

# St. Francis School Newsletter

April 19, 2007

## Virtue of the month: PERSEVERANCE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

Well, the spring certainly is bashful as it seems to have gone into hiding! As we enter into the last quarter of the school year we have already begun to work on plans for next! As you probably know, we will go through accreditation next year just before Thanksgiving. The self-study is nearing completion yet there still are quite a few things to do. I would like to ask any scrap-bookers out there to help the teachers put together photo albums of pictures I have asked them to be collecting of classroom activities/projects reflecting our school. If you have this skill-please sign up through the school office.

The survey results have been tabulated and are in today's newsletter for your consideration. We had a 60% return rate on these. The results will be studied to identify key areas of perceived strength as well as areas for growth-thank you for your participation.

Tomorrow night the PSO is hosting Family Fun Night. A wonderful dinner is planned; a cake walk as well as fun activities will all go into a celebration of our school community. I am sorry to say that I cannot join in as I have a commitment at my children's school. Right now, the RSVP's indicate that we will fill the Auditorium. This is a no-cost to you PSO sponsored event!

I know you have heard me say this already but we really are about to launch our new web-site, the final touches are being completed- my guess is that we are a couple of weeks away. The niches for the Statues of the Blessed Mother for all classrooms are under construction. Rather than a portable for Art instruction, plans are underway to alter and outfit a space in the Parish Center. The room will be fitted with windows, a sink, an extra door, flooring, appropriate furniture and cabinets, new lighting etc. This is a much better temporary solution versus a portable classroom, for example, during rainy weather, communication issues, bathrooms, we can afford it (we raised \$27,000 for the project, the cost to purchase, place and go through the permit process for a portable turned out to far exceed this amount even with a used model) etc. Whatever funds that are not used that were raised at last year's auction for this project will be set aside for the future permanent classroom.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,  
Principal

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ April 20<sup>th</sup>, PSO Family Fun Night
- ◆ April 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30AM, School Mass
- ◆ April 29<sup>th</sup>, First Communion, 8:30AM & 10:30AM
- ◆ April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 4<sup>th</sup>, Outdoor School, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- ◆ May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30AM, School Mass
- ◆ May 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM, Auction Meeting
- ◆ May 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30AM, School Mass
- ◆ May 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM, Great Spanish Challenge
- ◆ May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00PM, Cinco de Mayo program
- ◆ May 10<sup>th</sup>, All School Picture
- ◆ May 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:30AM, School Mass
- ◆ May 19<sup>th</sup>, Friar Trot
- ◆ May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30AM, School Mass
- ◆ May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, Noon Dismissal

PSO News:

Parent Service Organization executive committee is:

Sherrri Peden - President

Shellie Lazo - Vice-President

Ralph Mooers - Treasurer

Karen Carrera - Secretary

Valerie Dalebroux - Secretary

**THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU**

**The KAP project raised \$1,317.28. Thank you for all your support.**



Calling all Scrapbookers!! We need your help in putting together scrapbooks for the classrooms for next year's accreditation. Call the school office if you are interested.

There will be an "All School" picture taken May 10<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are in today's envelope. They must be returned to the school with payment by May 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Parish News

Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting April 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM

Youth Minister Wanted - St. Francis Parish is seeking a dynamic, Youth Minister for Senior High and Middle School age. Must be an active practicing Catholic who has skills in leadership, faith formation, program development and a team worker. Call 503-625-6185 for application and job description.

American Red Cross Blood Drive, Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00PM - 7:00PM in the Parish Center. To schedule an appointment call Arlene Voelker at 503-625-7067.

## Out of Parish News

### **Catholic Rock Concert at St. Cecilia in Beaverton**

**Concert details:** "THIRST" and "SONS OF DAY" two local Catholic/Christian bands will perform and share their faith in Christ.

Who: People of all ages

When: Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00-9:00 pm

Where: St. Cecilia GYM

Cost: Pre-sold tickets are \$3. Tickets sold at the door are \$5.

Call Jill for more details on the concert: 503-644-2619 ext. 71