

# Virtue of the Month: COURAGE

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## Upcoming Events

- Thursday, January 7th, Jump Rope Team Practice, 3:15-4:15
- Monday, January 11th, Young Rembrandt, After School
- Tuesday, January 12th, Mad Science, After School
- Wednesday, January 13th, School Mass, 8:30am
- Thursday, January 14th, Jump Rope Team Practice, 3:15-4:15
- Monday, January, 18th, No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Wednesday, January 20th, School Mass, 8:30am

## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope that your Christmas break was restful and that you were able to do everything you planned. As you know, the unexpected events sometimes are the best of all and so I also hope you had some pleasant unexpected events as well. Any of the teachers will tell you that while they carefully plan out their lessons, last minute ideas and activities oftentimes need to be accommodated as they outshine or enhance the best of plans. The key is flexibility and the fact that circumstance demands are part of our decision making process.

When plans were first made for our school, they included a gym as well as a library media center. Up until a couple of years ago, it looked as if we would only be able to build the gym at this stage. But with the downturn in the economy came an opportunity. When con-

struction costs dropped we found ourselves in a position to not only break ground early, but to also build the library and media center at the same time. We are hoping to break ground sometime in March. As Father Tom has said, it will also allow us to put some people to work in an industry that has been deeply affected by our recession.

In closing, I would like to ask for your help. In a couple of weeks we will begin our open enrollment process. Could I ask that you spread the word about our great school? In addition to our Kindergarten class, we anticipate 8 openings in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, 5 openings in 7<sup>th</sup> and 10 openings in 8<sup>th</sup> for next year. Open House Sunday is critically important for prospective parents and you can help by your presence at the 10:30 Mass with your child in uniform and spending some time at the school between 12:00 and 2:00

during Open House. Your witness is the best marketing tool I can think of!

Thank you,

Michael Cantu,

Principal



# News from the School Office

**Welcome Back!**

**Clothes:** Please take the time to check your child's sweatshirts. Since they all look alike it is easy for a child to bring home a sweatshirt that belongs to someone else.

**2010-2011 Commitment Forms** are in your envelope. Return these as soon as possible with either the \$50 deposit or the full registration fee. This is especially important if you are planning on enrolling new students. Our open enrollment begins January 31st and we like to know how many openings we have.

**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.

Did you have a student new to our school this year (any grade)? Kindergarten? 7th grade? **Immunization Exclusion Day is February 17, 2010.** Make sure the school office has the most up to date information by January 11th. My first report is due to Washington County on January 13th. Call to see if the office is missing any information.

## eScrip and Boxtops

We received \$219 from boxtops and about \$40/month so far this year from escrip. Thank you.

**eScrip:** Do you shop at Safeway? Joining eScrip is a gift that costs you nothing and will continue to add up \$\$\$ for our school all year round. Sign up once and every time you shop Safeway and use your club card the school earns \$\$\$! Complete the quick and easy registration of your Safeway club card at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com).

**Box Tops:** Did you know that there is more to Box Tops than just clipping coupons? Box Tops Marketplace (<http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/>) has partnered with many of your favorite retailers. Shop through Marketplace and earn 3, 6, even 12 percent for your school on your purchases. Watch those earnings add up fast!



Just a few participating products.

1. Clip Box Tops coupons from your favorite products, earning \$.10 each.
2. Shop online at your favorite retailers, Target and Gap, earning up to 15%
3. Buy books online through the Reading Room, earning up to 6%.
4. Purchase items for your child's classroom, earning up to 2%.

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## 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.

## St. Francis Parish News

Sunday, January 17th, **Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

**St. Francis 2nd Annual Crab Dinner**, Saturday, January 16th, 6:30-10:00. \$15 or \$25 a couple. Reservations required. This is an Adult only function. Call Arlene at 503-625-7067.

Eat at Stone Cliff Inn between January 15-31 and earn 10% back for St. Francis Parish. See the insert in today's envelope.

## Out of Parish News

LaSalle Prep Girl's Basketball Program Presents:

### **Youth Girls' Basketball Night**

Friday, January 8, 2010

JV2 @4pm, JV@5:30pm, Varsity @7pm

Contact Coach Julia Barker, [jbarker@lshigh.org](mailto:jbarker@lshigh.org), for more information



**St. Mary's Academy CYO Basketball Night**, January 22, 2010, 7:00pm. Free admission for all students and coaches wearing CYO uniforms. For more information call 503-721-7725.

## **Out of Parish News**

St. Mary's Academy Theatre presents "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever".

Friday, December 11th, 7:00pm

Saturday, December 12th, 2:00pm and 7:00pm

\$7.00 includes ticket and holiday refreshments

\$20.00 also includes special couch seating (limited)

Audience participation: Your own little angel can be a part of the Pageant too!

To reserve your ticket, call 503.721.7712 or email [theatre@stmaryspdx.org](mailto:theatre@stmaryspdx.org)