

Virtue of the Month: HOPE

September 11, 2008

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Upcoming Events

- Friday, Sept. 12th, PSO BBQ 6pm-8pm
- Monday, Sept. 15th, High School Visits
- Monday, Sept. 15th, Called to Protect, 6:30PM
- Wednesday, Sept. 17th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- Thursday, Sept. 18th, Picture Day
- Thursday, Sept. 18th, Back to School Night
- Monday, Sept. 22nd, Auction Meeting, 7:00PM, All invited
- Wednesday, Sept. 24th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- Thursday, Sept. 25th, Noon Dismissal

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

I recognize that there are different schools of thought with regard to the whole subject of how much we tell our kids about the unpleasant aspects of life, such as war and terrorism. My position is that the innocence of childhood should be protected before a young person has the maturity to deal with such issues. I am not the first person to point out that there is literally an invasion of information rushing at all of us through our various media outlets. I think that this rush of information has led to a certain degree of disequilibrium even among adults, a kind of processing backlog. Which leads me to my point and answers a question you might have on this sad anniversary day, September 11th: I plan on personally talking to the 6th, 7th and 8th Grade students, but there are no plans to discuss in any

detail the issue with the lower grade students.

One of the great events of our school calendar is upon us and that is the annual PSO BBQ tomorrow evening. I know that everybody cannot be here, but if you are able, do attend. It is a blast. The PSO Officers and others work very hard to make this a success and best of all, it is free of charge. We have a wonderful PSO and they work very hard to build up our community, I just wanted to publicly thank them here!

I want to also thank all of you for making the extra effort to get your children to school on time. There has been a dramatic improvement on this. One of my goals for the school this year is to maximize the use of our instructional time with the students and having them here on time makes a big difference. Let me also clar-

ify, I realize that there are legitimate reasons we all sometimes run late, but if we can eliminate all the others we will better ensure your child's learning opportunities.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,

Principal



Auction News

Only 37 Days until our Biggest Fundraiser of the Year!!

Here are a few reminder's to have a successful event.....

1. Turn in your Invitation RSVP card & Book those exclusive VIP tables ASAP!
2. Help your children sell Raffle Tickets & win prizes!
3. Donate, Donate, Donate! Auction Wagon is seeking your donations in car line.
4. Send in pictures of our children at school events for the auction slideshow.
5. Earn auction share hours by making follow-up phone calls to companies we have sent donation letters to.

List in the office. Or call/ email Danielle Ball @ vinoball@comcast.net to volunteer your time!

Listed below are all of the Viva Las Vegas Class showcase themes and their coordinators name along with their email address:

Kinder—Lara Fuchs larafuchs@wbcable.net

Theme is Boy's sports Bedroom

1st—Kim/Ralph Mooers Kim_Mooers@yahoo.com

Theme is Poker room

2nd—Lisa Speer lisa.speer@pmrmtg.com

Theme is Wii

3rd—Bob & Cheryl Carter bc.carter@verizon.net

Theme is Shed with tools

4th—Dean Zimel dean15@comcast.net

Theme is Men's Garage

5th Katherine Stanton kstanton01@aol.com

Theme is Backyard Bliss

6th, 7th and 8th—Kasi Woityla Woityla@comcast.net

Theme is Camping



PSO News

The PSO St. Francis School BBQ is tomorrow from 6pm-8pm. Enjoy!

School Banking Program

We will once again have school banking on Tuesday mornings starting September 30th. We are in need of volunteers to work from 7:45 until about 8:30. With enough volunteers you will only have one shift a month. Contact the school office if you are able to help. Information on how to enroll and more about the program will be sent home in future Thursday envelopes.

News from the School Office

Back to School Night is next Thursday, September 18 from 6:30pm-8pm. This evening is for parents to get information from the classroom teachers. There will be 3 separate sessions: 6:30-6:55, 7:00-7:25, 7:30-8:00 so that you will have the opportunity to hear the presentations in multiple classrooms if needed.

Picture day is Thursday, September 18th. Order forms may be returned before then.

High School visits for the 7th and 8th grade are on Monday, September 15th starting at 10:20 until the end of the day. Parents are welcome to attend these sessions. An eighth grade to high school transition meeting will be held at Back to School night.

Be sure to return your paperwork to the office if you have not already done so.

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

Called to Protect classes will be offered Monday, September 15th at 6:30pm, Wednesday, September 24th at 1:30pm and Tuesday, September 30th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. You must take this class to volunteer with the school or parish children. If you took it last year you do not need to take it again not.

Call the office with any questions.

St. Francis Parish News

Attention All School Parents:

St. Francis Parish will be offering Adult Education Evenings beginning Wednesday, September 17th. Classes will be held Wednesday evenings in the church from 6:15PM – 7:45PM. Topics will vary throughout the year. Presentations will be in DVD format with an opportunity for questions and answers following. Babysitting will be provided for children ages 6 months and up. Please contact Deacon Bill 503-625-6185 / bill@stfrancissherwood.org or Chrissi Nappe 503-625-1980 / chris-sinappe@yahoo.com for more information. Remember, we never graduate from learning our Catholic faith!

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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Inside Story Headline



Caption describing picture or graphic.

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list

the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.