

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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SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS Focus for March 8-12

A Caring, Effective Communicator Who:

- Speaks clearly and confidently
- Communicates ideas effectively and creatively

What perfect timing for this Expectation, following our annual Speech Tournament. The winners for our own 7th & 8th grade Speech Contest were:

7th grade: 1st place---Siobhan Blake
2nd place---Katie Hertel
3rd place---Robert Woodruff

8th grade: 1st place---Jamie Haren
2nd place---Clara Kiss
3rd place---Tony Trapp

Congratulations!

At the Valley Catholic Speech Tournament the winners were:

8th grade: 1st place Serious—Clara Kiss
7th grade: 1st place Humorous—Robert Woodruff

We encourage ALL of the students to speak clearly and confidently so they can communicate their ideas effectively. Verbal communication is critical to success in life. Developing our speaking skills is a life-long goal for each of us. School years are most important as it is during this time of a young child's development that they learn how to use words effectively. The greatest increase of vocabulary happens between the ages of 2 and 16. So as your children speak with you, encourage them to use sentences and appropriate language all of the time, no matter what age!

Please send toiletry items for the Banks Food Bank. This week we will be collecting paper items: paper towels, Kleenex, & toilet paper.

DISMISSAL TIME

If your child has a change in destination ANYTIME for any reason, **PLEASE** send a note to school or send an email to: lbatner@archdpx.org or dramspurger@archdpx.org IN THE MORNING! 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.

Two other reminders: Please stay in your car when in the 'pick-up line' AND please wait for your child(ren) to be excused by the teacher on duty. We only want to insure the safety of each student. By having them check with the duty person, we can prevent accidents and incidents. Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming Events

Mar. 5 --- *No Dance Club Today
*5-8 pm --CYO Fish Fry
Tickets available in the office

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

Mar. 8—3-4:30 pm Children's Choir Practice for Easter Sunday, 10:30 am Parish Mass.

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

Mar. 11—gr. 5-8 Written report due For the Science Fair project

Mar. 14 --- Parish Dinner, 11:30-6
Please see pg. 2 for volunteers NEEDED, including students in gr. 4-8, for help with serving.

Mar. 15 ---No School

Mar. 16---Science Fair Projects due

Mar. 19—P-T Conferences, all day
No school today.

Mar. 22-26—Spring Break

Mar. 30—1:45 pm - Awards Assembly in the gym.

Attachments:

- **Updated** lunch menu
- Love & Logic
- Parish Dinner flyer
- Parent-Teacher Conference times
- Lunch invoice
- Volunteer card
- Book Fair Flyer
- Called To Protect Info—if needed

(Last 4 items are being sent home with the 'mail carrier' for each family.)

March Birthdays

- 3-01 Nathan Klein, gr. 3
- 3-02 Ian Russell, Kindergarten
- 3-06 Kirsten Klum, gr. 1
- 3-07 Stephanie Krieger, gr. 5
- 3-14 Braden Haner, gr. 1
- 3-16 Michael King, gr. 5
- 3-16 Elena Vidmantas, gr. 2
- 3-19 Becca Sohler, Kindergarten
- 3-19 Nathaniel Trobough, gr. 7
- 3-28 Bruce Stadelman, gr. 7
- 3-29 David Stadelman, gr. 4
- 3-29 Benjamin VanHoomissen, gr. 2
- 3-30 Molly Banks, gr. 2
- 3-31 Rafael Duyck, gr. 6

"May God bless you with love and friendship. May you grow in wisdom, knowledge, and grace." (Sadler, We Believe & Pray, p.20)

Scrip Sellers

Ann King: 503- 647-5891

Kelleen Meeuwsen: 503-324-7706

Margaret Duyck: 503-324-3862

Please continue supporting the school through the purchase of Scrip for ALL of your shopping needs! The sellers above probably carry what you need.

RUMMAGE SALE --- March 26 & 27, 2010

We need your donations of items for the sale. Please call Theresa if you have items that are large or if you need assistance with delivery of the items for the sale. Volunteers are needed for set up, help during the sale, serving food, and clean-up at the end. Set-up will be on March 19, 20, and 21. **Please call Theresa Kilgore at 503-429-5250 if you can help at anytime.**

Pizza and refreshments will be served. So gather donations and tell everyone about this great event. **Please be sure that all donated items are clean and in good condition.**

CYO Track and Field

Registration 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*. For more information contact: Tom Pelster @971-219-2076 or tjpelster@gmail.com

Called To Protect

Nearly everyone took the required 'Meet Sam' course online last year. Now this year everyone who works with children and/or wants to go on a field trip, needs to complete the online course titled, "Keeping Your School Safe". This refresher takes about 20-30 minutes and then you will be eligible to go on a field trip with your child. Those parents who viewed the video, "Called to Protect" this year, 2009-10, do not need to take the online course *this year*. Only 22 parents have completed the "Keeping Your Schools Safe" online course. YEA! You are eligible to go on field trips & help in the classroom! For those who need to take the course, please look for a separate email that will give specific directions.

March 7, Third Sunday in Lent Luke 13:1-9

"In today's readings Jesus teaches us to overcome temptation. Temptations are those things that lure us into doing something that is immoral, or as the Church teaches, sinful. The devil is always trying to lead us away from our relationship with God so he tempts us with many things—including the glamour of power, money, and popularity.

As we begin this Lenten season, first examine the temptations in your life. What are the temptations that get in the way of your relationship with God? What action will you do that will bring you into a closer relationship with God this Lent?"

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

- **Mar. 14**—Parish Dinner—2 co-chairs have volunteered for the dining room: *Courtney Schaefer 324-0421 & Andrea Meeuwsen 324-7706*. Please see attached flyer for more volunteer needs.
- **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* **Needed:** A person who can barbeque! Please call Jim immediately.

FUNDRAISERS besides the above:

- *CYO Flower/Plant Orders* begin on March 12, due Apr. 1
- **BASKETS** are NEEDED for the **May 1 BBB**. Every family is expected to either donate a basket or \$25 for a basket.

Love & Logic

Off to School on Time

March 4, 2010

Dear Parents,

Young teens, Maggie and Marcy, were on mom's last nerve. They couldn't seem to get themselves going in the morning. Getting them out of bed was like pulling teeth. Since mom drove them to school on her way to work, waiting for them caused her to be late for work several times.

Mom finally decided to take charge of the situation. (Otherwise known as setting limits by taking care of herself.) She bought them an alarm clock and announced that they would be waking themselves from now on.

She also called their attention to the family bulletin board, saying, "From now on my car will be leaving at 7:15 each morning. Feel free to ride with me if you are up and ready. If not, I've listed several options for getting to school.

"The phone number for the cab company is listed on the bulletin board. If you don't like their price, I talked to Mrs. Lackey next door. She'd like to earn some extra money, and would be glad to drive you for \$7.00. Or, you can call dad at work and see how much he would charge to come home to give you a ride. I have no idea how much that would cost."

Let's give mom some well-deserved pats on the back. I guess I don't need to tell you how this situation worked out.

You can read more solutions like this in [*Pearls of Love and Logic*](#).

Thanks for reading,
Jim Fay

Love and Logic ON THE BUS

From February 25, 2010



Dear Parents,

It's early in the morning. Danny goes running out the door to catch the school bus. The bus is just pulling up to the stop, and Danny sprints to catch up. He is the last student to board the bus.

"Would you hurry up?" growls the driver.

"I made it. What's your problem?" Danny replies.

"You're my problem."

Danny mumbles something under his breath and walks slowly to his seat, kicking two younger kids along the way.

For many children, riding the school bus is the first contact with school. The bus is a place of social learning, and sometimes a place for vocabulary development. Sadly, most drivers are seldom offered opportunities to develop powerful skills to manage behavior.

Miss Patty is an exception to this rule. Every day she greets kids warmly, and before long, she has a healthy relationship with most of them. She teaches them the basic rules for good behavior on her bus. She practices the procedures until everyone "gets it." When she occasionally has to deal with misbehavior, she doles out consequences with empathy.

Learning to apply Love and Logic to the management of bus behavior makes her life so much more fun. But, more important, it makes students feel safe and respected first thing each morning.

"Good morning, Danny," says Miss Patty. "How was your weekend?"

"Not bad. My dog is still sick, though."

"Oh, bummer. I sure hope he gets well soon. Now settle in for a good ride."

Thanks for reading!

Dr. Bob Sornson