

Virtue of the Month: KINDNESS

February 12, 2009

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Upcoming Events

- Friday, Feb. 13th, Jump Rope Team Assembly, 2:15pm
- Monday, Feb. 16th, No School
- Tuesday, Feb. 17th, Mad Science
- Wednesday, Feb. 18th, School Mass, 8:30am
- Wednesday, Feb. 25th, School Mass, 8:30am, Ash Wednesday
- Thursday, Feb. 26th, Magazine Sale Begins
- Wednesday, March 4th, School Mass, 8:30am
- Thursday, March 5th, Science Fair, Grades 5-8, 6:30-7:30pm
- Friday, March 6th, Noon Dismissal
- Saturday, March 7th, Doug Smith Benefit Concert, 8pm

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

In today's newsletter you will find an enclosed See's Candy Drive Order form. If you read last week's newsletter, you will know that the proceeds from this fundraiser are going to go toward reducing registration fees. There will be no contests or prizes for this fundraiser and it is purely voluntary. In a couple of weeks we will be launching our annual magazine drive on February 26th. This is a PSO sponsored fundraiser that has been quite successful in the past. This year's proceeds will be used to purchase Language Arts books and materials for next year. The intent with both of these is not meant to overwhelm you. Do what you can to help in these efforts and if you can only help with one-no problem!

Easter Candy Dates and General Information

See's Candy orders will be taken after Mass through Sunday, March

15th. Orders will be taken after most Masses depending upon staff volunteer availability or from the school office during the week.

Last day to place orders- Monday, March 16th

Orders may be picked up after all Masses on Palm Sunday in the Parish Center or from the school office, Monday-Thursday, April 6th-9th between 8:30-3:30 PM

All proceeds go toward reducing the school registration fees for the St. Francis school parents-

Thank you,
Michael Cantu,
Principal



News from the School Office

Tomorrow, February 13th is a Free Dress Day if you wear red, white or pink. The Jump Rope Team may wear their Jump Rope t-shirts and shorts.

Check your Albertsons receipt to see when your card is expiring. You will need to renew it to continue with their contribution to the Parish and School.

Registration: Turn in your commitment forms for next year so that we know if we have any openings for new students. We especially need to know if you will have a Kindergarten, First Grade, Second or Third Grade Student.

Financial Aid applications are available in the school office. These are mandatory for all families seeking assistance. Let the school office know by March 13th that your application has been submitted.

3rd grade Art is on display at the Sherwood Coffee Company through Valentines Day. Be sure to stop in and see the wonderful things our students have done.

Senora Rutledge is looking for donations of candy from Spanish speaking countries. She uses this in the Spanish challenge. Must be individually wrapped/no nuts.

Mrs. Green is looking for any yarn you would like to donate to the art program.

Volunteers needed to help with the Sees Candy Sale after Masses the weekends in February and the first 2 weekends in March. Call the School office if you can help.

Jump Rope Team

The Jump Rope Team Performances are:

Thursday, February 12th Valley Catholic High School, 7:30pm. All teams performing.

Friday, February 13th, 2:15pm, St. Francis School. All teams, parents welcome.

Let the coaches (Mrs. Hatfield & Mrs. Todd) know if you can't make a performance.

Performers get in free to all games. Parents may have to pay the regular ticket price.

Capital Campaign

Benefit Concert, Saturday, March 7th, 8:00pm at St. Francis. Call the school office today to reserve your tickets. Tickets are \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door. Invite family and friends to enjoy this wonderful evening. All proceeds from the performance (not just profits) go to the Capital Campaign. Refreshments for sale during intermission.

St. Francis Parish News

Vacation Bible School: Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 22-26. The first meeting will be Wednesday, February 18th at **6:30** in the Parish Center. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to attend. Don't wait—we need you NOW.

St. Francis Mom's Group: For all Moms, come on out and join us for our bible study this New Year. We'll be meeting every week to discuss the readings of the Mass and to share where the Lord is working in our lives in relation to those readings. Let's meet together to grow in God's Word and in our vocation as Mothers. We meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Contact Stephanie Konopka for more information. 503-419-7820.

Feb. 24th-Fat Tuesday, All parish dinner event. Head count needed. Call Arlene at 503-625-7067 ext 225 if interested in attending.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner, March 14th, Calling all Dads-Call the school office now to be part of the St. Patrick's Day program.

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.

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

CYO Night with Pilots Basketball: Saturday, February 14th, 2pm, Women's Basketball vs. Saint Mary's. Wear your CYO uniform and get in for only \$3.00.

CYO 2009 Track and Field Registration: February 12th and 18th, 6pm-8pm at St. Anthony School-O'Reilly Hall. Open to all 3rd-8th grade boys and girls.

VERBOORT SCHOOL RUMMAGE SALE

Visitation Catholic School in Verboort will hold its 24th Annual Rummage Sale on March 5, 6, and 7. You will find us at the Harris Parish Center located at 4285 NW Visitation Road, Forest Grove, 97116. Regular sale hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. An early bird sale will be held Thursday, March 5, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., allowing bargain hunters to find the best deals for an entrance fee of \$5. Everything will be half price on Saturday, March 7, with a \$3 bag sale from 2:00 to 4:00. Donations of furniture and other large items will be accepted until February 23. Please note that we can not accept any more clothing. For more information call (503) 357-6990 or visit our website at www.vcsknights.org.