

# St. Francis School Newsletter

October 12, 2006

## Virtue of the month: FAITH

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, No school, In-service
- ◆ Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, Scrip Order Due
- ◆ Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, School Auction
- ◆ Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Video for volunteers, 8:30AM and 2:30PM
- ◆ Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, Picture Retake Day, 8:30AM
- ◆ Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, No School
- ◆ Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, Scrip Order Due
- ◆ Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, Late Start, 9:00AM
- ◆ Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, School Mass, 9:30AM
- ◆ Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, All Saints Day
- ◆ Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Noon Dismissal
- ◆ Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup>, Conferences, No School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

We celebrated a special group of students this morning, but more important, we celebrated the virtue of Hope that each of these students exhibited in a special way during the month of September. I had a few words to say during our assembly that included the thought that as Christians we are a people of Hope. I tried to explain the difference between the higher meaning of Hope and the more common usage. From our understanding as Catholics, Hope is one of the three most important virtues, so important that they are called God's Virtues better known as the Theological Virtues. The other two are Faith and Charity; the practice of all three is thought to draw us closer to God.

Yet another joyous recognition this morning were the half dozen or so Kindergarten students that are now part of the "reading" population. Mind you, learning to read is not a race, but it is gratifying to recognize these "early bloomers"!

I will be away next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as I am serving on an accreditation committee for a Portland Catholic School. If you should need an appointment, please wait and call when I return on Monday and arrangements will be made.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,  
Principal

## **AUCTION NEWS**

**SEE YOU AT THE AUCTION!! SEE THE ENCLOSED FLIERS.**

***Any questions please contact Val Rice at 503-691-0253 or Mary Parietti at 503-692-0516***

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 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. We will also offer it twice on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> - at 8:30AM and 2:30PM. This film is not for children.

Volunteer opportunities are available for helping with recess and moving tables and chairs. Call the school office for more information.

***BOX TOP DEADLINE FOR OUR FIRST CHECK IS OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>***

**SCRIP ORDER DUE MONDAY, OCTOBER 16TH**

### Racial Non-Discrimination Policy

In accordance with the Department of Catholic Schools Policies and Guidelines 3020 for admissions, this school admits students of any race, color, or racial or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at this school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, racial or ethnic origin, administration of its education policies, admission policies, scholarship or loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

### Out of Parish News

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Verboort Sausage and Sauerkraut Dinner will be Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 11AM - 8PM. Drive-thru Dinners-to-go available. Proceeds benefit Visitation School. For more information go to [www.verboort.org](http://www.verboort.org).

Kids' Safety Fair: Family fun that's free. Saturday, October 14, 10AM-2PM at Legacy Meridian Park Hospital. For more information, please call 503-335-3500.

Central Catholic Open House on October 22, 2006 - The central Catholic High School community opens its doors Sunday, October 22 from 1:00-4:00 for Open House 2006. We invite you to come and learn more about our college-prep curriculum and broad co-curricular offerings and experience our welcoming community.

St. Mary's Academy Open House on Sunday, October 29 - The Open House is from 1:00 to 4:00PM. Along with a tour of the school and the new science wing, visitors may meet St. Mary's president and principal, interact with current students and parents, garner information about school clubs and activities, and learn more about the application process. All are welcome. For more information contact Julie Stillwell, Director of Admissions, 503-721-7725 or [julies@stmaryspdx.org](mailto:julies@stmaryspdx.org).

**Habitat for Humanity Teen build request.** The Mt. Angel based Habitat program has a house in Woodburn that is being build by teenagers (with adult supervision). Teens are not allowed on the roof & we are in desperate need of adult volunteers to get the roof completed before the Oregon rain arrives. Weekday "elves" are needed on Wed & Thur (10/18-19) & on Saturday (10/14 & 10/21). Our workdays usually run ~9-4. The roof trusses are up; we now need to get the sheeting, tar paper & shingles on. If you are available for even part of a day, please join us. For more info please contact Sarah Geisler, adult mentor, St. Cyril Teen Habitat team (503.678.2062) or North Willamette Valley Habitat (503.873.0901)