

St. Francis of Assisi School, in partnership with parents, is committed to provide a strong educational foundation emphasizing traditional Catholic spirituality, teachings and values.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life Faith, Knowledge, Discipline, Morals

January 31 begins our annual celebration of National Catholic Schools Week. The 10:30 am Parish Mass will open the celebration, followed by cinnamon rolls in the school basement. There will be an Open House from Noon to 3:00pm. All are invited to attend. The invitation is extended to prospective families, so you are welcome to bring friends to visit St. Francis of Assisi School. Attached is a schedule of events for that week, Feb. 1 through Feb. 5. The schedule has a few minor changes, so please take note of the revisions.

In place of the Grandparents' Luncheon this year, there will be a "Morning with our Grandparents" on Thursday, Feb. 4. We will begin with a special Mass at 9:00 am, followed by refreshments in the school basement. We would like all grandparents/parents to be at the school by 8:45, check-in at the office, get a name tag, then pick-up their child/ren and walk over to the church. If you arrive before 8:45, there will be a waiting time in the gym. The event will last approximately til 10:30/10:40 am. PLEASE RSVP with how many adults will be attending as soon as possible. Happy Catholic Schools Week!

TARDIES

School begins promptly at 8:15 am. All students need to be in their classroom, at their desk, ready for the school day to begin. The school doors open at 7:45, all teachers are in their classrooms by 8:00 am, ready for their students. PLEASE be sure your child/ren are at school by 8:10, then they can be at their desk or table ready to go at 8:15 am. Unexcused tardies count against attendance and make learning more of a challenge.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Attachments:

- Love & Logic
- Catholic Schools Week
- February Calendar
- February Lunch Menu
- CYO Fish Fry

Overdue Books

There are a few students with library books that were due in December. Please check to see if your child has an overdue notice in his/her backpack.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 29—*10 am School Mass with Fr. John Kerns
*11:30—Dismissal

Jan. 31—**10:30** am Parish Mass begins Catholic Schools Week!
*Cinnamon Roll Sunday
***OPEN HOUSE, 12-3**
***3:30**—COF Hall Divine Mercy Chaplet, Spaghetti Dinner & Movie, 'The Incredible Mr. Limpet' with Don Knotts.

Feb. 1- 4---Please see attached schedule of events and the daily dress alternative to the uniform.

Feb. 2 --- 7:00 pm PTC Meeting

Feb. 5 – No School, Teacher In-Service Day.

Feb. 15—No School, Presidents' Day

Feb. 17—Ash Wednesday, all School Mass for the Beginning of Lent.

Haiti Relief Fund

We began collecting money for Haiti on January 15. We are encouraging students to donate money they earn for the people suffering from the earthquake in Haiti. We will continue to collect donations through Feb. 19th. All money will go to Catholic Relief Services through which the Archdiocese of Portland's donations are going. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated by those less fortunate who are enduring a tremendous loss. Thank you.

February Birthdays

2-07—Mercedes Winkler, gr. 1
2-08—Anna Klein, gr. 5
2-26—Tiffany Jansen, gr. 6
2-26—Madison Meeuwsen, gr. 7
2-03—Lynn Harris, Monday Secretary

*“May God bless you with love and friendship. May you grow in wisdom, knowledge, and grace.”
(Sadlier, We Believe & Pray, p.20)*

Scrip Sellers

Ann King: 503- 647-5891
Kelleen Meeuwsen: 503-324-7706
Margaret Duyck: 503-324-3862

Keep using that Scrip for ALL of your shopping needs!
The school benefits greatly from the profits this fundraiser generates. The more you use Scrip cards, the more the school benefits! So far this year, profits are approximately \$7,000.00
You can also benefit by earning ‘Scrip Rewards’ that will apply to next year’s registration/book fee.

5th through 8th grade parents: Science Fair Info Update:

Karen Kiss, Bernie Miller, and Diane Vidmantas are the student advisors. **If you have any questions**, please contact Sister Mary Peter (smposf@gmail.com) or Karen Kiss (karenekiss@msn.com). The school website has the due dates and previous forms sent home with past School News Notes. (www.sfa-roy.org) The Science Journal check by the advisors will be on February 8th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PARISH DINNER, MAR. 14---Dining Room Coordinator. This person would coordinate volunteers to work during the dinner—servers and greeters. If interested, please call Kelleen Meeuwsen at 503-324-7706.

CYO Fish Fry, Mar. 5---Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs. Please contact Andrea Vandomelen or Courtney Schaefer if you could help. See attached flyer.

Tickets will be available after Masses this weekend.

Banks Summer Baseball sign-ups are again on Wed., Feb. 3rd at Banks Elementary from 6:30-8 pm.
Please call Dave Montero at 503-352-4125 if you have any questions.

Next School Year, 2010-2011

Plans for next year are already in the works. With Open House this Sunday, you might like to know that the tuition for next year will very possibly remain the same as this year. We hope this good news will be of assistance as you make plans for next school year. The registration fee will probably also remain the same, and we will send out the registration form in February. If you know now that you may not be returning next year, I would appreciate having that information as soon as possible, please.

Tuition assistance for 2010-11 is available through an application process with the FACTS Grant & Aid Company. You can apply online at: www.factstuitionaid.com. The deadline for on-line applications is Mar. 30th. If you need a paper application, please ask for one from the office and that deadline is Mar. 15th.

January 31, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Luke 4:21-30

“Again Luke talks about Jesus speaking in the synagogue, saying, ‘Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.’ The people were amazed at his powerful words, and they asked him to perform miracles for them. Jesus said: ‘Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place,’ and then reminds them of two miracles performed by the Old Testament prophets, Elijah and Elisha. These miracles helped Gentiles, that is, people who weren’t Jews. When the people heard this, they became angry and drove him out of town.

Do we accept Jesus’ teaching without questioning them? Explain your answer.

Or do we expect miracles from Jesus before we really believe in Him? Why or why not?”



Club St. Francis/Visitation

1st Annual Fish Fry

All you can eat!

Friday, March 5, 2010

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

St. Francis of Assisi School basement

Presale Tickets

\$10 Adults

\$5 Children (Ages 3-12)

\$40 Household (immediate family)

At the door

\$12 Adults

\$6 Children (ages 3-12)

\$48 Household (immediate family)

For tickets please contact:

Courtney Schaefer 503-324-0421

Andrea Vandomelen 503-324-3834

Supporting the sports program at St. Francis of Assisi and Visitation schools.

Your support helps:

Keep registration costs low

Update (old or worn) equipment

Provide scholarships for needy players

Love & Logic

January 28, 2010

Building Relationships the Easy Way



Janet wrote to me saying that she had just had an epiphany.

"Jim, you've always emphasized the importance of relationships in both parenting and teaching. So I kept looking through your materials trying to find that special technique for developing relationships. Other than the 'One Sentence Intervention,' I couldn't find it.

Being a strong believer in Love and Logic I learned and used your techniques with good results, still hoping that one day I would have a chance to find the Love and Logic technique for developing relationships.

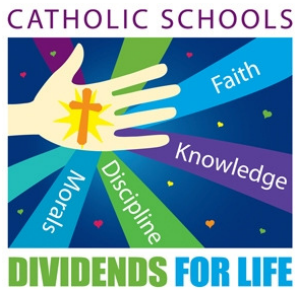
Today, during your seminar, when you told us that Love and Logic was designed to meet the basic needs of all humans, it hit me. I realized for the first time that when adults meet a child's need for safety (limits and boundaries), love, healthy control, and a sense of inclusion, bonding takes place automatically.

Ever since I started using the Love and Logic techniques, I've had increasingly better relationships with both my students and my own kids without realizing that it was the simple Love and Logic techniques that made it happen.

You are indeed a sneaky devil. While I'd been looking for a complicated way of developing relationships you slipped it in through the back door. Thanks."

What a nice gift this is from Janet!

Thanks for reading,
Jim Fay



Catholic Schools Week

January 31- February 5, 2010

Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life

January 31, Sunday - Celebrate Catholic Schools in our Parish

Coffee and Cinnamon Rolls after the Masses
Open House from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

February 1, Monday - Celebrate Catholic Schools in our Community

Career Day Speakers will share their experiences with the students from 8:45 to 9:45:
Courtney Schaefer, cardiac nurse; Doug Hixson, golf professional; and one or two other speakers.

Dress*: Career or Favorite Book Character

February 2, Tuesday - Celebrate Catholic Schools with Clergy and Religious

Vocation Speakers: 8:45 to 9:45, Sister Charlene Herinckx, Jennifer Salome, and a married couple will share their calling to their vocations. No Spanish classes today.

Dress*: Crazy hair and p.j.'s

February 3, Wednesday - Celebrate Catholic Schools in our Nation

National Guard soldiers will do the flag ceremony at 8:30 am, then visit the classrooms for about 15 min. Cards/letters for the soldiers in Iraq/Afghanistan should be ready to hand to the National Guard soldiers. Spanish class for grades 7-8 and 3-4.

Dress*: Red, white, & blue OR favorite sport team colors (jeans OK today)

February 4, Thursday - Celebrate Catholic Schools with Volunteers and Students

Fr. Boniface will offer Mass at 9:00 a.m. for the students, parents, and grandparents.

Grandparents will check in at the office, receive a name tag, then wait in the gym for their students. At 8:45 am students will be picked up by their Grandparents and go over to the church. Students without grandparents will stay with their class and teacher and walk over to the church. Following the Mass, everyone will go to the school basement for a pastry and beverage until about 10:30-40 am. Students will then be dismissed to their classrooms.

In the afternoon, there will be student choice classes from 1:00 to 2:15 pm.

Dress*: Nice clothes for Mass and visitors. After lunch: Crazy hat &/or backwards day

February 5, Friday - Celebrate Catholic Schools with our Teachers

No school. The teachers will be attending an Archdiocesan Faith Formation In-service at St. John the Baptist School/Church in Milwaukie, OR.

*If you do not wear the dress for the day, you must wear the school uniform. Thank you.

Love & Logic

January 21, 2010

Don't Raise a Kid Who Depends on Being Smart



There are few things that bring us more joy than seeing our youngsters succeed! Unfortunately, too many of us make the mistake of responding to their success in ways that gradually condition them to give up when the going gets tough.

Let's see how this happens:

Little Roger just tied his shoes. Because this warms his mother's heart, she says, "Oh Roger. You are so smart!"

Roxanne got an "A" on her spelling test. Beaming with pride, her father praises, "Roxanne, you are so bright!"

Roger says his ABC's. Grandma replies, "You're the smartest kid in town!"

Roxanne constructs a wonderful science fair project. Her mother smiles, "Oh, sweetie, you are so intelligent."

If this continues, Roger and Roxanne will eventually be conditioned to believe that they are successful only because they are smart. Why's this a problem?

Kids who believe that smartness is the key to success give up whenever they encounter things that leave them feeling not-so-smart.

More fortunate kids are conditioned to believe that hard work, practice and perseverance are the keys to success.

Kids who believe that hard work and perseverance are the keys to success are more likely to keep trying when things get tough.

In my new book, [*Parenting Kids to Become the People Employers Really Want and...America Desperately Needs*](#) I teach a powerful strategy for doing this. One aspect of this involves asking our children:

"Why did you do that so well?"

When they reply with shrugged shoulders, we ask:

"Did you work hard? Have you been practicing? Or did you keep trying?"

When kids verbalize any one of the three, they begin to believe that they have what it takes to keep going when the going gets tough.

Thanks for reading!
Dr. Charles Fay

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STAFF and CLASSROOM WISH LISTS
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Here's our updated TEACHER's WISHLIST -- These are items that the teachers would love to have to help our children in the classroom. We know that the teachers appreciate anything and everything we can do for them. If you want to participate in this Wish List, just purchase something for any teacher and give it to them. They will be thrilled! Thank you for your anticipated participation in helping the staff and teachers at St. Francis School.

If you have a question about any of the items listed, please contact the teacher. Donations are tax deductible; receipts are available in the school office.

SCHOOL	
	Laminator

7th/8th Grade – Mrs. Mary Van Lom	
	Set of 7 th /8 th grade reading level Novels
	Printer Ink (See Mrs. Van Lom for specifics)

5th/6th Grade – Sister Mary Peter	
	4 White Boards Small 3'x2' boards would be OK
	Calculators (set of 30) – suggested brand: Sharp Pocket Calculator - 8 Characters - Solar, Battery \$4.40 ea
✓	Aquarium filter (for 30 gallon tank) – FULFILLED!

3rd/4th Grade – Ms. Patti Allen	
	Set of 4 puzzles (9 pieces in each puzzle) – Summit Learning Catalog \$29.95
	Single Digits Math Game – Summit Learning Catalog \$20.45
	Cross-Town Coordinates Graphing Game – Summit Learning Catalog \$19.75
	2 Computers
	2 Color printers

1st/2nd Grade – Mrs. Christy Simon	
	Laptop & Projector
	Finances for more field trip experiences
	Finances for more presenters at school (i.e. OMSI)

Kindergarten – Mrs. Erin Jeffries	
✓	Metal trays for magnet letters & numbers to stick to – FULFILLED!
	Kinder books on CD/tape with books – Received a few; could still use more!
✓	Printer for classroom computer – FULFILLED!
	Updated classroom computer (preferably laptop)
	Leveled Readers (books)

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P.E./Music/Computer Lab – Mrs. Mariana Knifer	
	Color printer
	Risers
	Music textbooks for grades 4, 6, 8
	Computer games: Sim Safari, subject area learning games
	(Need games especially for K-2: letters numbers, shapes, etc)
	Instruments: Drums, guitars, music-makers, autoharp, misc. percussion

Kitchen – Mrs. Donna Vandendries	
	Pots (stainless steel; good quality – refer to kitchen on sizes
	New Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo Squirt bottles 000 refer to kitchen for type
	Glove Pot Holders
	Kitchen Angels (someone to deep clean kitchen once or every other month)
	Someone who needs hours: Take home wash on Fridays and bring back on Mondays faithfully

Janitor – Mrs. Donna Herinckx	
√	Vacuum cleaner – FULFILLED!!

Preschool – Mrs. Patty Case			
	Play food for kitchen		Play dishes for kitchen
	Tool Work Bench		
	Dress-up clothes (Dramatic Play)		
	Bubbles		Sand
	Puzzles (25-100 pieces)		
	Car rug		Cars
	Farm animals		Sea animals
	Dolls (multi-cultural)		