

# Virtue of the Month: KINDNESS

February 4, 2010

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## Upcoming Events

- Thursday, Feb. 4th, Jump Rope Team, 3:15-4:15
- Friday, Feb. 5th, No School, In-service
- Friday, Feb. 5th, Jump Rope Team at Valley Catholic School, 7:30pm
- Monday, Feb. 8th, Young Rembrandts, 3:15-4:15
- Tuesday, Feb. 9th, Mad Science, 3:15-4:15
- Tuesday, Feb. 16th, Jump Rope Team Performance at Jesuit High School, 7:15pm
- Wed. Feb. 10th, School Mass, 8:30am
- Thursday, Feb. 11th, Jump Rope Practice, 3:15-4:15
- Friday, Feb. 12th, Father-Daughter Dance

## Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Over the last three weeks, I have tried to weave a picture of what makes up our Catholic School. I explored the structure and people who administer the school starting with the role of the Archbishop, the Department of Catholic Schools right down to our local level and our Pastor, Father Tom, myself and the School Advisory Council. Last week as you may remember, I wrote about the curriculum (what we teach) and how this is developed. Today as you know, we are celebrating our school parents and the trust you have placed in us at St. Francis School in the education and care of your children. When I put together the themes of the week for Catholic School's Week, I did not follow a template because one does not exist. It seems natural that the best way we can celebrate this week, is to celebrate the parts of the whole.

It started this past Sunday with the Eucharistic Celebration at the 10:30 Mass. This, our center is Christ. From there we opened our school to the community with our annual Open House. On Monday as you know, we celebrated our pastor, Father Tom and his parish staff. The school provided lunch for them and Father came over to a rousing student assembly in which he was thanked for all he does for our school and presented with a gift from the Parent Service Organization and cards from the kids. On Tuesday, we celebrated Grandparents and special people in the children's lives, yesterday it was a day in which the kids themselves were celebrated as gifts from God. Today, we celebrate parents and the primary role they play in the development of their children. Finally, the caboose in this whole celebration is our faculty and staff. We are

doing this on Tuesday because tomorrow is a Faith Formation In-Service Day (all teachers will be in attendance). Tuesday was chosen because most of the faculty and staff are scheduled that day.

And so, there you have it- the pieces that make up the whole, we need each one of them to function optimally and we are truly graced here at St. Francis in that they do! Thank you for participating in our celebration of Catholic Education here at St. Francis School.

Cordially,

Michael Cantu,



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## News from the School Office

**No School, Feb. 5th**

**Kindergarten testing** for next year will be February 6th and 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.

## Catholic Schools Week



Catholic Schools Week is Jan 31st-Feb. 6th.  
Sunday, Jan 31st, Open House Noon-2:00pm  
Monday, Feb. 1st, Pastor and Parish Appreciation Day  
Tuesday, Feb. 2nd, Grandparents Appreciation Day  
Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, Student Appreciation Day  
Thursday, Feb. 4th, Parent Appreciation Day  
Friday, Feb. 5th, No School  
Tuesday, Feb. 9th, Staff Appreciation Day

Join us in celebrating each of these days and thanking the people that make St. Francis the great school it is.

## Jump Rope Team



Our Jump Rope Team will perform on the following dates:

Friday, February 5th, 7:30pm, Valley Catholic High School  
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 Valley Catholic and 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

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast, February 7th.**



## Out of Parish News

### **Portland Pilots Basketball:**

Saturday, February 6th, Pilot Women vs. Gonzaga, 2:00pm, \$3 tickets

