

St. Francis School Newsletter

Virtue of the month: SACRIFICE

March 15, 2007

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ March 16th, 8:30AM, Portland Irish Dance Academy
- ◆ March 23rd, No school
- ◆ March 26th-30th, Spring Break
- ◆ April 4th, 8:30AM, School Mass
- ◆ April 6th, Good Friday, No School
- ◆ April 9th, Easter Monday, No School
- ◆ April 11th, 8:30AM, School Mass
- ◆ April 13th, Noon Dismissal
- ◆ April 16th, Scrip Order Due
- ◆ April 18th, 8:30AM, School Mass
- ◆ April 20th, PSO Family Fun Night

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Parents,

Today I would like to share some ideas that are in the development phase and see what you think. I invite you to drop me a note, email or stop by in person.

The Gym- a gymnasium is listed by most everybody as a priority one goal, I share this view. At this point, the process is being established that will allow us to raise the funds necessary to break ground. Anything this big requires countless hours of planning and consultation as you may well imagine. The important thing to note is that we have begun to move toward this worthy goal.

Art Instruction space and the establishment of the 7th Grade Room- another priority one and this one of a more immediate and pressing nature. Everything is moving toward the target goal of fall 2007.

Website- I have viewed the work thus far and it looks fantastic- we are only a matter of weeks before our new website is up and running!

A new Middle School teacher- a slight setback here, I am not yet ready to announce the new teacher, as I had planned, but I am committed to doing so just as soon as I can.

Gifted and Talented- I began a process this past fall, to look hard at ways we can better serve our gifted and talented kids and how a child would qualify for such a program. I want to start this within a year and begin with advanced readers in the lower grades. We have from the beginning offered advanced Math in the Middle School and this will continue.

NWASC accreditation Update- we have one final prep day (March 23rd) as we get ready for the fall visit. Our central business that day will be the Science curriculum and we have already completed steps toward a comprehensive look at our Science program. At this point, we are taking a close look at new textbooks and materials for K-5th Grade. I want to expand the quality of our Science curriculum through improved materials, teacher in-service training and our ongoing partnership with community programs and individuals in the field.

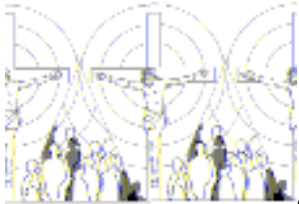
Safety- we are looking at adding additional monitoring cameras, maintaining vigilance and offering parenting classes in such subject matter as internet safety, head injury prevention as well as stranger danger and other such programs- watch the newsletter for updates and information.

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Growth- we are growing, and I think this speaks well of all of us, if I may be so bold! With God's Grace we will do so in keeping with His plan for St. Francis School.

Sincerely,
Michael Cantu,
Principal



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.

Auction News

Thank you to all the fabulous kindergarten parents who attended the auction meeting. A special thanks to those already considering the primary roles for the Auction 2007.

Registration News: Registration continues for current families and new families. **Remember your registration fee of \$200/student must be paid in full by Spring Break to hold your spot 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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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 PSOs 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.

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 Correction: Please correct the Zielsdorf's address to 369 The Greens.

Add to the directory:

Al Niemi, Grade 7

Parents: Kevin and Elsa Kramer

23774 Pinehurst Drive, Sherwood, OR 97140 503-625-2792

Art News: Please keep bringing in plastic caps and used light bulbs.

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

Parish News

Looking for adults and youth (16 or older) to help prepare for Vacation Bible School. Come to a meeting on March 22nd at 7:00PM or contact Lisa or Jill at 503-625-6188

The Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service will be at 7:00PM on March 30th following the Lenten Soup Supper.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Candy donations of individually wrapped candy can be left in the Narthex in the box marked "Easter Egg Hunt". The stuffing of eggs will take place on Tuesday, April 3rd at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. For more information please contact Violet Wanner at 503-487-7517 or dv_wanner@yahoo.com.

Other News

Spring Break Fine Arts Camp being offered by Mosaic Arts Loft in Sherwood on March 26, 27 & 28th. Information is available in the school office or at 503.625.0818 or www.mosaicartsloft.com.