

Virtue of the Month: SACRIFICE

March 4, 2010

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Upcoming Events

- Friday, March 5th, Noon Dismissal
- Friday, March 5th, PSO Soup Supper 6pm/ School Staff Stations of the Cross 7pm
- Sunday, March 7th, Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- Monday, March 8th, PSO Meeting, 7pm
- Monday, March 8th, Young Rembrandts, 3:15-4:15
- Wednesday, March 10th, School Mass, 8:30am
- Saturday, March 13th, St. Pat's Dinner, 6:30pm
- Monday, March 15th, Young Rembrandts, 3:15-4:15
- Thursday, March 18th, Science Fair, 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Spring Break, March 22-26

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Our teachers are very excited about the upcoming Science Fairs (5th-8th on Thursday, March 18th at 6:30pm-7:30pm; K-4th on Thursday, April 8th at 9am-10am). Science is an area of strength here at our school for more than one reason and I would like to present them to you today. First of all, our parent community is highly educated with many of you working directly in or related to the Sciences. The students come with an understanding that Science is important and are urged on by their parents. Secondly, our faculty is gifted and keenly aware of the importance of this aspect of the curriculum. The school holds this as an important part of your child's education.

One of the best indicators of this is the quality of our Science Fair.

The students consistently demonstrate a working understanding of the Scientific Method in their presentation/projects. It is also an excellent opportunity to engage the home/school/child partnership which is also an area of strength here at our school. I commend our students, their parents and our teachers for what we have achieved in the past and look forward to this year's projects.

Thank you for your prayers while I was on Retreat last week. The participants were the principals of the Archdiocese. The retreat director is a Franciscan who wove Franciscan spirituality into a Lenten theme. He gave excellent talks and he challenged us to think about our Lenten journey. Of course, there was time for personal prayer and reflection. I prayed for our students,

our school families and the faculty and staff of our school. I will leave you with one of his thoughts/suggestions- "When you pray, make sure that you pause after your prayer; wait and listen before setting off and you might be surprised by what you sense/hear".

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,

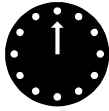
Principal



News from the School Office

March 5th

Noon Dismissal



New Art Work at the Sherwood Coffee Company. 2nd grade frogs and shamrocks will be displayed.

Some families have a Share Hour report in you envelope. If you have hours recorded at home please turn them into the office. **Need share hours?** Contact Jennifer Vranizan at Jen@TheVranizans.com

Registration Fees are due in full by Friday, March 19th. Some classes already have a waiting list and it is your registration fee that holds your spot. Call the office if you need to make payment arrangements.

Family Picture: Send in a family picture for Fr. Tom's "School Families" photo album.

Auction News

Next Auction meeting, Monday, April 5th, 7pm in the Parish Hall.

PSO Soup Supper/Stations of the Cross

St Francis School is hosting Lenten Simple Soup Supper in the Parish Hall on Friday, March 5th at 6:00pm and Stations of the Cross at 7pm. All are welcome to join us.



St. Francis School Golf Classic

Save the date - June 12th for our golf classic. Registration forms and more information are on the website and will be sent home at a later date.

St. Francis Parish News

Lenten Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross: Fridays during Lent. Soup Supper is at 6pm with Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

Knights of Columbus breakfast, Sunday, March 7th.

12th Annual **St. Pat's Dinner**, Saturday, March 13th at 6:30pm. Corn beef and cabbage, raffle, 50/50 and more. Adults \$8/Children \$4



Vacation Bible School: Save the dates of June 21-25 for St. Francis Vacation Bible School. We are in need of coordinators. Contact Violet Wanner if you are ready to help. 503-625-6188

Candy needed for **Easter Egg Hunt**-We are in need of INDIVIDUALLY wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please leave candy donations in the box marked "Easter Egg Hunt" in the Narthex or in the School Office.

We are looking for parishioners SKILLED in roofing, plumbing, electrical or professional painting to submit their names to the Parish office as a reference for future maintenance projects that always need attention. We appreciate volunteers, but are willing to pay a small amount of money when necessary.

Out of Parish News

25th ANNUAL VISITATION SCHOOL RUMMAGE SALE

Visitation School in Verboort will hold its 25th Annual Rummage Sale on March 4, 5, and 6 at the Harris Parish Center of Visitation Catholic Church, located at 4285 NW Visitation Road, Forest Grove, 97116. An early bird sale will be held Thursday, March 4, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for an entrance fee of \$5. Regular sale hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Everything will be half price on Saturday, March 6, with a \$3 bag sale from 2:00 to 4:00. For more information visit their website at <http://www.vcsknights.org> or call Visitation School at 503-357-6990.



Blanchet Blarney Blast, Wednesday, March 17th. Cost \$25/person, 21 and over. Doors open at 6pm. Live entertainment, food, drinks, contests and raffle prizes. For more information go to www.blanchetcatholicschool.com.

Central Catholic High School Department of Theatre is proud to present their production of "Is He Dead" written by Mark Twain and adapted by David Ives. This enjoyable, family friendly comedy will be performed on March 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13 at 7:30pm and March 14 at 2pm. For tickets call 503.235.3138 ext. 107.

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Out of Parish cont.

St. Anthony CYO 2010 Track and Field Registration for all 3rd-8th grade boys and girls. Practice begins March 15. Register online at www.edline.net/pages/StAnthonyTigard/CYO or www.cyocamphoward.org/contact/ads/index.htm. If you have any questions regarding Track and Field, please contact Andrew Corrado @ 503-504-1162 or andrewcorrado1@verizon.net