

Virtue of the Month: FAITH

October 29, 2009

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Upcoming Events

- Friday, October 30th,
Halloween Parade,
10:30AM
- Friday, October 30th,
Noon Dismissal
- Wednesday, Nov.
4th, School Mass,
8:30AM
- Wednesday, Nov.
11th, NO
SCHOOL, Vet-
eran's Day
- Wednesday, Nov.
18th, School Mass,
8:30AM
- Friday, Nov. 20th,
Noon Dismissal
- Wednesday, Nov.
25th, School Mass,
8:30AM
- Wednesday, Nov.
25th, Noon Dis-
missal
- Nov. 26th and 27th,
No School

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

We are now finished with Standardized Testing as I sent off the completed tests for scoring on Monday. The results will be sent in about four weeks, hopefully in time to include with the first trimester report cards that will go home on Wednesday, November 25th. I will send home information with the results to help you better understand how to read and interpret them and I will also be glad to answer any questions you might have about them.

We have a wonderful group of parents serving as executive members of the Parent Service Organization this year led by Debi Grealish, PSO President. We held our first general meeting of the year last night. (Just to clarify, all parents are invited to these open meetings). Discussion included marketing, how to spend raised funds, parent feedback on the parent/teacher conference format as well as communication issues. One thing that came up in discussion that I would like to ask you is this- Would you prefer a more paperless weekly school newsletter? We could save on paper and time, if we shifted

to this more efficient method, but I must make sure that it would work for our parents. Let me know in an email, and this will help in making a decision.

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I will not have accurate auction dollar figures for another week or so and even then it will take another three weeks to sort through and pay late incoming bills etc. I will share these with you sometime in November. For today, I would like to highlight one of the success stories of this year's auction and that is how well the core team worked together. They stayed polite and considerate through the most stressful aspects of this event facilitating the best in the community building aspect of this effort. I applaud each of you, you all shined.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,

Principal



Auction News



Pick up your student's tile in the office. They are \$10 each.

All receipts for reimbursement need to be turned into the office as soon as possible.

News from the School Office

Lunch room volunteers needed Monday through Friday from 11:30-1:00. Call the school office if you can help or just show up. It's a great and easy way to earn some share hours.

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, in administration of its education policies, admission policies, scholarship or loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

**No School
November 11th.**

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)

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.

St. Francis Parish News

Preschool Religious Education needs another catechist and helpers during the 10:30am Mass. There are 21 kids and only one teacher. Please call ASAP and volunteer to help. (The Archdiocese requires that we have 1 teacher for every 6 children. We need your help now.)

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.

Valley Catholic High School Open House is Sunday from 1pm-4pm.

Valley Catholic Drama and Pioneer Drama proudly present “**Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen**”. November 5th, 6th and 7th at 7:00pm and November 8th at 2:00pm. Call 503-644-3745 to reserve tickets. This delightful farce brings together very funny take-offs on some of the most notorious buccaneers in history and literature, and joins them with a ridiculous group of supporting characters. Sure to please audiences of all ages.

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.