

# Virtue of the Month: HOPE

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## Upcoming Events

- Friday, Sept. 26th, No School, Inservice
- Tuesday, Sept. 30th, Called to Protect for Volunteers, 6:30pm
- Wednesday, Oct. 1st, School Mass, 8:30AM
- Wednesday, Oct. 8th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- 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

## Message from the Principal

### Our Annual Auction: Revenue based upon Relationships

Over the past five years, I have highlighted on numerous occasions the positive points related to our annual auction. Upon some self-reflection, I think that focus has been too sharply centered upon the revenue side of things and the numerous programs and enhancements that revenue has provided. As we enter into the final weeks leading into our 2008 Auction, I would like to focus upon the piece that makes it all happen-our relationships, from school to parent, parent to school, school to donors, parent to parent, etc.

We all can agree upon one point and let me start there: all auction efforts are undertaken to better our school and its capacity to better serve the needs of our students-your children. But as with many endeavors, it is easy to lose sight of a primary purpose in the heat of any activity and I think that there is enough evidence that this has happened here at times. So, it bears repeating, the central purpose of our

auction is to raise money to better this school for the students, but there is another equally important task and that is to build our school community at the same time. What this takes includes all the attributes generally associated with Christianity but certainly not exclusive to-compassion, understanding, patience, kindness, support, self-sacrifice, empathy...each and every one of them relational from one human being to another.

My vision can be condensed to this- that, we take our relationships within our school community to a new and higher level and not purposely hurt one another as we work on the auction and beyond. That all of us be considerate of other people's feelings and ideas but also, that all volunteers remain willing to accept that a chain of command/administrative structure exists and that those folks have taken on a great deal of legitimate delegated responsibility. There is room for disagreement, but such disagreements should be channeled in respectful and appropriate ways. St. Francis School is a special place, it should always live up to its calling to be a shining

example to the community of what a Catholic school is all about. I seek everyone in this challenge; let's work on this relationship piece together and reflect the love for each other that our patron saint, St. Francis witnessed for us more than 800 years ago. We have accomplished amazing things in five short years, so many people have contributed to this and I thank each and every one of them on behalf of our students. Let's further complete our success by addressing this challenge, a challenge we can accomplish together.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,



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# Auction News

Hello to All our St. Francis Families -

Less than one Month until our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year!  
Our HUGE THANKS to all of the amazing donations pouring into the office & received at carline!



Here are a few AUCTION reminders for the week:

1. Turn your INVITATION RSVP card today!
2. Sell RAFFLE TICKETS over the weekend @ soccer events etc..
3. PICTURES wanted of your cute kids for the slideshow.
4. Looking for WINE DONATIONS for "Wall of Wine" - Value \$15.00 & Up Please
5. MONETARY DONATIONS needed for your kids Class Showcases!

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.

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

A Called to Protect class will be offered 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 now.

There will be a video preview of the Called to Protect programs for parents of youth in grades 6-12 on Wednesday, Oct 1st at 1:30pm and Thursday, Oct. 2nd at 5:30pm in the Parish Center.

The Quiznos order for October included October 8th and we will be dismissing at noon that day. If you paid for Quiznos for October 8th you will have a credit slip with your November lunch orders.

You may sign up for conferences on Oct. 8th and 9th in the School Office.

Call the office with any questions.

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## **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 is in today's envelope.

## **Art Literacy**

Brenda Gent will once again be heading up Art Literacy. This is a wonderful program taught by volunteers (you) and the best thing is that you don't have to know anything about art. All of the information is provided so it becomes a learning opportunity for the volunteers and students. We need a few more volunteers for this year. Please contact Brenda at [BRENDAHL@aol.com](mailto:BRENDAHL@aol.com) if you can help. There is one meeting a month to learn about the month's project and one class to teach (about 2 hours) per month.

This is Brenda's last year chairing Art Literacy and she is looking for someone to train for next year. Contact her if you are interested.

## **St. Francis Parish News**

We are once again invited to participate in the Holiday Food Boxes. Start now in picking up an extra nonperishable item when you are grocery shopping. More information will be in future newsletters.

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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.