

Virtue of the Month: HOPE

September 2, 2010

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Upcoming Events

- Monday, Sept. 6th,
Labor Day, No School
- Wednesday,
Sept. 8th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- Sunday, Sept. 12th,
Parish Picnic,
Noon until 3pm
- Tuesday, Sept. 14th,
Picture Day
- Wednesday, Sept. 15th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- Thursday, Sept. 16th, Back to School Night, 6pm
- Monday, Sept. 20th,
High School Visits

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

This is going to be an exciting year! Building and growth are both powerful agents of change and opportunity, as I am sure you will agree. And I am not just talking about the obvious, the Gym and Library, but the minds, hearts and souls of the children. Thank you for entrusting your most precious little ones to our care. It is an awesome responsibility and one that each of us on faculty and staff take very seriously.

I want this year to be one of positive vision and what I mean by that is that as we build and add to our physical plant, that at the same time, we stay focused on our primary mission of education and community building. It bears repeating that we are a part of a faith community with Christ at the center and with Him at our center; we should always remind ourselves

that we should reflect this in our relationships with the students, parents, teachers and staff. At the heart of what I am saying is that we need to proceed in all we do in a spirit of Christian love for each other. We are after all witnessing to the children and teaching by our witness lessons that are just as important as mastery of the Pythagorean Theorem or the State capitals etc.

Drive through pick up and drop off has hit stride, this mornings drive through went very well, thank you for following the plan. The Student Parent Handbooks will be distributed at **Back to School Night on Thursday, September 16th**. This event will begin in the Church at 6:00 PM. We will open with prayer and I will give a short speech outlining some goals and objectives followed by members of the Parent Service Organization.

Classroom teachers will begin their presentations at 6:30 and we will wrap up by 8:00PM. I hope that you and your family have a great year and as always if I can ever be of assistance, don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,

Principal

"Treat everyone with respect, every day, all the time"

Todd Whitaker



Uniform Policy/Dress Code Clarification

“A look at quality and parent/student satisfaction, enforcement of existing policy”

We are going to undertake a look at issues related to the uniform over the course of the year. No changes have been made nor will be made to the existing policy until we have followed a systematic process of looking at all aspects of our uniform policy. I will be gathering opinion from teachers, staff, parents, student council and then bringing that for discussion to the School Advisory Council in winter 2011. If any changes came from that process, they would then be communicated out in the spring of 2011 for the following year. I envision a grace period should that be necessary.

I would like to study the current uniform costs, quality and fit. I want to look at the policy itself and see if we need to make any changes. Plenty of advance notice will be given to you should any changes be made and any changes will be reasonable and filtered through a number of processes before we adopt any changes.

In the meantime, we will be placing more emphasis on enforcement of existing policy. For questions, reference the 2009-10 Student Parent Handbook; a copy of the Uniform Policy is in the School Office. For those of you without a Handbook, the 2010-11 Handbook will be distributed at Back to School Night. Or contact your child's teacher for assistance. To dispel any misunderstandings, outerwear coats and jackets do not need to be in school colors.

In the coming weeks, Sherri Peden will be putting together a Parent Survey that will go home in the weekly newsletter, please participate in this survey as it will help me better understand your feelings on the matter. I hope this clarification helps.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,

Principal

PSO News

Save the Date! PSO Family BBQ

Friday, Sept. 17th, 6pm Snyder Park, Sherwood

More information in future Thursday envelopes

Auction News

Next Auction Meeting is Monday, September 13th at 7pm.

Procure! Procure! Procure!



News from the School Office

Every Thursday (with few exceptions) your student will bring home this envelope with the newsletter and other information. Please have your student return the envelope to the school office every week. You may return forms to the school in the envelope.

Welcome to all new and returning students and their families!

School lunch orders for the month of September are included this week. You may order one week at a time or a month at a time. Be sure the payment is included with the lunch order (checks made out to St. Francis School). Make sure your child's name and grade are on the lunch order. Would you like to receive the lunch orders by email? I need to do all families the same way so here is your chance to give input.

Picture day is Tuesday, September 14th. Order forms need to be returned by then (or before). Retake day will be October 26th.

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.

Call the office with any questions.

St. Francis Parish News

St. Francis Adult Education News:

"Most of all, a Catholic School should be a place where we encounter the living Jesus Christ-not just the values that He taught, but the person that He is".

Most Reverend Clarence Silva, Diocese of Honolulu

One of the areas we are focusing on this year with our school's Catholic Identity has to do with you, our parents and how we as a school might assist you in the spiritual education of your children. I thought it might be helpful to you, if we communicated Parish Adult Faith Education opportunities. Here the first this year as it appeared in this week's Church bulletin-

Exciting Educational Opportunity! We as Catholic Christians typically do not know much about the Bible. Have you ever wanted to learn more about the Bible but didn't know where to begin? St. Francis Adult Education can help you get started. This year, the focus of our study will be the Bible. Classes begin Wednesday, September 15th at 7PM in the Parish Hall. Please contact Deacon Bill, 503-625-6185 or Chrissi Nappe, 503-625-1980 for more information.

Knights of Columbus Garage Sale, September 10th and 11th .