

# St. Francis School Newsletter

December 14, 2006

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, School Christmas Program, 6:15PM Students arrive and reception for guests
- ◆ Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, Start of Christmas Vacation
- ◆ Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, School Resumes
- ◆ Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, No School
- ◆ Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, No School
- ◆ Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, School Mass, 8:30AM

## Virtue of the month: GENEROSITY

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

As you probably know, etiquette guidelines exist concerning the display of the American Flag. For example if someone wants to fly both the American flag and the Irish flag on St. Patrick's day, the American flag must be flown or displayed higher or given the place of honor. The Christmas season is a little like that in that we have secular traditions that are important to us and we have the sacred. As Christians, they co-exist without conflict because we give the place of honor to the sacred. The trouble is, for someone that misses the point; it is a short road to commercialism and a cynical view of a time of year that is so special to us.

We are blessed by our faith. The children here are so fortunate to have families that are able to make the sacrifices necessary to give them a faith based education. Among the many outcomes is our ability to decorate the school with meaning, to make advent wreaths, advent chains and collect food for the needy with an eye toward the true meaning of Christmas.

Children are a blessing in return; Christmas is so much more meaningful with their joy and anticipation, their songs and programs, the Christmas hats and the excitement about getting the family Christmas tree. And certainly, the most important child in all of this is the infant child, Jesus!

Merry Christmas,

Michael Cantu and the Faculty and Staff of St. Francis School

## PSO News

**Wish Tree** - Don't forget to stop by the Wish Tree in the school office if you are needing gift ideas for your teachers.

**Christmas Program** - As all children need to be dropped off early for the Christmas program next Thursday, the PSO invites all families to the Parish hall from 6:00-6:50 to share cookies, beverages, and holiday cheer! Hope to see you there.

**St. Francis Apparel Sale** - All apparel will be ready to pick up in the school office next Thursday and Friday. Stop by and get your items before Christmas break!

**January Events** - Mark your calendars for **Mother-Son Bowling** on January 19th. Also, there will be a **School Clean** at the end of January. Several share hours can be earned at these cleaning events! More information on both events will follow in upcoming weeks.

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

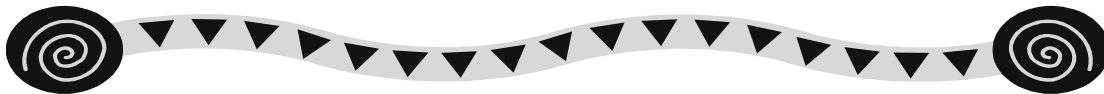
Sherri Peden - President

Shellie Lazo - Vice-President

Ralph Mooers - Treasurer

Karen Carrera - Secretary

Valerie Dalebroux - Secretary



Congratulations to the Franciscan Technicians--Aidan Grealish, Gabe Grosso, and Sophia Ries--for representing our school in the First Lego League tournament last weekend. It was an exciting day, and they displayed the qualities we hope for from our students.

If you'd like building with Legos, solving problems and tackling fun challenges (Sumo 'bots, anyone?), Lego team will open up to any interested 4th, 5th and 6th graders in January. The team will meet for 1 hour after school on Wednesdays with Coach Ries. Leave a message at 503-329-7788 if you are interested.

**REMEMBER** - to have parents and students sign the signature page in the handbook and return to the school office

To help everyone have a healthy year here are some guidelines from the Archdiocesan Reference Notebook:

Students should be excluded from school if they exhibit:

Fever greater than 100.5

Vomiting

Stiff neck or rash with fever

Any unknown rash with or without fever

Unusual behavior change such as unusually sleepy, lethargic or grumpy

Jaundice (yellow color to skin or eyes)

Diarrhea (3 watery or loose stools in one day with or without fever)

Brown, gray, tan or yellow drainage from nose, eyes or any other part of the body.

A student may return when symptoms have been absent for 24 hours or when under the care of a physician and that physician has given the student consent to return to school.



### Parish News

Advent and Christmas Mass Schedule:

Dec. 19 - 7:00PM, Parish Communal Reconciliation Service

Dec. 23 - 5:30PM, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent vigil

Dec. 24 - 8:30AM & 10:30AM, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Masses

Dec. 24 - 5:00PM, Family Christmas Eve Mass

8:00PM, Christmas Eve Mass

12 Midnight, Christmas Eve Mass

Dec. 25 - 10:00AM, Christmas Day Mass

Dec. 30 - 5:30PM, Feast of the Holy Family vigil

Dec. 31 - 8:30AM & 10:30AM, Feast of the Holy Family

5:30PM, Feast of the Holy Family

Jan. 1 - 9:30AM, Mary, the Mother of God

### Advent Reconciliation Services - 2006

St. John's (Yamhill)	Thursday	December 14, 2006 7:00PM
Resurrection (Tualatin)	Thursday	December 14, 2006 7:00PM
St. Peter (Newberg)	Monday	December 18, 2006 7:00PM
St. Anthony (Tigard)	Tuesday	December 19, 2006 7:00PM
St. Francis (Sherwood)	Tuesday	December 19, 2006 7:00PM
Our Lady of the Lake (Lake Oswego)	Tuesday	December 19, 2006 7:00PM

Have a very Merry  
Christmas!

