

St. Francis School Newsletter

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Virtue of the month: FAITH

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Oct. 27th, No School
- ◆ Oct. 30th, Scrip Order Due
- ◆ Nov. 1st, Late Start, 9:00AM
- ◆ Nov. 1st, School Mass, 9:30AM
- ◆ Nov. 1st, All Saints Day
- ◆ Nov. 3rd, Noon Dismissal
- ◆ Nov. 8th, & 9th, Conferences, No School
- ◆ Nov. 10th, Veteran's Day, No School
- ◆ Nov. 13th, Scrip Order Due
- ◆ Nov. 15th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Nov. 17th, No School, Inservice
- ◆ Nov. 22nd, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Nov. 23rd & 24th, No school, Thanksgiving

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

As you know, the children will not be in school on Friday. I know that I have explained why in previous communications, but perhaps you have forgotten or never heard the reason-it bears repeating, so here goes!

Next year, St. Francis School will be visited by an Accreditation Team representing the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools. They will spend three days on site examining our program in every aspect, from academics to financial planning. Our school is currently preparing a self-study that will form the central piece in the whole process. A copy of this self-study includes an in-depth look at our Catholicity. A second commission known as the Western Association of Catholic Schools and Colleges also looks over the visiting teams observations. As part of the process, the visiting team makes a recommendation for an accreditation with the Commission having the last word.

Last year, I guided a process that in the end created a set of goals or objectives that the school community set as the qualities we wish to impart in our graduates from St. Francis School. I am including those in today's newsletter. We are at a stage now in which we have to think of ways we can measure the achievement of these objectives better known as the Schoolwide Learning Expectations. IF YOU HAVE ANY INPUT OR SUGGESTIONS ON HOW WE MIGHT DO THIS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COMMUNICATE THIS AND DIRECT YOUR IDEAS TO MY ATTENTION. This will be but one of the items our faculty will be working on this Friday. The ultimate reason for all these efforts is to look at ourselves and find ways we can improve as a school with the students and their families being the direct beneficiaries. Thank you in advance for your input.

Michael Cantu,
Principal
michael@stfrancissherwood.org

AUCTION NEWS

A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers, auction participants, and St. Francis staff for all the hard work in making the Roarin' 20's an outstanding success.

Please submit all outstanding bills to the school office asap so that we can determine our final numbers.

If you have not bought your student's tile they are in the school. The cost is \$10/tile.

There are some items in the office to be picked up: a red and white tablecloth, a roll of paper, and a coat.

SCRIP ORDER DUE MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

Book Fair coming the end of November. Check in future editions of the newsletter for more information and volunteer opportunities. Call Laura Larsen 503-570-1134 for more information.

Kindergarten parents do not need to buy angel wings this year for the Christmas program – they have already been purchased.

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. If you missed our recent classes we will be offering more later. You must take this class as soon as possible if you regularly help with the students. If you have taken it previously, the school office can let you know when you need to take it again. It is good for 3 years.



Parish News

Sunday, October 29th, World Youth Day: World Youth Day Mass 10:30AM

Wednesday, November 1st: All Saints Day Masses at 9:30AM and 7:00PM

Friday, November 3rd: "Holy Rollers" pie baking, 8:00AM

Saturday and Sunday, November 4th and 5th: Parish Holiday Bazaar

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.

*St. Francis Mom's Mini-Bazaar at
Sleighbells of Sherwood*

Come support your local St. Francis mom's (and take care of your holiday shopping) during this special "mini-bazaar" at Sleighbells of Sherwood this Saturday, October 28th from 10-6pm. Raffles being held throughout the day!

Sleighbells is located South of Sherwood, just off Highway 99W. Go past the YMCA on 99W and turn right on Chapman Rd. Go up the road 1/4 of a mile and turn right by the sign! We hope to see you there. 503-625-6052

Out of Parish News

The 72nd **Verboort Sausage and Sauerkraut Dinner** will be Saturday, November 4th from 11AM - 8PM. Drive-thru Dinners-to-go available. Proceeds benefit Visitation School. For more information go to www.verboort.org.

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.

Valley Catholic High School: Valley Catholic Drama, in Association with Dramatic Publishing, Presents Alice in Wonderland. The show runs one weekend only, October 27th and 28th at 7:00PM and 29th at 2:00PM. Call 503-644-3745 for tickets and information.