

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



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

SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Focus for Feb. 22-26

A Faith-Filled Christian Who:

- **Appreciates others and respects differences**

Please discuss this SLE with your child.

How can you & your child/ren show appreciation for others?

What can you do to respect differences?

What does it mean to be 'nice'?

This is a timely Learning Expectation to focus on as the students gear-up for spring and grow into another stage of their lives. Sometimes we forget how our words might affect another person. We need reminders to 'watch what we say' or to 'think before we speak'. Children (and adults) can be very sensitive to the words that other people use towards them. Let us all be mindful of our effect on others. We could even use the phrase, "What would Jesus do (or say)?" As we go into Lent, let us demonstrate our appreciation of others and show our respect not in only in what we do, but especially in what we say.

CYO Track and Field

Registration is soon and needs to be done online at: 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 17th 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.

If your child has a change in destination ANYTIME for any reason, PLEASE send a note to school. A phone call is acceptable, but a written note or email is better. Our policy is to send the student home with the written directions that we have on file in the office.

Thank you for preventing tears at dismissal time.

Thank you for following the school start time! What a difference that has made for everyone. Thank you also for being more careful in the parking area of the school during drop off & pick-up time.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 22 – 100 Days in School!

Feb. 23 – 6th gr. Speech Contest
8:45 – 10:30 am, Awards
at 10:30-all are welcome

Feb. 25—7th & 8th gr. Speech
Contest. Awards at 2:00--
in the gym--All are invited.
*Free Dress Day

Feb. 26—9 am, All School Mass

Feb. 27—7:30 am-Valley Catholic
Annual Speech Tournament

Mar. 5 --- CYO Fish Fry—tickets
available in the office.
Come support CYO with a
delicious dinner, 5-8 pm.

Mar. 8 – 14—Ignatius Press Book
& Film Fair in the gym.

Mar. 10—See's Candy order forms
Due in the school office.

Mar. 14 --- Parish Dinner, 11:30-6
Please see pg. 2 for
volunteer opportunities.

NEEDED:

A parent who would be willing to pick up two children after school on an 'as needed' basis for a couple of hours. Also, a parent who does childcare on the 'No School' days and during the summer months. Please call the school office if you would be able to help out, 503-324-2182.

Attachments:

- Love & Logic
- Rummage Sale flyer

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.

RUMMAGE SALE --- March 26 & 27, 2010

We need your donations and your time! Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up, serving, baking, helping... We will be serving pizza and refreshments. Please ask friends, family, and neighbors for donations. Receipts are available upon request. Items can be scheduled for pick-up or can be dropped off at the convent.

Please call Theresa Kilgore at 503-429-5250.

TUITION ASSISTANCE for 2010-2011

In order to receive tuition assistance from St. Francis you NEED to apply now for the Archdiocesan assistance also. I recommend that you apply even if you are not sure about next year at this time, but think that you might need assistance. It is much easier to drop your application than to add it later. If your application is received by Mar. 15(paper) or Mar. 30(online), your chances of receiving assistance are increased. There may not be funds available in July or August of 2010.

The registration fee will remain the same. The form was sent home last week. 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.

The tuition for next year will remain the same as this year. We hope this good news will be helpful as you make plans for next school year.

February 21, First Sunday in Lent Luke 4:1-13

“Jesus went to the desert alone – to pray, to think and to fast. He was tempted several times by the devil, but he resisted each temptation and proclaimed that God, and God alone, is the Savior. Like Jesus, we will face temptations in our life, and also like Jesus, we must always put our faith and trust in God.

Why did Jesus go to the desert alone? When do you set aside time to be alone so you can think and pray? Could you

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

- **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 Meeuwsen 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.
- **BASKETS are NEEDED** for the **May 1 BBB**. Every family is expected to either donate a basket or \$25 for a basket.

Love & Logic

February 18, 2010

There's No Need to Battle Over Homework



Dear Parents,

Some of you already know that I really struggled in school as a kid. Doing what they thought was best, my parents sat right next to me and employed a combination of begging, pleading, bribing, lecturing and threatening. The harder they worked, the less I did!

When I started the fifth grade, they began a new plan that radically changed my life and theirs. We've seen similar results with family after family over the past thirty years.

Just a small part of the plan included:

- Setting aside a time and place for me to learn
- Telling me that I could either do my work or learn by thinking about it
- Saying that they would help me only as long as we didn't start arguing
- Telling me that they would help only as long as I worked harder than they did
- Allowing me to take total responsibility for my homework

Most importantly, they transferred all of the energy they had wasted fighting with me on making sure that I was respectful, did my chores, and knew that I was loved regardless of the grades I earned. Although I did worse in the short term, things really got better in the long term!

If your heart is being torn out by battles with your child over homework:

- Join me for a special webinar dedicated to helping underachieving kids fall in love with learning. You have two chances to participate: [Monday, February 22 and Tuesday, February 23*](#) from 7:00pm - 8:00pm (MT) OR [Monday, March 1 and Tuesday, March 2*](#) from 7:00pm - 8:00pm (MT).
- Receive our acclaimed DVD, [Hope for Underachieving Kids](#), FREE with every webinar registration.

Thanks for reading!

Dr. Charles Fay

*Each webinar consists of two one-hour sessions.