

# St. Francis School Newsletter

April 26, 2007

## Virtue of the month: PERSEVERANCE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

Do you remember your 1<sup>st</sup> Communion? For most of us, the memory is so special and made such an impression that we can remember the details like it happened yesterday. I can remember waking up at 4:00AM on the day of my 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and having Pop Tarts for the first time. In those days, we had to fast for three hours before receiving, so 4:00 in the morning was right in line with the rules of the day for a 9:00AM Mass! At the time, I lived in a neighborhood with lots of Catholics and quite a number of kids were receiving that day, the street was filled with 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade boys and girls decked out for the occasion. We lived next door to family of six kids whose father was a New York City fireman. He had just been severely injured when he fell off the back of a fire truck. In those days the firemen used to hold on to the back of the truck while standing on the rear bumper. His daughter received First Communion on the same day and her father was there, I remember it so clearly. Looking back, they sure had a tough situation to deal with, but their faith was rock solid.

Mrs. Fisher and all of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade parents as well as Lisa McGuigan of the Parish staff have done a great job getting our youngsters ready for their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion. They will receive at either the 8:30 or 10:30 Mass this coming Sunday. We have real cause to celebrate this weekend as these children grow in their faith and their faith experience.

Our pastor, Father Tom McCarthy, SJ is going on his annual Retreat next week; please keep him in your prayers.

I have assembled a team to research our gymnasium project. They will collect data, look at other school gyms and come up with some concrete suggestions that will then be funneled over to the Parish Councils. The broader Parish community will be brought into the dialogue along the way and a consensus will result in our collective goal. The process is underway, there will be much to do, but it sure will be a welcomed addition when we complete it.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,  
Principal

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ April 29<sup>th</sup>, First Communion, 8:30AM & 10:30AM
- ◆ April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 4<sup>th</sup>, Outdoor School, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- ◆ May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30AM, School Mass
- ◆ May 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM, Auction Meeting
- ◆ May 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30AM, School Mass
- ◆ May 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM, Great Spanish Challenge
- ◆ May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00PM, Cinco de Mayo program
- ◆ May 10<sup>th</sup>, All School Picture
- ◆ May 14<sup>th</sup>, Scrapbooking Night, 6:00PM
- ◆ May 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:30AM, School Mass
- ◆ May 19<sup>th</sup>, Friar Trot
- ◆ May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30AM, School Mass
- ◆ May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, Noon Dismissal

## PSO News:

### Oodle's of Noodles

For those of you who were unable to join the PSO at the Oodle's of Noodle's event last Friday night, you were missed! Approximately 180 people enjoyed a complementary evening of food, friends and lot's of fun! The night began with an incredible Italian meal and followed with Bingo and a cake walk. It was truly a night to remember! A special thank you to Diana Law for coordinating this event and to our own personal and talented Chef, Ethan Micich (and crew). Many of us were still craving your pasta and sausage the next day! The success of this night could not have been attained without the helping hands of many student and parent volunteers...your dedication and support is appreciated more than you know!

### Friar Trot

If you haven't already, mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual St. Francis Catholic School Friar Trot, to be held on Saturday, May 19th. Completed registration forms can be turned into the school office or collected the morning of the event. For more information, contact Shellie Lazo at 503-624-5684. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parent Service Organization executive committee is:

Sherri Peden - President

Shellie Lazo - Vice-President

Ralph Mooers - Treasurer

Karen Carrera - Secretary

Valerie Dalebroux - Secretary



Calling all Scrapbookers!! We need your help in putting together scrapbooks for the classrooms for next year's accreditation. Call the school office if you are interested. We are also in need of pictures. Please send any pictures you have that we could use to the school office. **We will have a scrapbooking night on Monday,**

**May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.**

**AUCTION NEWS:**

Come one, come all to the final auction transition meeting Monday, May 7 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Find out about next year's theme and get to know your new auction crew. Plus, you can earn a share hour just by attending!

See you there!

There will be an "All School" picture taken May 10<sup>th</sup>. Order forms must be returned to the school with payment by May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**SHARE HOURS**

Are you in need of Share Hours? We are in need of volunteers for the Friar Trot on May 19<sup>th</sup>, setting up the Art Show the last week in May, and Field Day on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Call the school office if you can help with any of these activities.

Share hour statements will be going home next month. If you have hours you have not turned in, send them to the school office.



Have your students grown? We have quite a collection of uniforms in the school office if you are in need of some. You may also bring in any that you can no longer use.

### Parish News

St. Francis Parish is having a Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00PM to 7:00PM. We are dedicating the drive to the memory of Paul Thornton, a parishioner who personally gave many pints of blood (and many hours to the school). Please help us to reach our goal of 52 pints. Call Arlene in the Parish Office to sign up - 503-625-7067

Youth Minister Wanted - St. Francis Parish is seeking a dynamic, Youth Minister for Senior High and Middle School age. Must be an active practicing Catholic who has skills in leadership, faith formation, program development and a team worker. Call 503-625-6185 for application and job description.

### Out of Parish News

Valley Catholic High School Volleyball Clinic - Grades 3-8, Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-5:30. Cost \$50. Registration Forms are available in the St. Francis School Office. For more information call or email Becky Kemper, 503-349-0415, bkemper@ssmoministries.org

Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge Songbird Festival - Free Family Event - Saturday, May 12, 2007, 10:00AM - 2:30PM. Take the free shuttle from Baggenstos Farm at 15801 SW Roy Rogers Rd. to the Headquarters Unit of Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge at 16507 SW Roy Rogers Rd, Sherwood, OR.

## Out of Parish News Cont.

What: Pitch Hit & Run

When: Saturday May 5 2007

Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Where: Hopkins Baseball Fields

Who: All area kids

Age Divisions:

8&Under (Born after July 17,1998)

9/10 (July 18,1996 - July 17,1998)

11/12 (July 18,1994 - July 17, 1996)

13/14 (July 18,1992 - July 17, 1994)

Categories: (Champions will be crowned for the following schools in each age division)

- \* Middleton Elementary
- \* Archer Glen Elementary
- \* Hopkins Elementary
- \* St. Francis Catholic School
- \* Sherwood Middle School
- \* Sherwood Junior Baseball (generic category for those that don't attend any of the schools listed above)

Application forms will be available soon at [sherwoodjuniorbaseball.com](http://sherwoodjuniorbaseball.com).

Winners in each of the six category age divisions will be invited to participate in the sectional competition to be held June 10th. Sherwood has been selected to host the sectional competition where the winners will have an opportunity to move on to compete in the team championships during a Mariners game in Seattle.

If you have any further questions please feel free to email me at the address below.

See you on the ball field...

Chris Roth  
Sherwood Area PH&R coordinator