

Virtue of the Month: HOPE

September 3, 2008

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Upcoming Events

- Monday, Sept. 7th,
Labor Day, No
School
- Wednesday, Sept.
9th, School Mass,
8:30AM
- Thursday, Sept.
10th, Called to
Protect, 7:00PM
- Sunday, Sept. 13th,
Parish Celebration
for Fr. Tom, Noon
until 3:00PM
- Monday, Sept. 14th,
Auction Meeting,
7:00PM
- Wednesday, Sept.
16th, School
Mass, 8:30AM
- Thursday, Sept.
17th, Picture Day
- Thursday, Sept.
17th, Back to
School Night

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

I hope you found the start of the school year to be smooth. The faculty and I are so pleased to serve the needs of your children and look forward to the progress they will be making throughout the year. Some key thoughts:

Safety: We always begin the year with a complete look at our safety program and review this in each of the individual grades. I have spoken to all the teachers and staff about our procedures and everyone is committed to all aspects of our safety program. I could also use your help (parents) on this.

We cannot release a child to someone other than their parent without signed permission from a parent. Make sure you have listed those individuals on the Emergency Form. We must have these forms on file in the School Office by tomorrow.

If you are using the drive through to either pick up or drop off your child, you may not get out of your vehicle; we will assist your child to keep the line moving and everyone safe.

Watch your speed driving through. In the morning we ask that if you are parking and the kids are walking over to join their classmates, cross only at the crosswalk adjacent to my office. Mrs. Jolibois is posted there to ensure a safe crossing. It is not safe to cross over between the Church Parking lot and the Church. Do not use the Church Parking lot as a second drive through line- PLEASE follow these important rules for the safety of the children.

Curriculum: We will be paying particular attention to our Math curriculum this year. I will be sharing further information with you on this in the coming weeks.

Our Catholic Faith in practice: As you know, the school children attend Mass on Wednesday. You are always welcome to join us. The Kindergarten will be joining their Mass families next week. When you attend Mass on Sunday as a family, remember to use your Parish envelope. The Parish uses this system to determine Parish subsidy of your child in the school. One of our central goals this year is to increase our School families' attendance and participation in the life of our Parish.

Have a wonderful year,

Michael Cantu,

Principal



Auction News

Auction meeting, Monday, September 14th 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 PSO will be helping with the Parish Celebration for Fr. Tom to celebrate his 60th Anniversary as a Jesuit. We are looking for helpers on Saturday to help move tables from the Old Hall and on Sunday to help with the event. Call the School Office if you can help. Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, watermelon, chips, cake and ice cream will be provided.

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!

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).

Picture day is Thursday, September 17th. Order forms need to be returned by then (or before). Retake day will be October 27th.

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

Kindergarten parents—for the first week of school you may walk your child to the classroom. After that we have them walk in with rest of the students or on their own.

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

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.

Knights of Columbus Garage Sale, September 11th and 12th in the Albertson's parking lot.

Catechists (teachers) and assistants are needed for Religious Education. Call Lisa McGuigan at 503-625-6188 if you can help or for more information.