doing a magnificent job!

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

AUCTION NEWS

Dinner Invites ---- HURRY!!! DON'T WAIT!

INVITATIONS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Your return RSVP and check are your ticket into the event.

\$70.00/person before October 1, 2006

Need Share Hours??? We need you!!!

There are many ways to help out starting this week through October 22, 2006. The first grade parents are organizing the auction but we need the **manpower** from parents of all other grades to make this a huge success. Please contact Robin Freedman at 503.885.1450 or robinfreedman@hotmail.com

Shopping Cart Friday---- Starting tomorrow. See additional flyer. We will come to you at pick up in car line. Please have your donor flyer ready.

Wine---- Please donate a bottle of wine to add to our popular wine cellar showcase.

*****The success of this auction directly impacts each child at ST. Francis.
Please offer your time, talents or treasures*****

Raffle Ticket Sales

Remember to turn in your raffle ticket envelopes Monday for the first counting of tickets! We are looking forward to seeing just how well you have all been doing. We will replenish your supply of tickets each Monday, if you know how many more booklets of tickets you will need for the upcoming week please feel free to leave a note in the envelope. We will replenish your supply of tickets to 3 booklets each week unless you request more. **Anyone needing tickets before the weekend may stop by the school office to get them from Gretchen.**

Happy selling!!!

RAFFLE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are available the next four Monday mornings I need you. I will be counting raffle tickets and money on Monday mornings now until the auction. I am looking for 3 volunteers who can commit to helping. The job requires balancing money to tickets in envelopes and recording tickets being sold and distributed. You can earn share hours as well as assisting with a good fundraiser for our school. Interested persons should call Catherine Cary @ 503-625-3753 for more information. Only 3 positions open so call soon!

Catherine Cary, Raffle Coordinator

Catholic High School Visitations

The local Catholic High Schools will be visiting with our 7th and 8th grade students on Wednesday, September 27, 2006. Parents are invited to attend. The schedule is:

9:45 Jesuit High School
10:20 Valley Catholic High School
10:55 La Salle High School
1:00 Central Catholic High School
1:35 St. Mary's Academy

P.E. Reminder - P. E. classes are on Mondays and Fridays. Make sure your student is wearing athletic shoes. We are looking for "Jenga" blocks to be used when P. E. is held indoors. If you have a set to donate, please leave them in the school office.



Reminder to all parents: In order to keep the car line moving smoothly, if you are in the car line do not get out of your car or use that time to visit with the teacher or other parents. You are always welcome to park if there is someone you need to talk to.

Because of duty schedules, meetings and appointments it is always best to make an appointment with your teacher if possible if you have a question or there is something you need to discuss. Take advantage of e-mail and voice mail.

The first week of school a member of our kindergarten class became very sick with a non-contagious illness. He was in the hospital for a few days and now is at home. He will be rejoining the class next week. We had meals sent to his home to help out the family. Thank you to everyone for their prayers and desire to help. It is a wonderful example of the caring spirit of our community.