

St. Francis School Newsletter

February 22, 2007

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Feb. 22nd, Science Fair, 6:30PM-7:30PM
- ◆ Feb. 23rd, 2:15PM, Jump Rope Assembly, All invited
- ◆ Feb. 28th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Feb. 28th, Stations of the Cross, 2:30PM, in the Church
- ◆ March 5-16th, Standardized Testing, Grades 3-8
- ◆ March 7th, School Mass, 8:30AM, Statue of Our Lady of Fatima
- ◆ March 7th, Stations of the Cross, 2:30PM, in the Church
- ◆ March 14th, Stations of the Cross, 2:30PM, in the Church
- ◆ March 23rd, No school

Virtue of the month: KINDNESS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Parents,

Well, some exciting news for you today!

Kindergarten update: A new teacher has been hired and spent the day here yesterday. I did a very thorough search over the past six weeks. Kathleen Hilburger comes to us with very high recommendations. She holds an Oregon Teaching License and a Master's degree from University of Portland. I will organize a Tea in the late spring and invite the parents to meet Kathleen. On a related note, Miss Thomas, the Kindergarten Aide will be going back to University next year and will not be returning to St. Francis School. She has done and continues to do a fine job for us and she will be missed. Her spiritual qualities as well as her kindness and professionalism have all made a contribution to our school. As soon as her replacement is hired I will send out a notice, this hire may not take place until late spring/early summer.

Middle School Update: We are growing; four new students in the 5th-8th Grade have joined us to start the 2nd Semester! I am in the process of hiring a new Middle School teacher for next year.

Mrs. Smith has worked hard to enable the children to put together the best Grammar School Science Fair around. Come out and see tonight from 6:30-7:30 PM.

Mrs. Morley is arranging a special visit of the Statue of *Our Lady of Fatima*. It will arrive on Wednesday, March 7th in time for the 8:30 Children's/School Mass. See Mrs. Morley for further details.

Parents are invited to our Stations of the Cross during Lent (see newsletter.)

Standardized Testing begins on March 5th and concludes on March 16th. Please get your kids to school on time. Teachers will lighten homework loads during testing. Children arriving after 8:30 AM will not be admitted to class during testing which takes place during the morning. Afternoon activities will not be affected. Please do not schedule unnecessary morning appointments for your 3rd-8th Grade children during the two testing weeks, there will only be make up's for two tests or one full absence day.

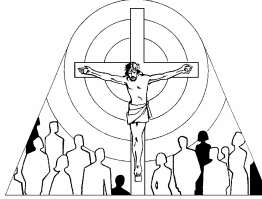
The effort to bring a *gym* to our school is just getting underway. The preliminary steps have been taken and a team is being assembled to start the fundraising effort, I will keep you posted. At the same time the more urgent matter of the Art instructional space is being looked after- we will have an Art instructional room next year.

Have a spiritually deepening Lent and my hope is that we all grow closer to Jesus.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

Jump Rope for Heart envelopes were accidentally returned to the students. If your child brought one home, please return it to the school office so they can be included in the tally for prizes.



Stations of the Cross will be lead by the 7th and 8th graders on Wednesdays during Lent in the Church. All are welcome to join us.

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.

The Portland Irish Dance Academy Mini Team will be here March 16th at 8:30AM to kick off the St. Patrick's Day weekend. Drop off your students and stay for the show. They will also be performing at the Parish St. Patrick's Day Dinner, March 17th at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall.



PSO News

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Happy Thursday!

Waltzing in a Winter Wonderland, the Father-Daughter dance last Friday, was an absolute blast! We've heard raves from dad and daughters alike saying everything from the music to the decorations to the food was great. We can't thank our co-chairs, Wendy Kiel and Lisa Speer, enough for their hard work. Thank you to all who helped make this event a big success. And a big thank you to our D.J., Mr. Fulks, for keeping the evening lively and fun.

More PSO events are just around the corner. Mark you calendar and get involved for share hours and fun!

Magazine Sale: Don't renew your subscriptions quite yet! The magazine sale is just about to kick-off. This is the PSO's primary fundraiser for the year, and every subscription counts. More information will be following soon. Contact Ralph Mooers if you'd like to help.

Oodles of Noodles: A fun night of spaghetti, games, and St. Francis School hospitality. Why stay home and cook when you can get out for a great meal and good conversation? April 20th, watch for more info. coming soon. If you'd like to help, call Sherri Peden.

Friar Trot Fun Run: Planning is well underway for the 1 Mile and 5K community walk/run coming in May. Let's make this year's event bigger and better than ever! Want to help be a part of this fun event? Contact Shellie Lazo.

Please know that the PSO committee always welcomes your comments and questions. Contact any member of the executive committee regarding community building and/or fundraising issues, and we're happy to help at any time.

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.**

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

School Directory Additions:

Add to your school directory and welcome Nicole Nark, grade 6.

Dave and Trish Nark
23461 SW Richen Park Terrace
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Other News

CYO Club St. Anthony's Track and Field Team will be having Sign-ups on February 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

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