

St. Francis School Newsletter

November 30, 2006

Virtue of the month: CHARITY

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Nov. 29th-Dec.4th, Book Fair
- ◆ Dec. 6th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Dec. 8th, No School
- ◆ Dec. 13th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Dec. 14th, School Christmas Program, 6:15PM Students arrive and reception for guests
- ◆ Dec. 18th, Start of Christmas Vacation
- ◆ Jan. 2nd, School Resumes
- ◆ Jan. 3rd, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Jan. 10th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Jan. 12th, No School
- ◆ Jan. 15th, No School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Parents,

Since we can't all get together on a regular basis to discuss issues, I use surveys to get your feedback and opinions. One of the most recent was a questionnaire/survey on our recent Parent/Teacher conferences. I am going to summarize the results.

Most parents liked the two days off for conferences.

There were some parents that were concerned about the children missing two full days of school.

On the time with the teachers, many would like a little more time.

Almost all 3-8th Grade parents liked having the option of having their child present

I also asked the teachers what they thought and they were in favor of keeping the two days off for conferences, but would like to see the number of conferences better balanced on the two days. Most felt that 15 minutes was enough and that if a parent needed further time they were flexible when possible.

Planned action- keep the two days off for conferences; remind all that this is an unusual year in that there are the extra days off for Accreditation planning and that this will not happen again for six years; lengthen conferences times to 20 minutes; do a better job of scheduling and keep the child present option.

Thank you for the input,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

PSO NEWS

Happy Holidays from the PSO! Look for PSO updates in each Thursday's newsletter from here on out. We are disappointed to have had to cancel the Dec. 1st Family Fun Night due to a scheduling conflict with the parish hall. Fortunately, we will all have a chance to get together during the reception before the school program. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Updates:

Apparel Sale - This was a great success! All orders are in and will be filled before Christmas break. Wear your St. Francis gear with pride!

Volunteer Committees - Thank you to all of you who completed the volunteer form earlier this fall. As each volunteer event approaches, you will be contacted by the committee chair for help. If you are interested in any other volunteer activities, contact any PSO Exec. Committee member.

Teacher Appreciation - Thank you a ton to the Teacher Appreciation committee for hosting a teacher luncheon during conferences! Not only did the team provide a wonderful luncheon, a lot of time was also put in to baking each teacher a loaf of sweet bread to keep their energy level up that week! We have a fantastic staff and it is so worthwhile to show them how much they are appreciated throughout the school year. If you are interested in helping out with Teacher Appreciation, contact Lori Oliver or Robin Marsico.

Christmas Wish Tree - Look for the Wish Tree in the office beginning on Monday. The Wish Tree will hold the teacher/staff lists for their classroom wishes. What a perfect way to show thanks over the holidays. Look no further for the perfect gift idea!

Don't forget... the **Christmas Program** is Thursday, December 14th. The PSO will be hosting a social hour before the big event. Can't wait to see you there.

Remember.... your **P**arent **S**ervice **O**rganization executive committee is:

Sherri Peden - President

Shellie Lazo - Vice-President

Ralph Mooers - Treasurer

Karen Carrera - Secretary

Valerie Dalebroux - Secretary



The Book Fair will be from November 29-December 4th in the Parish Hall. It is open before and after school, during lunch and after all Masses on the weekend.



Items needed for the Christmas Program:

Artificial Christmas tree

Bale of hay

Long step for students to stand on – 20ft X 2ft

Please call the school office if you are able to provide any of these.

Corrections for the School Directory:

Marc and Jane Irby, 18154 SW Huckleberry Ct., Sherwood, OR 97140
503-825-1969



Congrats to all the jumpers who tried out for the jump rope team. They all made the team or the team in training!
The first practice will be Thurs. Dec 7 from 3:15 to 4:00 pm in the parish hall.

Please practice at recess and at home.

There will be participation slips to be signed by parents and more information going home in the future.

We will decide the groups on Dec. 7th, collect money for shirts and jump ropes and get shirt sizes.

If you have questions please call Molly Todd or Marcella Hatfield

REMEMBER - to have parents and students sign the signature page in the handbook and return to the school office
To turn in all unsold raffle tickets



A note from the librarian:

Libraries are more than books. They are a place to build life-long skills: literacy, decision-making, self-entertainment, responsibility, manners. And the students think it's fun!

Please have your child return any books they check out before December 9th by the last week of school. That week, children may check out books to read over break. There will be no renewals over break.

If your family has trouble keeping track of books, you can try picking a special place to put them when they're not being read. I've also seen this year that it's harder to return books you've loaned to friends. We can usually arrange for the friend to check out the book as soon as your child returns it.

Parish News

Family Advent Wreath Making: Thursday, November 30th, 6:30PM. Check out the posters in the Parish Hall for what to bring.

Friday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. That is when Mary was conceived in her mother's womb, free of original sin. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses are at 8:30AM and 7:00PM

On December 10th the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a "Boots and Shoes" collection for Sr. Mary Peter's orphanage in Colon, Mexico. Come and enjoy our breakfast and drop off your boot/shoes donation.

Thanks to one and all for all the wonderful Thanksgiving donations that made up 53 food boxes this year.

Out of Parish News

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). We're looking for both teen and adult helpers for THIS Saturday, December 2 from 9-4. Teens must be at least 14 years old or accompanied by a parent. Our job this weekend will be putting the siding on the house. 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)

