

Virtue of the Month: GENEROSITY

December 10, 2009

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Upcoming Events

- Sunday, Dec. 13th, Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- Sunday, Dec. 13th, Lego Robotics Competition
- Wed., Dec. 16th, Jump Rope Team Practice
- Thursday, Dec. 17th, School Christmas Program, 7:00pm. Students here at 6:30pm
- Friday, Dec. 18th, Pajama Day (bring shoes for recess). Regular dismissal
- Dec. 21-Jan. 3rd, Christmas Vacation
- Monday, January 4th, School Resumes

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

This morning, two members of the Oregon Army National Guard came to the school to collect the toys that the school has collected for children of soldiers separated from one or both their soldier-parents this Christmas. All the students assembled to hear the personal stories of these soldiers and how much this gesture on the part of our school community means to them. The Kindergarten class who spearheaded the effort did a magnificent job. Truly, a highlight for all of us this year!

Our Lego Robotics team heads off to their competition this Sunday. We should all be very

proud of them as they have worked very hard, are well prepared and dedicated to doing their very best.

The competition will take place at Mentor Graphics and you are welcome to come out and support our team. Their first event is scheduled for 10:00 AM. Call the school office for details should you plan on going.

Our 8th Graders who plan on attending Catholic High School will take their entrance test this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

This appears to be our last small graduating class yet this year, the combined the 6th, 7th and 8th Grade

enrollment is the highest it has been. I expect this to grow by 11 students bringing us to 53 middle school students next year. I am projecting overall enrollment to go up to 190 students next year. We are currently at 181.

The St. Francis Parish Advent Reconciliation Service (Confessions) is scheduled for Monday, December 21st at 7:00PM.

Cordially,
Michael Cantu,
Principal





Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who helped with the book fair and shopped at the book fair. We received a lot of books for our classrooms and library.

**Christmas Program,
December 17th.**

News from the School Office

Thank you from George Alyateem and Holy Land Crafts for your support in purchasing items made in Bethlehem. He has donated a portion of the proceeds to the Building Fund.

Jump Rope Camp at the YMCA: Mrs. Hatfield will be offering a jump rope camp at the YMCA on December 21st and 22nd from 9am-11am . See the flyer in today's envelope for more information.

Jump Rope Team practice will have practice Wednesday, December 16th.

Spanish: Every week 5th-8th graders have a homework sign off form to be filled out, signed by a parent and turned in on Thursdays. In addition, 6th-8th graders have a Spanish homework packet each week.

Do you shop at Office Depot? Earn 5% in their Back to Schools program for our school. Our school ID number is 70205704.

PSO Movie Night

Thank you to the PSO and everyone who made the movie night a success.

St. Francis Parish News

Knights of Columbus Breakfast, Sunday, December 13th.

Advent Reconciliation Service, Monday, Dec. 21st, 7pm

Out of Parish News

St. Mary's Academy Theatre presents "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever".

Friday, December 11th, 7:00pm

Saturday, December 12th, 2:00pm and 7:00pm

\$7.00 includes ticket and holiday refreshments

\$20.00 also includes special couch seating (limited)

Audience participation: Your own little angel can be a part of the Pageant too!

To reserve your ticket, call 503.721.7712 or email theatre@stmaryspdx.org

