

St. Francis School Newsletter

February 15, 2007

Virtue of the month: KINDNESS

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Feb. 16th, Scrip Order Due
- ◆ Feb. 16th, Father/Daughter Dance
- ◆ Feb. 19th, No School, President's Day
- ◆ Feb. 21st, Ash Wednesday, School Mass at 8:30AM
- ◆ Feb. 22nd, Science Fair, 6:30PM-7:30PM
- ◆ Feb. 23rd, 2:15PM, Jump Rope Assembly, All invited
- ◆ Feb. 28th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ March 5-16th, Standardized Testing, Grades 3-8
- ◆ March 21st, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ March 23rd, No school
- ◆ March 26th-30th, Spring Break

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Parents,

Safety at St. Francis School

I ran this summary regarding school safety earlier this year but thought it bore repeating. In addition to this we will be expanding our head injury prevention program and general safety presentations to all grade levels in the near future. The program is sponsored by OHSU and will be presented by Mrs. Freadman, a Registered Nurse. Fitted bicycle helmets will be provided free of charge to all students. I am meeting tonight with the Parish Councils to discuss future plans for the gymnasium and other expansion ideas.

The care that has gone into and continues to go into well-being and safety of the children is *the* top priority. I have in past newsletters listed some of the ways that we address this topic and thought that a review of these procedures would be helpful to all of the parents.

Access to the classrooms - from the beginning, I have insisted upon every parent/visitor signing in, wearing a visitor badge and entering through only one door past the school secretary. No other doors are allowed to be left open or propped.

Background checks - we are very strict on this, adults with regular contact with the children, either professionals or volunteers undergo a thorough background check.

Playground - Yard duty supervision is treated as an important responsibility. At least one licensed teacher is on duty together with aides and volunteers. I am a frequent supervisor at lunch and recess. Walkie-talkies are used to communicate back to the office.

Fire drills/earthquake drills - I designed the emergency exit route, posted maps in all rooms and showed the Fire Marshall what we have in place. Fire drills are scheduled monthly and we do periodic earthquake drills.

Stranger on campus/lock down drills - we have conducted these from the beginning. We conduct drills on a periodic basis.

My office allows for an excellent view of the parking lot/playground. I am vigilant.

We installed and utilize security cameras. Signs notifying visitors of these will be installed at various points.

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The chain across the fire road is working; a sign posted at the entrance lets drivers know there is no access at the other end.

The thorns and thickets behind the swings provide a natural barrier. I studied this three years ago as I analyzed the situation. We will however be thinning back some of the overgrowth.

I have never hesitated to contact the police when I judged prudent. We have a good working relationship with the Sherwood Police Department.

If you have any questions or further concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu
Principal

The Staff/Student Council volleyball game has been rescheduled during Spirit Week in May.

Registration News: Registration continues for current families and new families. Remember your registration fee must be paid in full by Spring Break unless you have made prior arrangements with Mr. Cantu. Tuition assistance information is available in the school office. Parish subsidy forms will be available soon.

Raffle Ticket Sales - Class Party!

The long awaited but not forgotten class party for the 1st grade will be held on Friday, February 16th. Any parents who would like to volunteer to help out with the class party may call Catherine Cary at 503-625-3753.

AUCTION UPDATE

Thank you to all who attended Monday night's Coffee Social for Auction 2007. Thank you to our past volunteers who provided input as well as the kinder parents who are preparing to take the lead.

PSO News

Hello from the PSO! With the school year being half over, some of you may be wondering how to fit in your remaining share hours. There are several PSO events coming up... we could use your help and you could use the share hours! Keep an eye out for upcoming share hour opportunities posted here. Here are few of the events coming up:

Father-Daughter Dance: Waltzing in a Winter Wonderland! Friday, February 16th. Make sure to get your RSVPs in! If you'd like to help, contact Wendy Kiel or Lisa Speer.

Friar Trot: The planning team is well under way! Contact Shellie Lazo if you'd like to be a part of this fun event.

Family Feast Night: The PSO will host a fun night for the family in the parish hall on April 20th. We could use your help! Contact Sherri Peden or Diana Law if you can help.

PSO LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FRIDAY MARCH 9th, 2007 6-8 pm

Please sign up in the school office or call

Karen Carrera 503 625-2018 and come and join the fun.

**Volunteers need come to share no-meat soup recipes
and/or help set up, serving and clean up.**

Can't wait to see you all at our fun upcoming events. Hope you will all take part in one or all of them!

Remember.... your **Parent Service Organization executive committee is:**

Sherri Peden - President

Shellie Lazo - Vice-President

Ralph Mooers - Treasurer

Karen Carrera - Secretary

Valerie Dalebroux - Secretary

School Directory Additions:

Add to your school directory and welcome to our new family.

Gabe Fitch 5th grade

Kelley Fitch 6th grade

Chris Fitch 8th grade

Jeffrey and Shannon Fitch

353 The Greens Ave.

Newberg, OR 97132

503-538-1282

Other News

CYO Club St. Anthony's Track and Field Team will be having Sign-ups on February 12th and 27th from 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM in O'Reilly Hall at St. Anthony. Track and Field is open to all boys and girls, 3rd thru 8th Grade, attending St. Anthony - Tigard and St. Francis - Sherwood. Students attending other schools who are members of either parish are also welcome to join. The Track season runs from March 19th thru May 13th. We are also looking for assistant coaches to help with the program. If you have any questions, please call Andrew Corrado, CYO Club St. Anthony Track Commissioner, at 503-579-9530. Additional information can also be found at <http://www.stanthonytigard.org/CYO/track.htm>

1st Annual QB Skills Development: Who - any quarterback entering the 5th through 9th grade in the fall of 2007. Bring a ball and shoes for indoor and outdoor activity. Location - Central Catholic High School (enter through gate on 26th & Stark). Dates - Feb 11 & 18, March 4, 11 & 18, April 1, 15, 22 & 29. Time - 2:00-4:00, please arrive 15 minutes prior to start time. Cost - FREE
Contact Coach Steve Pyne to hold your spot, 503-235-3138 ext. 146 or spyne@centralcatholichigh.org

Jesuit Cheerleading Clinic: Saturday, February 17th. The Clinic is for Kindergarten-8th grade girls and boys. Registration forms available in the St. Francis School office.

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