

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

Students have had a fun week learning about a variety of careers and vocations. All of the speakers this year were outstanding. They related to the students and gave valuable information for life-long learning. The 'out-of-uniform' options were also greatly enjoyed. Monday, Feb. 8 begins a return to the usual routine, but with renewed and re-invigorated spirits.

Today each student (or mail carrier for the family) should bring home their mid-term progress report for the 2nd Trimester. If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact your child's teacher. Everyone is working hard to improve and grow academically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally. You as their parents are our partners in facilitating each child's development.

As part of our growth as a school community and for accreditation, we are sending home special magnetized Schoolwide Learning Expectations. The idea is to post these on the refrigerator or in a central area of the home, so that the children and parents can internalize the expectations. Teachers and students are discussing, writing, practicing, and living the Expectations in their daily lessons. We will be including a more formal 'assessment' of these SLE's with the report card on March 19. We appreciate your partnership in helping St. Francis of Assisi School students become: Faith-Filled Christians; Caring, Effective Communicators; Life-Long Learners; Self-Aware Individuals; and Responsible Citizens. Thank you for ALL of your support!

Upcoming Events

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

Feb. 8—Begin NWEA testing during computer time.
*Gr. 5-8—Science Journal due today for Science Fair project.

Feb. 15—No School, Presidents' Day

Feb. 16—SAC Meeting at 7:00 pm

Feb. 17—Ash Wednesday, all School Mass at 9 am

Feb. 18—6th gr. Vocation Day

Feb. 25—St. Francis Speech Contest

Feb. 27—Valley Catholic Speech Tournament

Please be sure to read pg. 2 of these SNN for very important information about upcoming fundraisers, volunteer needs, and tuition for next year.

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.

Attachments:

- Love & Logic
- Progress Reports home with your child today!
- CYO Fish Fry



CAUTION!

Drop Off Time: Please follow the **20 mph speed limit!**
Pick Up Time: Please **STAY** in your car when in the 'U' formation in front of the blacktop fence. **TEACHERS** need to dismiss your child and will make sure that your child/ren get safely to your car. If you want to get out of your car, please park either in front of the school or in front of the convent.

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.

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
2-09—Father Boniface, OSB- resident priest

“May God bless you with love and friendship. May you grow in wisdom, knowledge, and grace.”

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.

Next School Year, 2010-2011

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Call Diane Vidmantas or the school office if you can help with any of the following:

- **PTC/SAC Nomination Committee** for elections
- **Mar. 5**—CYO Fish Fry
- **Mar. 14**—Parish Dinner
- **Mar. 26-27**—Rummage Sale with set-up on Mar. 19-21
- **May 1**—Bar Buffet Bingo

FUNDRAISERS besides the above:

- *See’s Candy Sale*, orders due by March 12
- *CYO Flower/Plant Orders* begin on March 12, due Apr. 1
- **TICKETS are available** in the school office for the Mar. 5, Fish Fry to support the CYO sports program.
- **DONATIONS** for the rummage sale are now being taken. Please drop off at the school office, or let us know.
- **BASKETS** are NEEDED for the **May 1 BBB**. Every family is expected to either donate a basket or \$25 for a basket.

February 7, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Luke 5:1-11

“Jesus got into the boat that belonged to Peter and told him to move to a new spot and put the nets in the water. Peter did as Jesus asked and, lo and behold, they caught so many fish that the nets began to tear.

Why do you think they caught fish in the new spot after they had fished all night without catching anything? What does it mean to be fishers of men? What have you told people that might make you a fisher of men?”

Love & Logic

Homework: What's Really Appropriate



As a kid, I had a love-hate relationship with homework. I loved those days when I didn't have any, and I hated the days I did. As a "mature" educator and parent, my attitudes have changed...but only a little bit.

Sure, homework is important! In fact, it doesn't take long to find research that shows how *appropriate* homework assignments contribute to improved academic achievement. Nevertheless, I still have a love-hate relationship with the stuff. I love when children get appropriate homework...but I hate seeing so many who repeatedly have unhealthy homework experiences.

Much of the problem seems to stem from very conscientious educators and parents who don't understand the key characteristics of appropriate homework:

- It leaves time for the child to contribute to the family by doing chores.
- It leaves time for the child to play and enjoy being a child.
- At least 95% of the content should represent repetition and review of things the child already knows how to do correctly.
- The parent helps only as long as the interaction remains positive.
- It's the child's work...not the parent's work.

In my new online webinar, "*I Hate School!*" *Techniques for Helping Underachieving Kids Fall in Love with Learning*, I teach a variety of strategies for helping parents and educators keep homework positive and productive. One involves systematically noticing only the parts of their homework they have done well. One mother commented, "It was so interesting. As soon as I started focusing all of my energy on the math problems my son completed correctly, he became more willing to try the ones that he didn't."

This exciting and informative **two night LIVE webinar** will be:

**Monday, February 22 from 7:00pm-8:00pm MT
AND**

Tuesday, February 23 from 7:00pm-8:00pm MT

REGISTER NOW

Thanks for reading!
Dr. Charles Fay

Companion DVD

Every individually registered attendee will also receive the highly acclaimed DVD "[Hope for Underachieving Kids](#)" with Jim Fay and Dr. Charles Fay following the webinar.

For **only \$69.95** you'll receive two one hour LIVE webinar sessions (**Monday, February 22 from 7:00pm-8:00pm MT** and **Tuesday, February 23 from 7:00pm-8:00pm, MT**) and a DVD dedicated to motivating underachieving kids that you can watch over and over.

The audio for this webinar will broadcast via your computer. Speakers or headphones are required. If you have questions or need more information please call our **Customer Care Specialists at 800-338-4065. Webinar times are Mountain Time (MT).**

Minimum system requirements: computer speakers, high speed internet connection, cookies enabled in your web browser, Adobe Flash player. [Click here](#) to test your system or [visit this page](#) for details on system requirements. Go to: www.loveandlogic.com for a link to the webinar registration.



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