

St. Francis School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Oct. 4th, Feast of St. Francis, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Oct. 5th, Middle School Meeting, 6:30-7:30PM
- ◆ Oct. 9th, Video for volunteers, 7:00PM
- ◆ Oct. 11th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Oct. 13th, No school, In-service
- ◆ Oct. 18th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Oct. 21st, School Auction
- ◆ Oct. 25th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ 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

Virtue of the month: HOPE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

Communication between the home and school is very important; I know this comes as no surprise to any of you. Nevertheless, I don't think it a waste of time to review how I see this link and to revisit some of the time proven reasons this is often cited as a critical element toward the academic and social success of our purpose here- the education of your child.

All too often, I have experienced the impact of problematic situations, whose root cause is some form of communication break-down or simply a lack of communication in the first place. Let's look at this way and start with a question: What does it take to communicate?

- 1) a message
- 2) someone at the other end that is tuned in and listening
- 3) follow up conversation, a dialogue and not a monologue

I have heard it said, that many of us are wonderful talkers, but when it comes to listening, are not quite so wonderful. Over the years, I have seen this trait in many students. The trick is in listening. Listening is a skill that can be improved upon and the benefits of this play an enormous role in the success of any student. To extend it further, if more people had a greater degree of skill in this area, this world would see an immediate improvement-do you not agree?

What does all this mean to you? I encourage you to be proactive and stay involved with your child's teacher(s). Be a good listener, but don't forget to communicate your message either. Call, write or stop by, make it personal. Read the teacher's newsletter; follow up your questions by contacting the teacher. Secondly, read this newsletter, familiarize yourself with the Student/Parent Handbook. Finally, if you have a positive suggestion, let us know. We will move forward collectively, the wisdom of all if it is to benefit the whole, needs to be communicated and conversely, we all need to keep our ears open, for God through the Holy Spirit is very much a part of this endeavor.

Thanks for reading.

Sincerely,
Michael Cantu,
Principal

AUCTION NEWS

OCTOBER 21 IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

*HURRY!! DON'T WAIT---**INVITATION** PRICES GO UP AFTER OCTOBER 1ST. BRING IN YOUR RSVP CARD AND SECURE YOUR PLACE AT ONE OF SHERWOOD'S LIVELIEST EVENTS OF THE YEAR.

*KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK SELLING **RAFFLE TICKETS!**

LEAVE A NOTE IN YOUR CHILD'S MONDAY RETURNED ENVELOPE FOR THE NUMBER OF REPLACEMENT PACKETS DESIRED.

*REMEMBER **DONATION PICK UP** ON WED. AND FRI. AFTERNOONS. WE WILL COME TO YOU IN CAR LINE.

*A **HUGE THANK YOU** FOR ALL OF YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS SO FAR

***MONDAY MEETINGS** 6:30PM PARISH HALL—THANKS TO ALL THE NEW KINDER PARENTS WHO ARE ATTENDING.

Raffle Update

Way to go everyone! We are off and running in this year's raffle sales. The 1st grade is out front surfing their way ahead of the rest on their way to a class party; but don't worry everyone there is still plenty of time for any class to catch up. Get out there and sell those tickets! We will need all your envelopes again this Monday to see if the 1st grade can hold their lead or not.

Also, don't forget to check out the top ten list for this past week, those kids are on top of it. I can't wait to see if they can maintain their status or if we will see some new names on the wall. Thanks to everyone and keep up the good work!

Catherine Cary
Raffle Coordinator

Attention All Volunteers: If you work with minors more than 4 times a year in the Archdiocese there is a video on Mandatory Reporters that you are required to see along with some information from the Archdiocese. Our first showing will be Monday, October 9th at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. We will also be trying to schedule a class on a Monday during the day. There is no child care provided. This is for adults only.

Please check the tags in your sweatshirts to make sure your student has not brought home someone else's by mistake.

All Middle School Parents: There is a meeting on Thursday, October 5th from 6:30-7:30PM to discuss graduation and middle school activities. This meeting is for parents only.

Box Tops for Education: We are collecting box tops for education again this year. They do expire so be sure to send yours to the school office.

Watch for the first scrip order for the year in next week's envelope.

The 72nd Verboort Sausage and Sauerkraut Dinner will be Saturday, November 4th from 11AM - 8PM. For more information go to www.verboort.org.