

Virtue of the Month: GENEROSITY

December 11, 2008

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Upcoming Events

- Thursday, Dec. 18th, Christmas Program, 7pm; Students arrive 6:15pm
- Dec. 22-Jan.2, Christmas Vacation
- Monday, Jan. 5th, School Resumes
- Wednesday, Jan. 7th, School Mass, 8:30am
- Friday, Jan. 9th, Noon Dismissal
- Tuesday, Jan. 13th, Mad Science 3:10-4:10pm
- Wednesday, Jan. 14th, School Mass, 8:30am
- Saturday, Jan. 17th, PSO Mother/Son Bowling
- Monday, Jan. 19th, No School

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Next Friday morning (December 19th), the Student Council and teachers will be hosting “*Christmas Around the Rooms*”. Each teacher will be sponsoring a Christmas Activity and the students will get a chance to sample each of these in their Mass families while dressed in Pajamas! It starts at 8:30 AM and will all wrap up by lunchtime. After lunch, the Student Council will lead a special Christmas assembly between 1:15-1:45 and then

it is off to the classroom Christmas parties between 1:55-3:00 PM. It should be a wonderfully fun day for the kids and a great way to send them off to their Christmas holiday.

Sincerely,
Michael Cantu,
Principal



News from the School Office

The school staff will be having our Christmas Party next Thursday before the School Program. Please be sure to pick up your student on time after school so that all of the staff may attend the party.

No after school Spanish on Thursday, December 18th.

Sherwood Coffee Company will be displaying art work from our 3rd and 4th grade students from now through the holidays. Be sure to thank them for including our school.

Teacher Stockings—We will have the teacher’s wish lists in their stockings in the school office this year. If you would like to give your child’s teacher a gift for Christmas and are not sure what to get, this will help provide you with some suggestions.

Immunizations: I have to submit a report to the county on every student that is missing immunizations. If you received a request from the school office for you child’s information please be sure I have it by the first week of January.

See the enclosed flyer on school closures and late starts due to weather. We will follow the Sherwood School District.



PSO News

Thank you to everyone who made our Family Fun Night a success.

Book Fair



A huge THANK YOU to the chairs of our Scholastic Book Fair: Laura Larsen, Jennifer Micich and Mary Parietti and all of their volunteers-Lori Oliver, Robin Freadman, Bob Biever, Jennifer Biever, Sarah Geisler, Kiki Gavin, Celine Watson, Michelle Barrera, Therese Jolibois, Teri Thiele, Gretchen Brown, Joy Hocamp, Carolyn Becker, and Lindsay Manning. (And anyone who slipped our memory). Thank you also to all of our “shoppers”. Thanks to you we sold \$4,630 worth of books and other items. We will receive \$2,300 worth of books for our classrooms and library.

Jump Rope Team

Practice will resume in January.

St. Francis Parish News

Please join the entire Catholic community of western Oregon in celebrating the **25th Anniversary of the Episcopal ordination of Archbishop John G. Vlazny**. You are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving with Archbishop Vlazny on Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 2:30pm at the University of Portland's Chiles Center. A reception also in the Chiles Center will follow.

Preschool Volunteer for the 8:30am Sunday class needed. Contact Violet Wanner if you can help. 503-625-6188 ext 243.

First Annual St. Francis Crab Feed, Saturday, January 10th, 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. This is to raise funds for parishioners who have who have been adversely affected by this economy.

Quilt sale this Sunday, December 14 after Mass in the Parish Center. Quilts, wall hangings and other hand crafted items available.

Out of Parish News

Jesuit High School performance of the Sound of Music will be Feb. 26-Mar. 8. For more information, visit www.jesuitportland.org/drama. Tickets go on sale January 17.

12th Annual The Red Sled Christmas Bazaar, Nov. 7th-Dec. 24th next to Papa Murphy's. Bring your donation of non-perishable food and help us fill the Red Sled to benefit the Oregon Food Bank.

5% back to St. Francis Parish: Eat at the Sherwood Station Bistro (16147 SW Railroad Street) on Saturday or Sunday from now until the end of December and 5% of your bill will be donated to St. Francis Parish. The church with the largest total will receive double. Watch for a school program possibly coming soon.

Irish Dance will be held in the Parish Hall (not the Old Hall) next Tuesday, December 16th.

2009 Tigard, Tualatin, Sherwood Sno-Blaster Ski & Snowboard Bus-Fully chaperoned program for 1st thru 6th grade. Sundays in February. Contact Beth at snoblaster@verizon.net or visit www.beonthebus.net or call 503-312-5021

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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Inside Story Headline



Caption describing picture or graphic.

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list

the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.