

# Virtue of the Month: FAITH

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## Upcoming Events

- 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
- Wednesday, Oct. 29th, School Mass, 8:30am
- Wednesday, Nov. 5th, School Mass, 8:30am
- Monday, Nov. 10th, Noon Dismissal
- Tuesday, Nov. 11th, No School

## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

The next three weeks are critically important for the school. You see, not only do we start conferences today but we begin Standardized testing next week for students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

Grade for a two week period and lastly, our Auction takes place on October 18<sup>th</sup>, one week from this coming Saturday. I am confident that we will be successful in all three, but not without asking for God's help. Please keep the school and our students in your prayers in a special way as a great deal depends upon the outcome of each of these important efforts.

If your child is beginning testing next week, make an extra effort to get them to bed on time and make sure they have a good breakfast. For the first week of testing, I scheduled the testing to take place between 10:00-11:30 to help ease some of the stress from families dealing with last minute

auction planning. School begins at 8:15, but I am extending the tardy bell to 8:25 that week. The teachers will only be assigning light optional reading that week for homework.

Homework assignments will be assigned the second week but will be lighter and shorter than usual for all 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade students to accommodate testing. I scheduled testing from 8:30-10:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 10:30-11:30 on Wednesday so that we can go to Mass. We will not be going to Mass the first week of testing. During testing blackout times, please do not schedule appointments for your 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade child. We can only guarantee one make-up test during the period.

This morning, after the School Mass, I told all the students and faculty that I would lead a celebration after we get through the next three weeks. I will be preparing and cooking a Hot Dog lunch with Ice

Cream on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> so mark your calendars. The last thing I want to point out is that collectively, we can accomplish our goals by doing our best, executing the fundamentals of hard work and focused effort, and with God's Grace, success will follow.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,

Principal



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## Auction News



Hello to All our St. Francis Families -

Come and work the week of the auction. There will be lots to do during the week and the night of the auction. (Clean up can actually be fun!) 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. Students should sign the page too as an understanding that they agree to follow the school rules even if they are unable to read the handbook.

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

Be on time for your conferences. We will be sticking to the schedule. If you need more time, make an appointment with the teacher.

Call the office with any questions.

## School Bank Program

WAMU School Saving Program: Do you want your children to learn how to save money? How to spend wisely? How to make smart financial decisions? Be encouraged to make deposits? We invite all students to open a savings account, especially if he or she doesn't already have one.

St Francis has once again opened the Washington Mutual School Savings Program. (This school savings program will continue even though WAMU has been bought by JP Morgan.) Bank volunteers (parents) collect money & enter deposits every Tuesday from 7:45 AM to 8:15 AM for each student who opens an account. Students who enrolled last year can make deposits right away. Newly enrolled students can make deposits once the paper work is authorized. Packets and information have already been sent home but the office has more forms. If your son or daughter wants to open a WAMU School Savings account, please complete the paperwork. Don't forget to have your son or daughter sign it! Then bring the form to school during bank hours. (FYI: In light of the current financial issues – WAMU is FDIC insured and bank accounts are typically insured to a limit of \$100,000.00/depositor/insured bank.). Please contact Sarah Geisler or Gina Hannigan for more details..

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# St. Francis Parish News

## Mom's Group

The St. Francis Moms' Group will be hosting a costume exchange for Halloween! If you have children's costumes to trade and/or are in need of costumes, join us for a costume swap on Monday, October 13th, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. Please bring any costume you wish to trade with your name and contact information attached. If you have any questions please contact Stephanie Konopka at [konopka7172@comcast.net](mailto:konopka7172@comcast.net) or by phone at 503-419-7820. You may also contact Violet Wanner at [dv\\_wanner@yahoo.com](mailto:dv_wanner@yahoo.com) or at 503-487-7517.

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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.