

Virtue of the Month: JOY

June 11, 2009

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Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, June 16th, Field Day
- Tuesday, June 16th, Last Day of School, Full Day
- Wednesday, June 24th, Summer Playtime, St. Francis, 6:00pm
- Wednesday, July 1st, Summer Playtime, Jurgens Park, Tualatin, 10:00am
- Monday, July 6th, Auction Meeting, 7pm
- Wednesday, July 8th, Summer Playtime, Sunset Park, Snyder Park, Sherwood, 10:00am
- Wednesday, July 15th, Bowling, 6-8pm
- Wednesday, July 22nd, Summer Playtime, Tualatin Community Park, 10:00am
- Monday, August 3rd, Auction Meeting, 7pm

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Last night in the Church we held our Graduation Ceremony at the conclusion of Graduation Mass. By all accounts, it was a wonderful event. It included encouraging words from Father, a touching speech by Mrs. Haugsten; some words from me and concluded with the distribution of Diplomas and awards. There was a reception in the Parish Center afterwards sponsored by the 6th Grade Parents. Parent Service Organization gifts were given out by Judy Gram Leach, representing the PSO. The Music that accompanied the Mass was superb. The Parish Music Director, Cecelia Marrs led the Liturgical Music with support from Mrs. Goshie on flute. We had a good sized crowd in attendance. It was a proud moment in St. Francis School history!

I started a Golf Tournament our first year to help fund tuition assistance for our families in need. Over the past five years, this tournament has had many wonderful people step forward to help put this together with proceeds totaling \$22,926. This year, Bob Carter and Ralph Mooers (he took a week of his vacation to work on the tournament) put in a fine effort and it shows by the results. We set a record for net funds raised this year! Of course, many wonderful parents stepped up to help them and I would like to thank each and every one. The top three re-

sults from these tournaments-

Participation-

Net money raised-

#1- 2007-08- 66 Players

#1- \$8695.00- 2008-09

#2- 2008-09- 59 Players

#2-\$6896.00- 2005-06

#3- 2005-06- 57 Players

#3-\$5707.00- 2007-08

Mrs. Vranizan has asked to include her reflections on the very successful (also record setting) Friar Trot/Jog-a-thon event. I spoke with Mrs. Engstrom last night who started the Friar Trot a few years back and she commented how wonderful it is to see how much it has grown and how she admires the current group led by the Vranizans.

Have a wonderful summer vacation,

Michael Cantu,

Principal



News from the School Office

Lost and Found: There are a lot of coats and sweatshirts in the lost and found. All clothes left at the end of the year will be put into the uniform exchange or given to the parish clothes closet.

Summer Hours: The school office will be open 9:30-2:00 June 17-30. We will be closed Friday, June 19th. We will be closed the month of July but will check emails and voice mail occasionally. We will reopen mid August with summer hours, but will be closed Monday, August 24th for a staff retreat.

Student's Art: Be sure to stop by the Sherwood Coffee Company during the summer to see some of our student's art work. They will be showcasing St. Francis School (thanks to Pam Dennison) at various times during the summer break.

Uniform Exchange: Stop by any time during our summer office hours to check out the uniform clothing we have on hand. We especially have a lot in the larger sizes.

REMINDER: The first day of school has been changed to September 1st so the teachers can attend a Math in service. September 1st will be noon dismissal for everyone and "Meet the Teacher" morning.

Field Day Lunch



Don't forget to turn in your field day lunch orders. If you are planning on attending, include your order also. Only hot dog lunches ordered by tomorrow are guaranteed. Snack shack items will be available until sold out or until 3pm (which ever comes first). This is a fund raiser for next year's eighth grade graduation and retreat expenses.

Yearbooks

There are still yearbooks available for purchase in the school office. The price is \$22.

School Library

It has been an incredible first year as your librarian! I would like to thank all of you who have donated such great books either from your own libraries or through the Scholastic and Usborne book fairs. These are all wonderful additions to the library. Also, it has been a pleasure to get to know your kids and they have been very conscientious about taking care of and returning their library books. Please search your homes, cars and backpacks for any "overdue" books so they may be enjoyed next year. Books may be returned to the library on the "Returned Book" shelf. Again, thank you for being so supportive of your library!

Lisa Troychak

Auction News

Auction News!

Mark your calendars for the next all school auction meeting on **Monday, July 6th**. Thanks to everyone who has been helping! It is a group effort and we need everyone in order to make it a successful auction!

*****Check out our new Auction Website for all your auction news at

stfrancisauktion2009.pbwiki.com*****



June theme is outdoor/garden.



PE News

Looking for used (or new) baseball mitts in order to start a unit on softball next year. Whiffle balls and plastic bats are also needed.

St. Francis School Float

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL FLOAT
SHERWOOD ROBIN HOOD FESTIVAL
JULY 18, 2009

*****Get a Head Start on your Share Hours for next school year!****

Please join us for a St. Francis School Float Brainstorming meeting to come up with this year's float theme: (last weeks meeting was canceled due to the storm)

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2009
Time: 6:00PM
Where: St. Francis School Playground

We need volunteers to decorate, ride on the float, walk along side and hand out candy/popsicles on parade day. It is a lot of fun for both kids and adults. We hope to see you at the meeting.

Please contact Danna Kemp at danna.kemp@providence.org -

503-260-2348 with any questions.

St. Francis Parish News

Vacation Bible School—Do you have any bug/butterfly collections, animal furs or tree rings that you could share with Vacation Bible School? We have an “outdoor theme” this year and we are looking for people to “show and tell” the above items. Please contact Lisa McGuigan in the Parish Office.

Because of the storm last Thursday, the “**Called to Protect**” class has been rescheduled for Thursday, June 18th at 7:00pm. All new adult VBS (and school) volunteers are required to attend.

Summer Backpack Lunch program—Start sending in food items for our backpack lunch program. Any nonperishable items you would put in a lunch are needed.

Cell Phone Fund Raiser: During the month of June we are collecting old used cell phones. There will be boxes in the Narthex or bring them to the Parish office anytime.

Fruit for Pies: It’s that time again. How about sharing those extra raspberries, peaches, blueberries, marionberries, cherries, blackberries and apples? When you are freezing or canning, please remember to put pie-sized portions away for the “Holy Rollers”. Just freeze the fruit; it is not necessary to make pie filling. Keep it in your freezers until asked to bring it in for the pie making in early November.

Out of Parish News

2009 Jesuit Summer School information and registration are available at the School Office or at www.jesuitportland.org.



2009 Region III Equestrian Vaulting Championships are June 13th from 8-5 and June 14th from 8-4 at the Canyonview Equestrian College, 13000 Finlay Rd. N.E., Silverton, OR. Nicole in 3rd grade will be competing on Sunday at 10:44-Family & Friends Barrel Freestyle, 12:41-Trot D compulsories on horse routine, 1:38-Freestyle routine and 2:48-Shannon Class (free style). All times are tentative.

Portland Irish Dance Camp: July 6th-9th, 9am-11am. \$75.00. Healthy snack and drink included. Contact Samantha at 503-810-4968. For more information visit www.portlandirishdance.org