

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**



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

### SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

How important are the St. Francis of Assisi Schoolwide Learning Expectations? Why do we have them? Why do we keep talking about them? What am I suppose to do with these?

Have these questions crossed your mind lately? They are weighing heavily on our minds these days as we prepare for our fall accreditation visit. Here are the answers:

The St. Francis Schoolwide Learning Expectations are the guidelines, the road map to who we want to be. These are the goals for every student to achieve by the time they are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Research has proven that the best way for children to learn is by observation of those around them; practicing the skills to reach a goal; and by reading, listening, and working with the expected outcome. So as the adults in our children's lives, we need to set an example, engage in conversation with our children/students, and assist them in practicing these expectations. Last week a small, magnetized version of the SLE's were enclosed with the progress reports. Please be sure to post these in your home and have conversations about the St. Francis Schoolwide Learning Expectations. Thanks for being our partner!

### CYO Track and Field

Registration is soon and needs to be done online at: [www.cyocamphoward.org](http://www.cyocamphoward.org). Fee is \$85 and needs to be turned into the school office. Practices this year will be on Mon. & Thurs. from 5:30-7pm at the Glencoe HS Track. We have 3-4 coaches this year! The first practice will be on March 17<sup>th</sup> and the first meet is scheduled for Apr. 3. Meets will continue through May 15-16. For more information contact: Tom Pelster @971-219-2076 or [tjelster@gmail.com](mailto:tjelster@gmail.com).



### **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 the convent.

### TARDIES

Thank you for adjusting your morning schedules so all of your children arrive at school by 8:15 or before! We have had fewer tardies lately.

### Upcoming Events

**Feb. 15** – No School,  
Presidents Day

**Feb. 16**—Continue NWEA testing during music & computer times--Math this week.

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**Feb. 16**—SAC Meeting at 7:00 pm

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

**Feb. 18**—6<sup>th</sup> graders only, Vocation Day, 8:15-2:15pm

**Feb. 25**—St. Francis Speech Contest

**Feb. 27**—Valley Catholic Speech Tournament

**Mar. 5** --- CYO Fish Fry—tickets available in the office.

### Focus SLE for Feb. 15-19

#### **A Faith-Filled Christian Who:**

- Models Gospel values by helping others & doing community service
- Demonstrates an active spiritual life

To practice, we will continue our fund for Haiti with a goal of collecting at least another \$100 by Fri., Feb. 19. Thank you!

### Attachments:

- Love & Logic
- See's Candy Order form (with student) and flyer
- 2010-11 Registration form (word & pdf)

## February Birthdays

2-07—Mercedes Winkler, gr. 1  
2-08—Anna Klein, gr. 5  
2-26—Tiffany Jansen, gr. 6  
2-26—Madison Meeuwssen, 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 Meeuwssen: 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.

## 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents:

Students are intensely preparing for the Speech Tournament to be held at Valley Catholic on Saturday, Feb. 27. The speech contest for St. Francis School will be on Tuesday, Feb. 23 for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders and on Thursday, Feb. 25 for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Awards will take place in the afternoon on each of those days

## **Next School Year 2010-2011**

The tuition for next year will 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 remain the same, and the form is attached. 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](http://www.factstuitionaid.com). The deadline for on-line applications is Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>. If you need a paper application, please ask for one from the office and that deadline is Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **February 14, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Luke 6:17, 20-26**



“Jesus talked to his friends one day about how to be happy. He tells us that the best way to find happiness is to love God and to count on him. We must put all our trust in him alone. When we have more than we need, we must trust that if we share it with others, God will continue to take care of us and bless us.

*What makes you happy? When have you felt blessed by God? How did you feel when someone laughed at you or made fun of you?”*

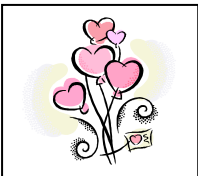
## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Call the chairs (*all with 503 area code*) of each event or the school office if you can help:

- **PTC/SAC Nomination Committee** – Diane Vidmantas 324-6515
- **Mar. 5**—CYO Fish Fry-Andrea Vandomelen 324-3834
- **Mar. 14**—Parish Dinner—2 co-chairs have volunteered for the dining room: Courtney Schaefer 324-0421 & Andrea Meeuwssen 324-7706.
- **Mar. 26-27**—Rummage Sale with set-up on Mar. 19-21 Theresa Kilgore 429-5250
- **May 1**—Bar Buffet Bingo –Jim Hertel 359-5166

**FUNDRAISERS** besides the above:

- *See’s Candy Sale*, orders due by March 10.
- *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.



# Happy Valentine's Day!

# LOVE AND LOGIC

February 11, 2010

## What's Worthwhile is Rarely Easy



*Dear Parents,*

Did your parents have pet phrases that drove you nuts as a kid? My pop had many. "For crying-out loud!" was his second most favorite. "When I was a kid ..." came in a close third.

Believe it or not, neither of these had a profound impact on my life, although I do use them from time to time to annoy my own kids. My father's first most favorite pet phrase was different. It's served me well my entire adulthood:

*Well, Charlie, what's really worthwhile in life is rarely easy.*

Many of today's children grow-up in homes where they rarely get this powerful message about struggle. As a result, they live their lives going from one easy thing to the next, desperately trying to find fulfillment. Do you know anyone who does this - and never finds joy and meaning?

Give your kids the gift of hearing you talk about the satisfaction that comes from hard work. In my new book, [\*Parenting Kids to Become the People Employers Really Want and...America Desperately Needs\*](#), I discuss how those who get this message become the people who employers want and America desperately needs. I also remind readers that the best way to permanently ingrain this belief in your kids is to have them *overhear* you talking about your own struggles and the satisfaction that delayed gratification, hard work, and achievement bring. What our kids overhear is far more powerful than what we tell them.

Thanks for loving your kids enough to annoy them with things that will help them as adults!

Dr. Charles Fay