

# Virtue of the Month: KINDNESS

February 11, 2010

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## Upcoming Events

- Thursday, Feb. 11th,  
Jump Rope Practice,  
3:15-4:15
- Friday, Feb. 12th, Fa-  
ther-Daughter  
Dance
- Monday, Feb. 15th, No  
School, President's  
Day
- Tuesday, Feb. 16th,  
Mad Science, 3:15-  
4:15
- Tuesday, Feb. 16th,  
Jump Rope Team at  
Jesuit High School,  
7:15
- Wednesday, Feb. 17th,  
Ash Wednesday
- Wednesday, Feb. 17th,  
School Mass,  
8:30am, Evening  
Mass at 7pm
- Friday, Feb. 19th,  
Jump Rope Assem-  
bly, 2:15

## Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Did you know?

That the Spanish mis-  
sionaries established a  
Catholic School in what  
is now St. Augustine,  
Florida in 1606 or

Around the same time  
period, the Jesuits were  
teaching Native Ameri-  
cas or

That the Franciscans es-  
tablished a school for  
boys in New Orleans in  
1718 and the Ursuline  
Nuns established a  
school for girls in 1727  
or

That the creation of our  
modern parochial  
schools came about be-  
cause Catholic children  
faced blatant discrimina-  
tion because of their  
Catholic Faith or

That Oregon in 1922  
passed Oregon Law sec-  
tion 5259, the Compul-  
sory Education Act in an  
attempt to outlaw Catho-  
lic Schools. The Sisters  
of the Holy Names of  
Jesus and Mary chal-  
lenged this in a case that  
went all the way to the

Supreme Court in a  
case known as Pierce  
vs. Society of Sisters of  
the Holy Names of Je-  
sus and Mary and the  
Sisters prevailed, the  
Oregon Law 5259 was  
ruled unconstitutional.  
The legal costs were  
paid for by the Knights  
of Columbus. The  
Holy Names Sisters  
once staffed many of  
the Catholic Schools in  
the Archdiocese and  
were the order that  
founded Marylhurst  
University. They have  
a wonderful archive on  
campus that tells the  
fascinating history of  
their work in Oregon.

At the core of our mis-  
sion here at St. Francis  
School is the objective  
to teaching our Catholic  
Faith and handing it  
down to the next gen-  
eration. The hostility  
our ancestors faced re-  
mains though now in-  
stead of fundamentalist  
Christianity and the  
Know Nothings, it is  
the secular culture of  
our time. In the United  
States today, our K-8  
system is primarily Par-

ish based/sponsored.  
Most of our children  
here are parishioners  
of St. Francis School.  
Our school families  
and their children can  
enrich St. Francis par-  
ish by giving back to  
the parish, helping out  
with parish activities  
and going to Mass  
regularly on Sunday  
and Holy Days of Ob-  
ligation. Make sure  
you are using the par-  
ish envelope, this  
helps the pastor deter-  
mine parish subsidy.  
The Parish went  
against the trend when  
they opened this  
school. Let's show the  
parish by our partici-  
pation at Sunday lit-  
urgy and in parish life  
that their investment  
was worth it.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,

Principal



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## News from the School Office

**No School, Feb.  
15th**



**Kindergarten testing** for next year will be February 20th. Call now to schedule your testing time. Another Saturday will be added if necessary.

**Sherwood Coffee Company** will once again be displaying our students' art work. 1st and 3rd grade hearts will be going up on Sunday.

Thank you to **Dr. Adina Zapodeanu, OD** and the volunteers for offering vision screening for our students. The results are in today's envelope.

Mr. Cantu has declared Friday, February 12th, **Free dress day if you wear red** to celebrate Valentine's Day. If no red, then wear your uniform.



## Catholic Schools Week

Thank you to the PSO and all of their helpers who helped to make Catholic Schools week a huge success. Parish, grandparents, students, parents and staff all had a great time. A special thank you to Nikki Langer, Shellie Lazo and Diana Law. They spent a great deal of time here making sure everything went smoothly.

## Jump Rope Team



Our Jump Rope Team will perform on the following dates:

Tuesday, February 16th, 7:15pm, Jesuit High School

Friday, February 19th, 2:15 pm, St. Francis School

You are invited to any and all performances. There may be an admission charge at Jesuit.

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## St. Francis School Golf Classic

Save the date - June 12th for our golf classic. Registration forms and more information are on the website and will be sent home at a later date.



## St. Francis Parish News

**Fat Tuesday, Feb. 16th**—Come join us as we celebrate Fat Tuesday from 6:30pm-10pm. Dinner will include jambalaya, rice & beans, salad, macaroni and cheese, bread and dessert. Free will offering.

**Lenten Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross:** Fridays during Lent. Soup Supper is at 6pm with Stations of the Cross at 7pm.



## Out of Parish News

CYO Club at St. Anthony

2010 Track and Field

Registration

When: Beginning February 11th

Where: On-line at: [www.edline.net/pages/StAnthonyTigard/CYO](http://www.edline.net/pages/StAnthonyTigard/CYO)

As well as: [www.cyocamphoward.org/contact/ads/index.htm](http://www.cyocamphoward.org/contact/ads/index.htm)

Who: All 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls

Registration Fees are \$120 per athlete which includes a \$20 Uniform Deposit refundable at the end of the season. Please have current insurance information. Practice begins March 15<sup>th</sup> and the season ends on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

St. Mary's Academy presents **Thoroughly Modern Millie**, February 26-March 7th.

Jesuit High School presents **Les Miserables**, February 25-March 7th. Best suited for Middle School grades and older. Tickets are \$10 for all ages and can be purchased online at [www.jesuitportland.org/drama](http://www.jesuitportland.org/drama)

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## Out of Parish News Cont.

### 25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL VISITATION SCHOOL RUMMAGE SALE



Visitation School in Verboort will hold its 25th Annual Rummage Sale on March 4, 5, and 6 at the Harris Parish Center of Visitation Catholic Church, located at 4285 NW Visitation Road, Forest Grove, 97116. An early bird sale will be held Thursday, March 4, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for an entrance fee of \$5. Regular sale hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Everything will be half price on Saturday, March 6, with a \$3 bag sale from 2:00 to 4:00. For more information visit their website at <http://www.vcsknights.org> or call Visitation School at 503-357-6990.