

# Virtue of the Month: COURAGE

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## Upcoming Events

- Thursday, Jan. 8th, Christmas Program, 7pm; Students arrive 6:15pm
- Friday, Jan. 9th, Noon Dismissal
- Tuesday, Jan. 13th, Mad Science 3:10-4:10pm
- Wednesday, Jan. 14th, School Mass, 8:30am
- Monday, Jan. 19th, No School
- Sunday, Jan. 18th, State Lego Competition
- Tuesday, Jan. 20th, Student Eye Exam
- Tuesday, Jan. 20th, Mad Science
- Wednesday, Jan. 21, School Mass, 8:30am
- Friday, Jan. 30th, No School/Inservice

## Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome back! It is so very nice to get back into the school routine and to see all of the members of our school community. Tonight's re-scheduled Christmas program promises to be a special event and one that can prolong our celebration of our Savior's birth and the Epiphany of our Lord to the Magi. Each new generation brings with it a new opportunity to encounter Christ, an Epiphany if you will. Our students continue to grow in this encounter through their lessons and in the celebration of the Eucharist.

For those of you with 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> students, you will find a copy of their Standardized testing report together with a two page explanatory letter. You should be able to understand the results but if you have questions, feel free to discuss those with your child's teacher.

Remember that tomorrow is a half-day to accommodate our English curriculum self-study and strategy session. By this process, all of us on the faculty hope to further enhance this aspect of our

curriculum and find ways we can do so. We will complete this in the spring and a report will be sent to the Department of Catholic Schools.

Please pass along the information about our Open House to friends and neighbors that might be interested in our school. As you know it takes place on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> between 12:00-2:00 PM. I am going to be going out to our feeder pre-schools in the area to deliver invitations to those families next week. We have signs posted around town and a nice advertisement in the upcoming Catholic Sentinel.

Did you hear about our Lego Robotics team? Well, over the break they competed in the regional competition held at Mentor Graphics and the team took 1<sup>st</sup> Place and will be going to the State finals to be held at Hillsboro High School on January 18th.

Miss Thomas our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade aide resigned her position to concentrate on her college studies. Mrs. Jennifer Biever will be taking her place starting tomorrow. Mrs. Biever is the proud parent of two children in our school and is looking forward to helping Mrs.

Fisher in the classroom and around the school.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,

Principal



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## News from the School Office

Share Hour opportunity-Pam Rinella and Deb Grealish recycle printer cartridges for the school and get paper and store credits for them. Pam is looking for someone to train to do this next year when she no longer has students at the school. This is a great way to earn share hours if you aren't able to make it to school during the day. Call the school office if you are interested.

Commitment forms are in today's envelope for next school year. Please return these as soon as possible, especially if you have a sibling applying for school next year so that we can get started on the registration process.

## PSO News

Mother/Son Bowling will be rescheduled in April. The chairs for this event will not be here next year as their students will be graduating. They are looking for someone who would like to co-chair with them this year so they will be ready to lead it next year. Call the school office or Pam Rinella or Brenda Gent if you are interested.

## Jump Rope Team

Practice continues in January.

## St. Francis Parish News

**First Annual St. Francis Crab Feed**, Saturday, January 10th, 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. This is to raise funds for parishioners who have who have been adversely affected by this economy.

The parish office is collecting used Christmas cards and candles. They may be left at the school office.

**Preschool Volunteer** for the 8:30am class on Sundays needed. Contact Violet Wanner at 503-625-6188 ext 243.

**Adult Education** will be presenting a new series on Mary beginning Wednesday, January 21st and will last 5 weeks.

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## 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](http://www.jesuitportland.org/drama). Tickets go on sale January 17.

**Irish Dance** is held in the Old Hall on Tuesdays. See the enclosed flier.

**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](mailto:snoblaster@verizon.net) or visit [www.beonthebus.net](http://www.beonthebus.net) or call 503-312-5021

**St. Mary's Academy CYO Basketball Night**, January 23, 2009 at 7pm. Free admission for all students wearing CYO uniforms and coaches.

**CYO Night with Pilots Basketball:** Saturday, January 17th, 7pm, Men's Basketball vs. Santa Clara; Saturday, February 14th, 2pm, Women's Basketball vs. Saint Mary's. Wear your CYO uniform and get in for only \$3.00.

January 18th, Roe v. Wade Memorial Rally to be held for the first time at Pioneer Courthouse Square in downtown Portland. The event begins at 2pm and will last about one hour. Archbishop Vlazney, along with others, will be a keynote speaker. We hope to attract as many as 4,000 people. More information is available at [www.50millionlost.com](http://www.50millionlost.com) or call 503-463-8563.

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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

## Inside Story Headline



**Caption describing picture or graphic.**

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list

the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.