

Virtue of the Month: FAITH

October 2, 2008

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Upcoming Events

- Thursday, Oct. 2nd, Parent Preview Class for Called to Protect for Youth, 5:30pm
- Wednesday, Oct. 8th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- Wednesday, Oct. 8th, Noon Dismissal, Conferences
- Oct. 9th & 10th, No School, Conferences
- Oct. 13-24, Standardized Testing, Grades 3-8
- Saturday, October 18th, AUCTION
- Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, School Mass, 8:30am
- Tuesday, Oct. 28th, Picture Retakes

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

I remember a conversation my wife and I had as part of our marriage preparation with Mgr. Ryan, the priest that married us, in which he said, "communication is the lubrication of any good marriage". How right he was and I would venture to say that communication is also the lubrication of any well run school. So often I have found that the problems we encounter are not traced back to any sort of malice, but a simple lack of understanding based upon an ill-informed opinion or a lack of knowledge. I think it was Hillarie Belloc that said that most of the bias against the Catholic Church is based upon ill-informed opinion. It stands to reason that we should do all we can here at school to watch out for this common mistake and stay connected through good communication. I am always working on this and by no means think I am above improvement myself.

Last spring, the teachers and I developed our calendar and worked quite a number of extended weekends in for us to work on the curriculum

and for parents to take advantage of the time for family outings and time together. We also tried to schedule the conferences early enough in the year to better serve you and your children so that the teachers could communicate early and in some depth. I am very proud of the work our teachers do here and they put a good deal of effort into the conferences. I hope that you will find them meaningful and that the communication link you establish or nourish as the case may be, better serves your child's educational needs.

The economy is very much on all our minds and you might be wondering how it will impact us here at school. I am pleased to say that foundational support for our capital campaign continues to flow in. I am working on a detailed report that I hope to share by next week with some projections and goals concerning our expansion based upon the funds we have thus far raised. The school has and continues to operate on a balanced budget model. We will continue to be prudent in the management of our expenses. As you know, the sole focus of our special appeal is raising

funds to get our gym, we are closing in on this goal and your support will make the difference.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal



Auction News

Hello to All our St. Francis Families -



Here are a few AUCTION reminders for the week:

1. Turn in your INVITATION RSVP card today! The price is now \$70 per person and we are almost sold out!
2. Sell RAFFLE TICKETS
3. PICTURES wanted of your cute kids for the slideshow.
- 4 Come and work the week of the auction. There will be lots to do. Contact Danielle Ball (503.885.9179) or Dede Grosso (503.625.9397) for more information.

Lastly, Thank you for your efforts & hard work to make this auction a reality!

News from the School Office

Be sure to return your paperwork to the office if you have not already done so. This includes the signature page from the handbook.

Food brought to school to share with other students (class parties, birthday treats, etc.) need to be store bought and nut free.

There will be a video preview of the Called to Protect programs for patents of youth in grades 6-12 on Wednesday, Oct 1st at 1:30pm and Thursday, Oct. 2nd at 5:30pm in the Parish Center.

The Quiznos order for October included October 8th and we will be dismissing at noon that day. If you paid for Quiznos for October 8th you will have a credit slip with your November lunch orders.

You may sign up for conferences on Oct. 8th and 9th in the School Office.

Correction to the school directory: Studer should be 503.625.0787.

We are looking for someone to build "sit and reach" boxes for PE. Mrs. Hatfield has the plans. Contact Marcella or Gretchen if you can help.

Call the office with any questions.

Art Literacy

Brenda Gent will once again be heading up Art Literacy. This is a wonderful program taught by volunteers (you) and the best thing is that you don't have to know anything about art. All of the information is provided so it becomes a learning opportunity for the volunteers and students. We need a few more volunteers for this year. Please contact Brenda at BRENDAHL@aol.com if you can help. There is one meeting a month to learn about the month's project and one class to teach (about 2 hours) per month.

This is Brenda's last year chairing Art Literacy and she is looking for someone to train for next year. Contact her if you are interested.

St. Francis Parish News

We are once again invited to participate in the Holiday Food Boxes. Start now in picking up an extra nonperishable item when you are grocery shopping. More information will be in future newsletters.

Out of Parish News

CYO-Club St .Anthony-Basketball-3rd-8th grade registration tonight from 6-8 in the cafeteria/old gym.

RACIAL NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

In accordance with the Department of Catholic Schools Policies and Guidelines 3020 for admissions, this school admits students of any race, color, or racial or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at this school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, racial or ethnic origin, administration of its education policies, admission policies, scholarship or loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.