

Virtue of the Month: PERSEVERANCE

April 23, 2009

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Upcoming Events

- Sunday, April 26th,
First Holy Communion Sunday
- Tuesday, April 28th,
Mad Science
- Wednesday, April 29th,
School Mass,
8:30am
- Sunday, May 3rd, First
Holy Communion
Sunday
- Monday, May 4th,
Auction Meeting,
7pm
- Tuesday, May 5th,
Great Spanish Challenge AM/Cinco de Mayo Program PM
- Friday, May 8th,
School Mass,
8:30am
- Wednesday, May 13th,
School Mass,
8:30am
- Friday, May 15th,
Jog-a-thon
- Saturday, May 16th,
Friar Trot

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Can you believe we are fast approaching May? Many of the School and Parish children will be receiving their 1st Communion this weekend! Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. McGuigan (Parish Religious Ed director) have been working very hard on the preparations. I know that our Pastor is looking forward to these children taking this important step in their spiritual journey.

Speaking of hard work, our Jog-a-thon/Friar Trot volunteers have been busy behind the scenes getting ready for this May event. We had an assembly

this afternoon to explain the Jog-a-thon pledge sheets to the students.

These are tough times for the school districts around Oregon dealing with budget shortfalls. Many programs are being cut and it is sad to see this. I am pleased to say that no program cuts will take place here next year. Careful fiscal planning over the years will allow us to maintain the excellence and richness of our curriculum offerings and small class sizes.

Progress Reports will be sent home tomorrow for Kindergarten through 5th Grade; Progress Reports will be sent

home by May 4th for Middle School students.

Sincerely,
Michael Cantu,
Principal



News from the School Office

Be sure all share hours are turned into the school office by May 18th. Invoices will be sent out for share hours not completed after the Friar Trot.

Save the Date

Friar Trot and Jog-A-Thon, May 15th and 16th

General Parent Meeting, Friday, May 29th.

The Golf Tournament will be Sunday, May 31st in the afternoon at Langdon Farms Golf Club.



PSO

PSO Officer Positions: Candidates are being sought to fill two positions on the Executive Committee of the Parent Service Organization. These are two year positions that contribute greatly to the overall quality of St. Francis School through fund raising and community building activities as well as in enhancing the communication link between the school administration and the parent community. The positions open are Vice President and Secretary. If you are interested in either of these positions or more information contact Shellie Lazo or Mr. Cantu before April 30th. Elections will be held in May.

Jump Rope Team Members

Calling all Jump Rope Team members that would be interested (and available) in walking and jumping in the Sherwood Robin Hood Festival parade on July 18th. Let the school office and/or Mrs. Hatfield know.

Auction News

Come to the auction meeting Monday, May 4th at 7pm. Earn auction share hours and participate in the planning process.

*****Check out our new Auction Website for all your auction news at

stfrancisauktion2009.pbwiki.com*****



Friar Trot and Jog-a-thon

"Got Pledges?"

The St. Francis Friar Trot (May 16) and Jog-a-thon (May 15) are right around the corner! Last year the children raised almost \$10,000 in Jog-a-thon pledges! Outstanding!! Net proceeds from the Friar Trot and Jog-a-thon events go directly towards building the new gymnasium. So let's do it again this year! For more information about either event...or to register online for the Friar Trot 10K/5K/1mi...go to www.thefriartrot.com.



School Bank Program

St. Francis's LAST bank day: Tuesday April 28 from 7:45-8:15am. Final prizes will be handed out at this time. As we mentioned, WAMU/Chase is closing this program permanently on May 1st. We are talking with 2 other banks and hope to restart a similar banking program next year, if it's possible. A huge thank you to Gina Hannigan & Celine Watson for running most of our bank days this year. Students can still make deposits in their WAMU school savings accounts at any local WAMU/Chase bank site. thank you, Sarah Geisler

St. Francis Parish News

Vacation Bible School—Register now. Forms are available in the narthex, school or parish office. Check out the list of needed materials. Volunteers are also needed. Youth 6-12 grades are encouraged to sign up as group leaders. We also need pre-school teachers. There is plenty of prep work that can be done at home or join us at a VBS work party. Work Party Dates are: Tuesday, May 12th, 9:30-11:00am; Wednesday, May 13th, 6:30-7:45pm; Tuesday, May 19th, 9:30-11:00am; Wednesday, May 20th, 6:30-7:45pm; Tuesday, May 26th, 9:30-11:00am

Red Cross Blood Drive, Wednesday, June 3rd. More information to come.

Out of Parish News

2009 Jesuit Summer School information and registration are available at the School Office or at www.jesuitportland.org.

Multi-family fund raiser sale for Ecco Ridge Equestrian Vaulters. (Nicole in 3rd grade is on the team). Come on by the Old Hall this Saturday from 8-4 or Sunday from 8-2 and see what we have. Thank you for your support. For more information contact Therese Jolibois.