

Virtue of the Month: FAITH

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Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, Nov. 5th, School Mass, 8:30am
- Monday, Nov. 10th, Noon Dismissal
- Tuesday, Nov. 11th, No School
- Wednesday, Nov. 12th, School Mass, 8:30am
- Wednesday, Nov. 19th, School Mass, 8:30am
- Friday, Nov. 21st, End of First Trimester, Noon Dismissal
- Wednesday, Nov. 26th, School Mass, 8:30am
- Wednesday, Nov. 26th, Noon Dismissal
- Nov. 27-28, No School, Thanksgiving
- December 18th, Christmas Program, 7pm

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

I would like to start by sharing some auction figures with you today. As you will see, the combined auction and special appeal set our all-time record as our best ever. Our silent and oral auction amount was about \$14,000.00 less than last year, but our special appeal more than tripled last year's number and was twice that of our previous high in 2006. I am comparing net dollars in each of the comparisons. So, here is a summary:

2008 Raffle- was our 2nd best ever- \$11,000

2008 Auction- Oral & Live- trailed previous results in this category - \$80,720.00

2008 Special Appeal- By far, the best ever- \$55,452.00

2008 Overall Auction combining raffle, auction and special appeal- **\$136,172.00,**

This sets the all time amount raised by more than \$8000.00

Thank you to the parents that alerted us to the story of two missing Sherwood High School students. I spoke to the Police Department and they informed me that it is **not** being treated as an abduction case. Please pray for the safe return of those students and their families.

Catholic Charities has selected one of our 2nd Graders to attend a special gala event with their parents, teachers, Father Tom and I at the Governor Hotel in December to recognize her in being awarded with 3rd Prize in the annual Christmas card contest!

On Monday afternoon, Mrs. Smith, chosen randomly in a draw from a pool of all our teachers, will attend an Intel sponsored event at the Forestry Center in which she will meet the Oregon Teacher of the Year and bring back a check that will be used to purchase an In-

Focus machine for the lower grade classrooms. This grant came about thanks to one of our parents, Mr. Monroe who participates in the Volunteer Matching Grant program at Intel!

More good news- you may have heard that two of our students submitted questions to the show, *Are you Smarter than a 5th Grader*. Well, one of the questions was chosen and the school will be receiving three new computers and a printer.

Sincerely,
Michael Cantu,
Principal





Auction News

Raffle: All unsold tickets need to be returned. Do not throw them away.

Every student made a tile. They are for sale in the school office for \$10.

Turn in all receipts for reimbursement asap. We need these to get our final figures.

News from the School Office

I am missing quite a few emergency forms and signed handbook forms.

(Students must sign the handbook forms.) Please return these to the office asap.

PE NEWS: We have PE on Mondays and Fridays. Now that the good weather is iffy please have your students wear non black (or non marking basketball) soled shoes to help keep the parish hall floor nice.

Students should wear their costumes to school tomorrow. Be sure your students have proper footwear and coats tomorrow for recess. All are welcome to come to the parade at 1:30pm.

In celebration of successful conferences, the end of standardized testing and a magnificent auction there will be a hotdog lunch served Friday, November 7th. It will be 1 hotdog, chips and ice cream per student. Be sure to pack snacks and other lunch items according to your student's taste.

Call the office with any questions.

St. Francis Parish News

Advent Buddies: We are inviting 33 parishioners, 50 years and older, to participate in our "Advent Buddy Program" for our middle school teens. You will be corresponding with one of our teens through the mail and we plan to gather to meet you on Wednesday, December 17 for a special celebration. Please let Michelle know if you are willing to participate in our upcoming program. 503-625-6187

Out of Parish News

PGE Foundation Free Admission Day at Portland Japanese Gardento Benefit Oregon Food Bank

The Portland Japanese Garden will be hosting their fall Free Admission Day on Veteran's Day, November 11, Tuesday from 10am–4pm. In addition to sharing the lovely fall Garden with the community, the event will also benefit the Oregon Food Bank through the collection of food donations at the gate.

“PGE Foundation is so pleased to support this event once again at the Portland Japanese Garden,” commented PGE Foundation Chair Gwyneth Gamble Booth. “We are glad to make the Garden accessible to the community and to encourage donations to the Oregon Food Bank, which provides critical support to those in our community who are hungry.”

All members of the community are invited to come and visit the Garden on this Free Admission Day and visitors are encouraged to bring non-perishable items for the Oregon Food Bank including canned meats, canned and boxed meals, peanut butter, canned or dried beans and peas, pasta, rice, and cereal, canned fruits, and 100% fruit juice (canned, plastic, or boxed).

“Last year we collected over 1400 pounds of food for the Oregon Food Bank,” stated Steve Bloom, the Garden's Executive Director. “This year we hope to top that number. The PGE Foundation has generously agreed to sponsor this event in order to help us make the Garden accessible to everyone on this special day.”

The Portland Japanese Garden has been proclaimed by his Excellency Nobuo Matsunaga, former Ambassador of Japan, to be “the most beautiful and authentic Japanese garden in the world outside of Japan.” The Garden is above Washington Park at 611 SW Kingston Drive in SW Portland, Oregon. The Garden is open daily except on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. Hours are 10am-4pm October 1-March 31, and 10am-7pm April 1-September 30.

Central Catholic High School presents Agatha Christie's “And Then There Were None” November 7, 8, 13, 14 15 at 7:30pm and November 16 at 2pm. Adults \$10, Students \$6. Reserve your tickets today at 503.235.3138 ext. 107

Valley Catholic High School presents William Shakespeare's “A Midsummer Night's Dream” November 13, 14 15 at 7pm and November 16 at 2pm. Adults \$10, Students \$6, Seniors \$6 and Children under 6 \$3. For tickets and information call 503.644.3745