

Virtue of the Month: HOPE

September 10, 2009

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Upcoming Events

- Thursday, Sept. 17th, Back to School Night, 6:30PM-8PM
- Monday, Sept. 21st, High School Visits, 7th and 8th Grade
- Tuesday, Sept. 22, Called to Protect, 7:00PM
- Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, School Mass, 8:30AM
- Friday, Sept. 25th, No School, In-service
- Monday, Sept. 28th, Auction Meeting, 7PM
- Wednesday, Sept. 30th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- Wednesday, Sept. 30th, Jesuit Visit, 7th & 8th Grades

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Tonight we will be hosting our annual Back to School event. The teachers have worked hard to make this a welcoming and helpful evening for you, our parents and in turn your children. I think it is important to re-examine the purpose of such an event and what we hope to achieve tonight.

First of all it is about establishing or enhancing the relationship between the teachers and the parents. This relationship is a critical aspect of school success in serving the needs of the students. It follows that this relationship is built upon mutual trust and respect, facilitated by good open communication. It goes without saying that in cases where this relationship is lacking, the child suffers. For some parents, there will be moments of

tension through the school year, often through a lack of communication, but if we can keep our objectives clear with regard to this relationship, we stand a much better chance of working through any difficulties. The good will that exists between our school and the school families is very strong, let's work together to keep it this way and to continue to develop this very important aspect of our school's success!

The event tonight is designed to give you maximum time with the teachers; therefore I will not be giving a talk beforehand in the Church. There will be three passing periods to give those of you with multiple children a chance to visit other teachers. If you have your children with you, make sure they stay with you. The Enrichment teachers will be avail-

able at a table set up in the Atrium, a Cub Scout representative will also be in the Atrium and I will be available for any questions as I roam through the school building. See you tonight.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal



Auction News

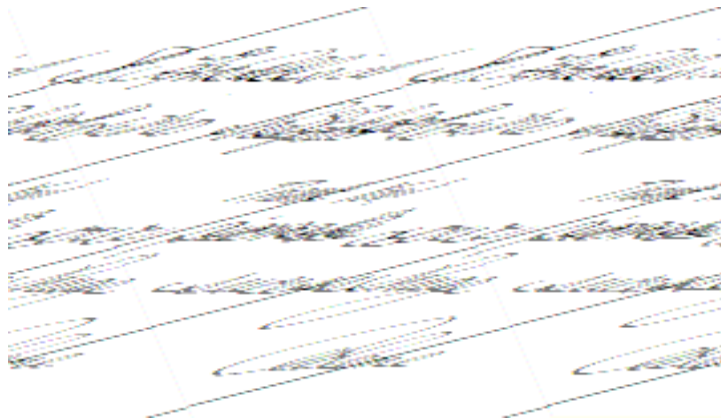
Auction meeting, Monday, September 28th at 7pm in the Parish Center.

Raffle: Volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets after all the Masses. A sign-up sheet is in the School Office.



Class Showcase Competition As you are all aware each class is working towards completion of a Showcase to be featured in this year's school auction. **All donations must be received by September 30th.** As incentive to meet our deadline Mr. Cantu has agreed to award the first class to complete their showcase one **FREE DRESS DAY!** Please procure, purchase or donate items that your Showcase Coordinator is requesting. In a lot of instances the best thing is CASH. Some of the main items for the Showcases will need to be purchased and in order to do so we need your help in donating anything you feel you can. Please support your class and win your child a free dress day by getting to the finish line first and completing your classes' showcase. *Remember we need a 100% participation.* No donation is too small. Thank you for your support. Catherine Cary, Showcase Coordinator

PSO News



The first scrip order form of the year is in today's envelope. This is an easy way for the PSO to earn money. You get the full value of the gift card and the PSO gets the % listed. Great for shopping and gifts. Any questions? Ask Gretchen tonight (or anytime).

News from the School Office

Back to School Night: Back to School Night tonight. 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 and 7:30-8:00 so that you will have the opportunity to hear the presentations in multiple classrooms if needed.

Picture retake day will be October 27th.

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

Call the office with any questions.

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.

SCHOOL MASS CHOIR

Anyone interested in joining our St. Francis school mass choir, please join us for rehearsals Wednesday mornings at 8:00am in the church. Cecelia will be available at 7:45am to greet your children. We can't wait to see you all there!

St. Francis Parish News

St. Francis Adult Education News:

Our identity as Catholics means that we are the inheritors of the deeds of holy men and women who for 2,000 years have built a great civilization and spread the Gospel throughout the world. Church history is not just the recitation of popes, people, places, and events; it is a story of adventure, intrigue, rebellion, reform,

and devotion. This story is, in fact, our story; this is our family. If we know our past, and how we fit into the story, we will be better prepared to face whatever may come in the future.

You're invited to join us as we begin a comprehensive study of Church history. We will begin Monday, September 21st at 7PM in the Parish Center. Please call Deacon Bill 503-625-6185 or Chrissi Nappe 503-625-1980 with any questions.

St. Francis Moms Group is a group for moms with children of all ages. We gather weekly for a bible study and monthly for social events. Contact the Parish Office, 503-625-6185 for more information.

See you tonight at Back to School Night. Stop by and ask Gretchen about scrip.

News from Mrs. Green



Hello, Friends! If you happen to find yourself in Sherwood during the month of September, you may want to check out a funny little gallery called Odegepodge. It is on Railroad Street in downtown Sherwood – past the coffee shop, flower shop, etc. It is a teeny tiny house that faces the tracks at the end of the road. It is open Wednesday – Sunday. I am participating in the “20/40 Challenge” I read about in the paper. Artists committed to a chosen theme, and then created 20 – 8” x 8” pieces of art related to that theme- in a 40 day period. I chose fish for my theme. The” Challenge” timing with August company and the early start of school made it a REAL challenge for me!

I have not seen the display yet – the art was due last Saturday and the gallery re-opens tomorrow. There is a reception this Saturday to kick off the event. Over 20 artists are involved. Should be neat! Thanks .

Sally Green

Hey, Girls

Grades 3-8

Interested in Cheerleading?

Come join the CYO Saints cheerleading squad and cheer for the Saints football team this fall!

Visit www.cyocamphoward.org

For more information

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