

Virtue of the Month: KINDNESS

February 5, 2009

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Upcoming Events

- Friday, Feb. 6th, Father/Daughter Dance
- Monday, Feb. 9th, Jump Rope for Heart
- Tuesday, Feb. 10th, Mad Science
- Wednesday, Feb. 11th, School Mass, 8:30am
- 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

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Last night our jump rope team performed at half-time at the Jesuit varsity boy's basketball game. They really impressed fans on both sides of the court. A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Hatfield, the parents and coaches and especially to the kids who have worked so hard on their routines.

I put a questionnaire in today's newsletter asking for input on your after-school care needs. Please participate in this important survey as it will help me in planning our program for next year.

Although St. Francis School is substantially less expensive than some of our neighboring private schools, I am still very aware of the challenge of tuition costs. As a follow-up to what I presented last week, I would like to say that I am looking at ways to keep this burden from overwhelming you, our parents, while maintaining

the excellence we have built up in our school. If you are experiencing financial difficulty or anticipate such, take the time to fill out the FACTS Needs Assessment form. You can even do this online. Contact the office if you need help with the process. The See's Easter Candy Drive begins this Sunday after all the Masses. The proceeds will all go toward helping our families with registration fees. We need helpers to staff the order table for future Masses. I hope to sell on the weekend of February 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and March 7th and 14th. Call the office to volunteer an hour of your time after one of the Masses. Candy will be distributed on Palm Sunday in the Parish Center.

Are you a fan of the guitar? You know, Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck, Rory Gallagher, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Dick Dale...all more on the electric side but also cut some classic acoustic tracks. Well, we are very fortunate in that one of the most re-

spected acoustic guitarists on the Music scene today is going to be hosting a benefit concert here at St. Francis on March 7th. Proceeds are going toward our Gym building project. Put it down on your calendar and spread the word. "Inviting melodies...stunning finger picking" Billboard Magazine.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,

Principal



News from the School Office

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.

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:

Friday, January 30th, 8pm, George Fox University, All teams performing.

Wednesday, February 4th, 7:30pm Jesuit High School, Blue through 8th grade teams only to perform, others can come and watch.

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 (not just profits) go to the Capital Campaign.

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 6:45 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 7pm 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.

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.