

Virtue of the Month: KINDNESS

February 26, 2009

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Upcoming Events

- Thursday, Feb. 26th, Magazine Sale Begins
- Thursday, Feb. 26th, Called to Protect Class, 7:00pm
- Wednesday, March 4th, School Mass, 8:30am
- Thursday, March 5th, Science Fair, Grades 5-8, 6:30-7:30pm
- Friday, March 6th, Noon Dismissal
- Friday, March 6th, End of Magazine Sale
- Saturday, March 7th, Doug Smith Benefit Concert, 8pm
- Wednesday, March 11th, School Mass, 8:30am
- Wednesday, March 18th, School Mass, 8:30am
- Spring Break, March 23rd-27th

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Last week, all of the Catholic School principals gathered for a Retreat in Astoria. The talk was led by the Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle. He began with a reflection that I already shared with the teachers and thought I might share it with you. He simply asked, "Where do you find God and where does God find you". If you give the two questions your full attention, it leads to some deep reflection. Of course, he went on to further develop the Retreat with other thoughts including the notion of our call to embrace the Cross and how St. Paul did this in his ministry. I hope that your Lenten journey is rewarding. We will work with the students in a number of ways and in a variety of activities to help facilitate this.

I have received a fair amount of input regarding an after-school care program and I would like to take this to the next level. I am going to ask two or three parents to help with some additional fact gathering and continue to see if such a program can become a reality for next year. I will keep you posted.

Planning has begun for next year's auction. As the process unfolds, information will be shared. The newsletter will be a good source of information for those of you not directly involved in the early planning stages.

The Magazine Drive kicks off today. All proceeds will go toward Language Arts books and materials for next year. Our other effort to enhance our program is

The Doug Smith Concert next weekend, on Saturday at 8:00 PM. All proceeds from this event will go toward our Gym building project. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Michael Cantu,
Principal



News from the School Office

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. To renew you look for Church of St. Francis and their community partners website.

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.

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.



Save the Date

Mother/Son Bowling will be Sunday, April 5th from 1:15-3:15.

The Golf Tournament will be Sunday, May 31st in the afternoon at Langdon Farms Golf Club.

Called to Protect

We will be having an adult *Called to Protect* class on February 26, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. This is a mandatory class if you work with children in any capacity in our parish community. If you have already taken this class you do not have to take it again.

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

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.



Attention parents: St. Francis Parish will be starting a brand new series on the Mass beginning Wednesday, March 4th at 6:30PM in the Church. Most people attend Mass every week but few actually understand the theology of the Mass. What does it mean when we say the "Sacrifice" of the Mass? How did the apostles celebrate Mass? Is the Mass scriptural? Bring a friend or family member as we dive deep into the Church's most magnificent treasure – the Holy Mass. Contact Deacon Bill 503-625-6185 or Chrissi Nappe 503-625-1980 with any questions.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 11th at 11:00am. Candy donations and volunteers are needed. There will be a volunteer meeting on March 15th between the Masses at 9:45 in the Parish Center. All candy donations should be individually wrapped. The stuffing of the eggs will be Tuesday, April 7th at 6pm.



Knight of Columbus Breakfast March 8th.

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.

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.

Valley Catholic High School presents "Cinderella" March 6-15 with Friday and Saturday performances at 7pm and Sunday matinees at 2pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for students with ID and \$3 for children under 6. Call 503-644-3745 for reservations.

Northwest Family Services will offer a Mother-Daughter Program on Sunday, April 19th from 2-4 for girls ages 9 to 12 and their mother or guardian and a Father-Son Program on Sunday, April 19th from 6-8 for boys ages 10-13 and their father or guardian. See the fliers in today's envelope for more information.