

# Virtue of the Month: KINDNESS

February 18, 2010

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## Upcoming Events

- Thursday, Feb. 18th,  
Jump Rope Practice,  
3:15-4:10
- Thursday, Feb. 18th,  
After School Spanish,  
3:15-3:45
- Friday, Feb. 19th, Jump  
Rope Assembly, 2:15
- Monday, Feb. 22nd,  
Young Rembrandt,  
3:15-4:15
- Wednesday, Feb. 24th,  
School Mass, 8:30am
- Thursday, Feb. 25th,  
After School Spanish,  
3:15-3:45
- Wednesday, March 3rd,  
School Mass, 8:30am
- Monday, March 1st,  
Young Rembrandt,  
3:15-4:15
- Friday, March 5th,  
Noon Dismissal
- Spring Break, March 22  
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## Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

There is a fear driving rumors that I would like to address in this week's newsletter. The fear is based upon uncertainty and this is certainly understandable. Let me explain. It was my goal that tuition rates would have been set in time for Open House a couple of weeks back. The delay has to do with the upcoming building project and the ongoing effort to plan very carefully as we move forward. This is the prudent thing to do, but at the same time the delay has caused concern.

While next year's budget is still a work in progress, I believe we are nearing a final budget. As you know, tuition rates were frozen this year, and while salaries were also frozen, other costs continued to rise. We will need to increase tuition rates next year, but they are nothing near some of the numbers I have heard being circulated! I am trying to keep this in-

crease between 4%-5%, which translates between \$14.00 and \$17.00 dollars per child per month. This is not a final number, but this is what I think we can work out based upon current projections. This does not allow for any fat in the budget, it just allows us to break even. We have just about the lowest tuition rates in the Archdiocese, and affordability is something I think we can be proud of here.

I hope this helps address some of your concerns regarding tuition rates. I have always been a proponent of moderate increases and holding costs down where possible, thus keeping tuition rates affordable. As soon as we have a final budget, I will publish the official rates, I am hoping that by March 1<sup>st</sup>, we have rates set and you can plan your own budget. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Please call me if you have ques-

tions, I will always try to answer you in a direct and prompt manner.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,

Principal

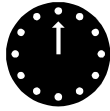


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## News from the School Office

**March 5th**

**Noon Dismissal**



**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.



### Jump Rope Team

Our Jump Rope Team will perform on the Friday, February 19th, 2:15pm in the Parish Hall. If you have not had a chance to watch them perform stop by. They are incredible. Thank you to Mrs. Hatfield, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Dalebroux and all their helpers.



### 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

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

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# 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)

## 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.



**Blanchet Blarney Blast**, Wednesday, March 17th. Cost \$25/person, 21 and over. Doors open at 6pm. Live entertainment, food, drinks, contests and raffle prizes. For more information go to [www.blanchetcatholicschool.com](http://www.blanchetcatholicschool.com).

