



ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: COURAGE

January 26, 2012

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Upcoming Events

- Sunday, January 29th-
Friday, February 3rd,
Catholic Schools Week/
Spirit Week/Parish
Appreciation
- Monday, January 30th,
Morning Meeting, 8:15,
Jump Rope Team As-
sembly, First "Caught
Being Good" drawing,
all welcome
- Monday, January 30th,
Staff Appreciation/
Sports Day
- Monday, January 30th,
Trudy Ludwig presenta-
tion, 7:00-8:30pm
- Tuesday, January 31st,
Student Appreciation/
OMSI Assembly 1:30-
2:30. Families welcome/
Crazy Day
- Wednesday, February 1st,
School Mass, 8:30am,
5th Grade/Grandparent/
Special Person Appreci-
ation/Formal Day
- Thursday, February 2nd,
Parent Appreciation/
Storybook Character
Day
- Thursday, February 2nd,
Open House, 6:30-
8:00pm
- Friday, February 3rd, No
School/In-service
- Monday, February 6th,
Feb/Aug Birthday Free
Dress

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Ever wonder how far our kindness reaches? Or what impact we can have on the world?

This week the third graders got an answer to these questions. The US Navy's "Team Seahorse" in Kandahar, Afghanistan recently wrote to our third graders to tell them how much they appreciated receiving their Christmas cards.

Commander Cindy L. Rhodes, United States Navy wrote, "Thank you for the beautiful Christmas greeting cards you made with so much care and mailed to our team here in Kandahar, Afghanistan. We enjoyed reading them aloud and sharing with each other in our office. You are so kind to remember us this Christmas season."

Commander Bill Hines, United States Navy wrote, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Team Seahorse in Kandahar, Afghanistan! We wanted to thank all of you kids for the great Christmas cards you sent us."

It is always such a pleasure to be able to share with you all the ways our children live out their faith. Whether it is recognizing our students at the Virtue Assembly, handing out "Caught Being Good" awards at the Monday assembly, or sharing the notes we receive from people outside our community whose lives have been affected by our children. I can think of no better way to answer the question, *what impact do we have on the world*, then by highlighting the influence our own student's have on the world around them.

God Bless.
Kimberly Fadden



News from the School Office

Open enrollment begins this Sunday, January 29th. We do not know if you want a place in the school next year unless you return your commitment form.

Kindergarten testing will be Saturday February 4th and 11th from 10am-4pm. Sign up sheets are in the school office.

Lunch volunteers needed on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month (St. Francis sack lunch days) from 10am-11:30am.

The yearbook committee is looking for pictures you have taken this year of our students. Prints will not be returned. You can email them to lori@stfrancissherwood.org.

Inclement Weather Procedures:

During severe weather students will be dismissed from the far gym doors. The traffic flow for cars will remain the same. Making this change during severe weather should help keep the children dry and warm.

Financial assistant forms are available in the School Office or you may apply online at www.factstuitionaid.com. Applications must be submitted by March 9th for paper applications and March 23rd for online applications. These are strict deadlines for assistance from the Archdiocese of Portland.

Turn in all share hours to the school office. We will be sending out reminders next week.

Progress reports for grades K-3 are in today's envelope. Please review, sign and return to school. Grades 4-8 have their grades on Edline.

Guest Speaker—Trudy Ludwig

Trudy Ludwig's Visit

Parents are invited to attend Trudy Ludwig's parent presentation, "Understanding Our Kids' Social World: Friendships, Cliques & Power Plays" this Monday, January 30th from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Trudy is a children's advocate and award-winning author. She has been featured on ABC's "Good Morning America," PBS's nationally syndicated show, "Keeping Kids Healthy," the National Crime Prevention Council's Circle of Respect program, and, most recently, as an expert panel member on Sesame Street Workshop's video series on bullying. Her books (*My Secret Bully*, *Just Kidding, Sorry!*, *Trouble Talk®*, *Too Perfect*, *Confessions of a Former Bully*, and her newest release, *Better Than You*) have received national praise for helping children cope and thrive in their social world.

Sales and author signings of Trudy's books will be available following the parent presentation. For more information about Trudy, her books, and other resources on the topic of relational aggression, please visit the author's website: www.trudyludwig.com.

Spirit Week: January 30-February 2

Spirit Week is next week with a special theme for each day. If you do not want to dress in the theme of the day, then the school uniform should be worn.

Monday: Sports Day, wear your favorite team's colors or show off your own team's colors

Tuesday: Crazy Day, crazy hats, clothes, hair, socks—just dress crazy

Wednesday: Formal Day, show us how elegant or handsome you are; NO jeans or informal attire

Thursday: Storybook Character Day, dress like your favorite storybook character; Harry Potter, Cat in the Hat, etc. (Parents you can dress up for lunch too.)

Friday: No school

Remember, even when dressing in the theme of the day, dress must be appropriate and subject to staff discretion. If you have questions, ask your classroom teacher. Make sure you have the correct footwear for recess and PE.

Auction News

AUCTION UPDATE

St. Francis Families

Save the Date for the

10th Annual St. Francis Auction

Saturday, October 20, 2012

Thank you parents for all of the ideas via email, suggestions in car line, and phone calls. A huge thank you to those who are already stepping up into key auction roles. We are still looking for volunteers in all areas of auction. Please let us know if you are interested in any capacity as committees are being formulated.

Mary Parietti mparietti@frontier.com; and Val Rice vrice91@comcast.net

Jump Rope Team

Performance this weekend at George Fox University this Saturday at 4:00 and 6:00

Final performance Monday, January 30th at the Morning Meeting at 8:15. Jumpers be here by 8:00 to get ready and for a group picture (if parents would like a group picture). Everyone welcome to attend this performance. If you have never seen them perform, they are incredible.

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Schedule of Upcoming Events:

3rd-4th Grade-Last Game 2/11

5th-8th Grade-Last Game 2/18

“The City” Tournament 2/16-3/11

Coaches will have locations and times.

Parish News

Vacation Bible School will take place June 25th-29th.

First Communion will be held on May 6th at the 8:30 & 10:30am Masses.