

Virtue of the Month: CHARITY

November 5, 2009

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Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, Nov. 11th, NO SCHOOL, Veteran's Day
- Thursday, Nov. 12th, Jump Rope Team Practice, 3:15-4:15
- Wednesday, Nov. 18th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- Thursday, Nov. 19th, Jump Rope Team Practice, 3:15-4:15
- Friday, Nov. 20th, Noon Dismissal
- Wednesday, Nov. 25th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- Wednesday, Nov. 25th, Noon Dismissal
- Nov. 26th and 27th, No School

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Some years ago, I heard a speech delivered by the President of the Board of Trustees for a large Catholic University.

The man who delivered the speech was the son of a baker whose father and mother struggled to send him to Catholic school. Through much sacrifice they managed to put him through a Jesuit High School and University. He went on to become a very successful businessman and was quite wealthy. He noted how in later life, how so many people always judged him by the amount of money he had. His point which was woven throughout the speech was how foolish it is to misjudge others using values which are contrary to our Gospel values. He then digressed to further underscore his message.

He talked about two students that he knew, one was a child that graduated from a grammar school with nearly straight "A's", and another who wallowed in failure, going from foster home to foster home and

always doing poorly in school. As it turned out, both failed in the first year of high school but for different reasons. The first because though she had wonderful grades, they turned out to be inflated marks, her foundation was weak. The second failed because his teachers wrote him off as a hopeless case. Each of them failed every subject their freshman year.

At this point of his story he digressed again to talk about a Religious brother that he knew; I believe he was a La Salle Christian Brother. This Christian Brother was the principal of a local Catholic high school who was the guest speaker at a Civic Association breakfast, who during his remarks, asserted that a kid who fails or struggles in school should not be viewed as a burden but rather as an opportunity and an opportunity that a true educator should welcome. This resonated with him.

Toward the end of his speech he connected his points in a very memorable way. First, he stated that the two kids he had described were not only real kids but that they

were his kids. The girl was his biological daughter and he had adopted his son as the boy was entering high school. Both of his children were taken out of their previous school after 9th grade and placed in a Catholic High School headed by the Religious brother that he had mentioned earlier. Both of his children went on to success in both high school and Catholic university. His final point, see in a failing student, son or daughter a chance to live out the Gospel message-reach out and see them in a different light, in the light of Christ.

Cordially,

Michael Cantu,

Principal



Auction News



Auction Financial Statement

Although we are still processing incoming invoices and the final numbers will not be available for some time to come, I am able to publish these fairly accurate results.

Total receipts less costs- \$97,628.

This reflects a dip from previous years of about \$10,000., though in this difficult economic climate, it is viewed as a substantial success.

Thank you,

Michael Cantu

News from the School Office

**No School
November 11th.**

Missing a camera bag? There is one in the school's lost and found from October 30th.

Jump Rope Camp at the YMCA: Mrs. Hatfield will be offering a jump rope camp at the YMCA on two days during Christmas vacation. Contact the Y for more information

Volunteers Needed

Over the last few weeks, the City of Sherwood's Emergency Management coordinator has been giving me updates on the H1N1 situation in Washington County. The response team needs help in manning the sites of upcoming vaccine centers here in town. If you can help (these take place on Saturdays), contact me and I will get you in touch with the appropriate people. You are greatly needed to help people fill out forms, direct people to stand in the right lines, give out information etc. Training will be provided. There is another planned vaccine clinic planned for this Saturday at Sherwood High School.

Michael Cantu

School Bank Program

St. Francis School Bank Day! We are re-starting bank day, now with **Umpqua Bank's Learn to Earn Program**. **Starting Tuesday Nov 1, 2009** we will have bank day every Tuesday through the school year from **7:45am - 8:15am**. Students who enroll can bring their money to school to make deposits, earn prizes and learn the value of saving! In order to enroll, you and your son or daughter must complete ALL the highlighted items on the Umpqua Bank Signature Card / Account Agreement and bring \$1.00 to open the account. Weekly deposits of any amount can be accepted thereafter. As a special thank you, Umpqua Bank will add \$1.00 to each new St. Francis account opened on either Tuesday, Nov 3rd or Tuesday, November 10th.

This program is run by school volunteers and some Umpqua bank employees who volunteer their time. Share hours are available! Although we get no direct financial benefit from Umpqua Bank, this type of program enhances the educational experience & offers the students first hand applied knowledge in math, economics and banking. In the current economic climate, this is a great opportunity to teach our children the value of saving and spending wisely. We would love to have more adult volunteer "bank tellers". If you are interested in becoming a volunteer bank teller please contact Sarah Geisler or the school office.

Junior Achievement

Dear St Francis Parents It is time to start work on getting Junior Achievement all set for this school year. Please visit www.jaorg to find out more about Junior Achievement. I need at least one volunteer per classroom to help complete the free program. This is a great way to get share hours and share a great program with the children Please let me (Karen Carrera) know if you are interested in being a volunteer parent for your child's classroom or other classrooms. Thank you Karen Carrera (6th grader's mom Amanda Carrera)

St. Francis Parish News

Pie Maker/Bakers Needed:

If you have the time and would like to help make pies for the annual Bake Sale, the "Holy Rollers" can use your help on Friday, November 13th starting at 8:00AM. Bring your rolling pin and apron.

Holiday Bake and Quilt Sale: November 14th, 10am-4pm and November 15th, 9am-1pm. A Hot Dog Lunch for \$2 will be served on Saturday, the 14th. Shop early for the best selection of pies and quilts.

Out of Parish News

Irish Dance: The Irish Dance classes that were being held in the Old Hall have moved to the Tigard Studio on Wednesdays from 3:45-4:45. Call Samantha (503-810-4968) for more information or visit www.portlandirishdance.org.

The Central Catholic High School Department of Theatre proudly presents “**The Visit**” by Friedrich Durrenmatt. November 6th, 7th, 12th, 13th and 14th at 7:30pm. November 15th at 2:00pm. Call 503-235-3138 ext. 107 for reservations. A talk back will follow each performance. This production is not appropriate for children.

Lay-Ups Youth Basketball: A co-ed, non-competitive youth basketball league designed for children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Location—Safari Sam’s. For more information call 503-799-9293 or email Lay-Ups@comcast.net. To register, go to www.Lay-Ups.com.