

St. Francis School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Jan. 26th, No School, Inservice
- ◆ Jan. 28th - Feb. 2nd, Catholic Schools Week
- ◆ Jan. 28th, 10:30AM Mass, Kick off Catholic Schools Week
- ◆ Jan. 28th, 12:00 - 2:30PM, Open House, Registration begins.
- ◆ Jan. 29th, Teacher Appreciation Day
- ◆ Jan. 30th, Parent Appreciation Day
- ◆ Jan. 31st, Pastor and Associate Pastor Appreciation Day
- ◆ Jan. 31st, 8:30AM, School Mass
- ◆ Feb. 1st, Grandparent and Special Person Day
- ◆ Feb. 2nd, Student Appreciation Day
- ◆ Feb. 9th, No School

Virtue of the month: COURAGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Parents,

I would like to update you on couple of things today.

The Art Classroom for 2007-08: I have been working with members of the School Advisory Council on this project. I have also been in contact with some companies that deal in portable classrooms and obtaining bids on the project. We have also been in contact with the City of Sherwood to evaluate planning permits etc. You may recall that we raised roughly \$25,000 for the project at our Auction this year. I will update you on this from time to time as developments warrant.

Our school website: I am in the process of redesigning the website. It will include all the good aspects of what we have now, packaged in a nicer format. It will also include additional information that I believe will be helpful to our parents and prospective parents. My target date of completion for this is in late spring.

Classroom computers: We have just about completed routine maintenance on several computers that have been out of service or malfunctioning. I also have plans of adding a second In-Focus projector for the lower grade classrooms.

Kindergarten teacher for 2007-08- Ms. Hays who has served us so well has made the decision to return home to by closer to her family. I am including a letter she wrote in today's newsletter further explaining her reasons. I think I speak for everyone when I say she has made a significant contribution to our school community. I began a search recently to fill this position and I will put every effort into hiring an excellent teacher to carry on in Ms. Hay's footsteps.

Arriving late: I don't want to scold you, but many parents are letting the clock get the better of them and we have seen a surge in late arrivals or last minute arrivals in recent weeks; as a reminder, I open up the school at 7:50 on very cold or rainy days and the kids gather in the atrium giving everyone a wide window for drop off - 7:50-8:13- the tardy bell rings at 8:15 AM. Tip- the worst time to drive through is between 8:10 and 8:15, it can be frustrating and cars do back up. I realize that the bad weather has taken a toll on all of us, and the drop off/pick up will be less stressful when it gets better. Oh, please remember to hang your name sign on your mirror- if you don't and it is raining-we can't see you and it slows everything down. Keep the line moving, think of others behind you- thank you.

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Catholic Schools Week- I wrote a great deal about this last week, make sure to review the upcoming calendar for details and do come to the 10:30 AM Mass and Open House this Sunday!

Last item- To help improve communication, I need your help- read this newsletter, read the teacher newsletter and share it with your spouse- it is the best form of school wide communication we have. Sincerely,

Michael Cantu, Principal

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 starting the 17th of 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.

PSO News

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Wow! The Mother-Son Bowling event last Friday was a great success! Tigard Bowl was filled with St. Francis moms, sons, & pizza and good times were had by all. The evening couldn't have been better organized or more fun. A huge thank you to our event organizers - Brenda Gent and Pam Rinella.

Don't forget that next week is Catholic Schools Week and many great events are planned..... To help prepare for Sunday's Open House, there will be a school clean-up on Saturday starting at 8:00AM. Contact Rachel Engstrom if you'd like to help. It's a great way to earn share hours!

On Thursday, Feb. 1st, the PSO will be sponsoring a Grandparent's Day reception in the Parish Hall from 8:00-8:45. We could use a couple of people to help during the event and for clean-up. If you are available, contact Sherri Peden.

Are you interested in making positive things happen at St. Francis? If so, consider a position on the PSO Executive Committee! There are several positions that will be opening up late this spring: Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary (currently we have two Secretaries). The PSO is responsible for the school's community building and fundraising efforts (excluding the auction). Anyone who is interested should contact Sherri Peden or Shellie Lazo.

Lastly, don't forget to mark you calendars for the Father-Daughter Dance on February 16th. More information will follow. If you would like to help with this event, contact co-chairs Lisa Speer or Wendy Kiel.

Catholic Schools Week Jan. 28 - Feb. 2

Sunday, January 28th - Catholic Schools Week will be kicked off at the 10:30AM Mass. The school will have an Open House from Noon until 2:30.

Monday, January 29th - Teacher Appreciation Day

Tuesday, January 30th - Parent Appreciation Day, Come and have lunch with your student(s)

Wednesday, January 31st - Pastor and Associate Pastor Appreciation Day

Thursday, February 1st - Grandparent and Special Person Appreciation Day, Refreshments from 8:00-8:45 and classroom visitations until 10:00AM

Friday, February 2nd - Student Appreciation Day, Ice Cream and Free Dress Day; Spirit Rally and Faculty vs. Student Council Volleyball Game

HELP WANTED: Help is needed for Thursday lunches - 11:25-12:50. Call Kay Erwert 1-208-761-5297 or the school office if you are able to help.

Pictures Needed

Do you have pictures of classroom activities? The yearbook committee could use some pictures for the yearbook. Mark them with your name and send a duplicate in case they don't get returned.

Jump Rope for Heart is February 12th. This is a school wide fundraiser for the American Heart Association, all students are encouraged to participate. Our goal this year is to raise \$1,500.00 You must have a signed permission form and all fund raising turned in by the 12th. While this is a great cause you do not have to raise funds to jump, but you do need the signed permission form.

If you had ordered Quiznos for Jan. 17th, the slip is in your envelope to use as a credit for future lunches. The same for K-2 who had ordered Quiznos for the 24th.

Do you read the school newsletter? If so, please sign by the date on the first page and return that portion to the school. This is an “unscientific” survey.

Parents, please join us in teaching the students healthy eating habits. Snacks should be nutritious. Also, talk to your children about their lunches. Quite a bit of food is being thrown away and wasted.

Other News

LaSalle High School Cheerleading Clinic: Saturday, February 3rd, 10:00AM to 2:00PM for girls ages 5 years to 8th grade. Price is \$40 per participant which includes instruction, t-shirt for a game performance on February 13th and a set of pom poms. Money is due by February 1st to ensure a t-shirt and poms. For forms and more information contact Cindy VanDrimmelen @ either cinder_bug@yahoo.com (title your e-mail Kids' Clinic) or call 503-652-5923.

CYO Basketball Night at St. Mary's Academy: February 2nd, 6:45PM. Free admission for all CYO players in uniform and their coaches. RSVP to julies@stmaryspdx.org or 503-721-7725

Sherwood School District needs Bus Drivers –

Qualifications: Excellent driving record, no criminal record, able to read written directions and genuinely like kids.

Training provided: New Drivers start driving District Vans and Small Buses and advance to Larger Buses as their skills develop.

Pay scale ranges from \$11.63 to \$15.00 per hour.

Call John Turchi, Director of Transportation, 503-625-8107 or Human Resources Department, Sherwood School District, 503-625-8135.