

Virtue of the Month: CHARITY

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Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, Nov. 26th, Noon Dismissal
- Nov. 27-28, No School, Thanksgiving
- Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, School Mass, 8:30AM
- Friday, Dec. 5th, PSO Family Fun Night
- Sunday, Dec. 7th, Parish Advent Celebration, 2:30-4:30
- Thursday, Dec. 18th, Christmas Program, 7pm
- Dec. 22-Jan.2, Christmas Vacation
- Monday, Jan. 5th, School Resumes
- Friday, Jan. 9th, Noon Dismissal

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Surveys-

I would like to start by reminding you to get in your surveys by the December 5th deadline. Presently, I have half the surveys returned and I am hoping for full participation. I value hearing from each of you. It helps me do a better job, it helps the teachers and staff as well. I will be sharing the tabulated results and will also respond to questions affecting the broad school community when I send home the results. I will do this in a question/answer format.

Building Project-

I mentioned that I would update you on the process. I attended a very productive meeting last week as I had mentioned I would be attending in last week's newsletter. I am not yet at liberty to share information, but I will do so as soon as I can.

Standardized test results-

The Department of Catholic Schools has asked the schools to wait until the teachers are debriefed on the new test reports before we send them home. I just received training on this last Friday. I have scheduled the teacher training over the next couple of weeks and hope to send home the results before the Christmas holiday.

Report Cards-

The first trimester Report Cards are in your packet today.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family.

Sincerely,
Michael Cantu,
Principal



News from the School Office

Report cards are going home today. Be sure to sign the back of the card and return it to the classroom teacher.

We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate Jump Rope for Heart. The materials are in the office if you would like to take a look at them.

Add to your school directory the email address for Debi Grealish:

Box Tops and Campbell Labels

As this year's Box Tops and Campbell's Labels for Education coordinator I want to share a bit about the programs and pass along some important information. First, the Box Tops program is very simple-every box top sent in is worth at least 10 cents, and those tops quickly add up, so please don't forget to remove those before tossing boxes into your recycling bin. (The first batch I sent in from tops leftover from last school year totaled \$46.00, and I already have a huge batch to start counting for redemption).

The Campbell's Labels for Education program works a little differently. We receive points for labels, and we have the opportunity to use those points to receive free items from their educational supply catalog. Your efforts in removing labels or cutting the UPC code off of participating products really pays off. In order to make your time in removing labels more fruitful, PLEASE be sure that you turn in the part of the label that has the UPC code on it (a little barcode with a Campbell's Soup kid next to it). This is the only piece of the label I need to turn in, so don't feel like you have to get the entire label off the can intact. You may not have known this, but plastic caps from V8 Splash bottles are also eligible for points. Also, opportunities for bonus points sometimes appear in the Sunday coupon ads. Feel free to send those to the office, and I will do the work cutting and pasting labels to earn more points for our school.



Thanks for your participation in this program. Every little bit makes a big difference!

Angie Johnson

Book Fair

Mark you Calendars our annual book fair is coming soon!!! The Scholastic book fair will be open Dec 3 8am - Dec. 9th at 1pm. We will be open during coffee and donuts on Sunday and during the PSO family fun night on Friday. Save your Christmas book shopping or the fair to help our school earn books for our classrooms and library. The teachers will have wish lists so you can donate books to your child's class. Volunteers are needed!!! Please call Laura Larsen 503-570-1134 or stop in at the school office to sign up!

Thank You!



Jump Rope Team

Practice is on Wednesdays from 3:15-4:15 on November 12th and 19th and December 3rd and 10th and then again in January and February. **No food allowed.** Bring your own water bottle (no other beverages). Pick up your students promptly in the back.

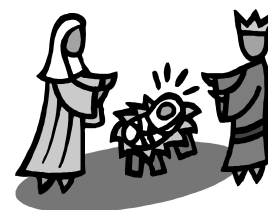


PSO News

PSO Family Fun Night - Please save the date: Friday December 5th from 6 - 9 p.m. for our first Family Fun Night of the school year. Join us for pizza, movies and more!

St. Francis Parish News

Please join the entire Catholic community of western Oregon in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Episcopal ordination of Archbishop John G. Vlazny. You are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving with Archbishop Vlazny on Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 2:30pm at the University of Portland's Chiles Center. A reception also in the Chiles Center will follow.



Come one, come all! Join us as we celebrate Advent! This Parish wide event will take place on Sunday, Dec. 7th from 2:30-4:30pm in the Parish Center. Come & learn about how different customs got their start. As a part of the celebration parishioners are invited to share their nativity scenes for a Nativity Display. There will also be a baby shower for baby Jesus benefitting Coffee Creek. If you would like to display your Nativity scene, contact the Parish Office (503-625-6185). Please bring a snack to share! There will be a free will offering to help cover expenses.

Out of Parish News

Jesuit High School is having auditions for children 6-10 years of age for their production of the Sound of Music. Tuesday, December 9th from 4-6pm at Jesuit High School. For more information email JHSAuditions@gmail.com

12th Annual The Red Sled Christmas Bazaar, Nov. 7th-Dec. 24th next to Papa Murphy's. Bring your donation of non-perishable food and help us fill the Red Sled to benefit the Oregon Food Bank.

Give n' Gobble, Thanksgiving Day at 9am, Walk/Run and Food Drive. Pre-Registration on Saturday, Nov. 15th 10:30am-1:30pm at Sherwood Safeway and YMCA. www.GiveNGobble.com

5% back to St. Francis Parish: Eat at the Sherwood Station Bistro (16147 SW Railroad Street) on Saturday or Sunday from now until the end of December and 5% of your bill will be donated to St. Francis Parish. The church with the largest total will receive double. Watch for a school program possibly coming soon.