

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
Faith, Knowledge, Discipline, Morals

SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS
Focus for May 3 - 7

A Self-Aware Individual Who:

- *Strives to improve spiritually, academically, socially, and emotionally*
- *Takes care of his or her body with proper diet, hygiene, and exercise*

St. Francis of Assisi School encourages all students to do their best, stretch their brains outside of their comfort zone. We strive to provide opportunities for all students to grow in their spiritual, academic, and social life. Growth in these areas allow for the children to develop emotionally as well.

Health and Physical Education classes focus on appropriate care for the body through proper diet, hygiene, and exercise. Even our hot lunch program demonstrates healthy food choices with the servings from all of the food groups.

ELECTION TIME!

Please be sure to cast your vote and return it to the school office ballot box by Monday, May 3. Announcements of new officers will be the next day at the May 4th PTC meeting.

May the month of Mary

May is traditionally the month of our Blessed Mother, Mary, the mother of Jesus. At the beginning of this month, we put a crown of flowers on Mary and place flowers at her feet. Monday, May 3 at 9:00 am we will be having the special prayer service honoring our Blessed Mother. We would like all students to bring flowers that will be put in a vase at the beginning of the service. Two students from each class will bring vases of flowers up with the two eighth grade girls who will crown Mary. Following the crowning we will pray the Rosary with the Joyful Mysteries. You are invited to join us for this special prayer service.

We would also like to send home a special 'traveling Mary Statue' so that each evening a family can gather to pray the rosary. That will begin on Monday, May 3. If you would rather not participate, please let us know. The Statue will go home each night with one family, and the student needs to return it the next day for another family's turn. Directions and a special rosary are included with the statue. The radio station KBVM, 88.3 FM, has the recitation of the rosary each evening at 7:00 pm.

Upcoming Events

Apr. 30 – No School, Inservice

May 1---5:15 pm Bar Buffet Bingo
9 am-- Kitchen volunteers
Please arrive to begin helping.
5:00 pm—Kitchen evening crew, please arrive.

****Needed:** Bead sellers & Bartenders from 7 to 9 pm
****Have you bought your tickets yet?**
There are a FEW left, so buy now!

May 3—Ballots due

***9 am Crowning of Mary, please send flowers** and we will pray the rosary after Crowning Mary. You are invited to join us for this special prayer service.

May 5 --- Cinco de Mayo!

*Gr. 3-4 field trip to the Oregon Historical Museum

May 4 --- 7 pm PTC Meeting with Babysitting & refreshments

May 21, Fri. – 7:00 pm Spring Program!

Please mark your calendars NOW for this wonderful, annual event. Students will be performing "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory". The date was switched to a Friday evening in the hopes that ALL students will be available on May 21. The play will **not** be at the Banks High School Auditorium!

Attachments:

- May Lunch Menu
- May Calendar
- Banks Soccer Flyer
- Teacher Appreciation cards home with child!
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May Birthdays

5-03 Nicholas Haren, gr. 3
5-05 Justin Bral, gr. 5
5-05 Dawson Dethlefs, gr. 5
5-05 Alexander Kiss, gr. 6
5-08 Skyler Schultz, gr. 2
5-09 Diane Ramsperger, Principal
5-15 Evan King, gr. 7
5-19 Adrian Van Lom, gr. 8
5-22 Halle Vandomelen, gr. 2
5-25 Nikolas Vidmantas, gr. K
5-29 Zachary Cook, gr. 3
5-30 Alexander Gajdostik, gr. 1
5-31 Andrew Evers, gr. 2
5-31 Cooper Cropp, gr. 1

“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

Remember to use Scrip for ALL of your shopping needs! The school can earn a good profit from the Scrip. It is a very easy fundraiser. Last day for earning Scrip rewards will be May 21.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

May 3 – 7

As part of teacher appreciation week, Nancy Haren has organized special cards that each student can make for his/her teacher. The cards need to be completed by May 5, for delivery on May 6. Each teacher and staff member will have a 'mailbox' in the hall where the cards can be 'mailed'. Only one card is being sent home today, so please pick up more cards as you need from the 'mailbox' table in the hall.

Congratulations to the 2010 Valley Catholic Middle School Science Fair Winners

From St. Francis of Assisi School

There were 9 students in grades 6-8 that participated in the Valley Catholic Science Fair on April 23. There were ten other schools at the fair with a total of 96 participants. Five of our students won trophies.

*6th grade: Libby Hertel and Josh Haren, both 2nd place; Alexander Kiss, 3rd place

*8th grade: Clara Kiss and Jamie Haren, both 1st place!

Congratulations to all who participated in this year's Science Fair! A special thank you to Sister Mary Peter and to Karen Kiss for coordinating the VCMS participation.

The school received \$150 from Box Tops! Please be sure to cut out those little squares and send them to school. Each classroom has a special container for those and the Campbell Soup bar code.

Family Faith Sharing Questions

May 2, 2010 **Fifth Sunday of Easter, John 13:31-33**

“In today's Gospel, Jesus gives the commandment to love. ‘I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.’ We hear this and we understand this-and yet we know this is very imperfect and we so often fail to love as Jesus loves. We become angry, fearful, jealous, or resentful, and when this happens, our hearts grow tight and close up. With tight and closed hearts, it's almost impossible to love.

Jesus is with us and does for us what we cannot do for ourselves. We are baptized into the life of Jesus Christ. He will help us conquer our selfishness and do our best to love as he did. When we are angry, afraid, jealous, or resentful, we turn to Jesus to open our hearts so that love can become possible.

Describe a situation in which you would find it hard to love someone. How could you show love for that person?”

(From The Catechist Magazine, April/May 2010, pg. 16)

2009-10 YEARBOOKS

are Coming!

They will be \$10 each.

Order forms will be sent home next week and the yearbooks will be available at the end of May.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Spring Program –“Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory”. If you can help with preparations for this play, please contact Mrs. Knifer at 503-324-0583

Other Events:

***May 2, Sun.**— 8am to Noon --St. Edward's Parish Hall --All you can eat breakfast!

***May 8, Sat.** --- Visitation School Auction, 4:30 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. Tickets \$30 each.



Banks Youth Soccer

Banks Youth Soccer Association (BYSA) is pleased to announce that its online signups for Fall 2010 will be available at our website starting April 29th. Please sign up before June 15th (last day of school) to avoid late fees. We will be forming teams in early July this year and will begin practicing around August 1st.

For those without Internet access or who have questions for us, we will be holding three registration nights at the Banks HS Computer Lab on :

- Thursday, May 13th 7 - 9 pm
- Wednesday, May 19th 7 - 9 pm
- Tuesday, May 25th 7 - 9 pm

Additionally, we have several cost saving initiatives for families to take advantage of this year.

- **Free and Reduced Lunch Refund** : \$25 registration refund per player for families who qualify. Documentation required.
- **Large Family Discount** : Only first 3 children will be charged the \$50.- registration fee; must be signed up at the same time.
- **Uniform Fee Optional** : Players may use last year's uniform and save \$25.-

Finally, BYSA is co-sponsoring **Challenger Sports' British Soccer Camp** at Forest Grove HS from July 12-16. Camps are open to ages 3 - 14 with various sessions to choose from including a special keeper session. Sign up by May 27th and receive a free soccer jersey, retail value \$35.-

For more details on registration for fall season and summer camps, please visit us on the web at www.banksyouthsoccer.com.