



This second week of school finds the students, staff, and teachers settling into a routine. Each day begins with prayer in the classrooms. Monday morning is the time we gather for all school prayer in the main hall. Parents are welcome to join us in this special community prayer that begins the week. Every Friday is our all school Mass. The students are in mixed age groups of eight. The younger students are provided an opportunity to interact with the older ones, and vice versa. Together we pray the Mass and on the last Friday of each month, students will be praying the rosary before Mass. We will also pray the rosary on October 7, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Today is the Feast of the Our Lady of Sorrows. This feast day is preceded by the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. After remembering Our Lord's gift of self on the cross, his mother is given the honor of recognizing her sorrow in seeing her Son suffer. We, too, can offer our sorrows and trials to the heavenly Father for those whose needs are greater than our own.

Prayer is powerful when we put all of our trust in God. Prayer guides us in being kind to others and lending a willing hand to those in need.

NEEDED:

Lunch Proctors and recess duty monitors between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm. This year there is a need for more than one proctor. Ideally, we need two volunteers each day to help with the lunch room and the noon recess duties. Presently, the openings are: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and substitutes for when a volunteer is absent. Please call the office if you can be available, even occasionally. Thank you.

Highlights for September 16-23:

Fri., Sept. 16 --- 9 am all school Mass

Parents are invited to attend. Mass will be prepared by the 7th graders today.

Mon., Sept. 19—3-4:00 Children's Choir practice. Please see pg. 3 for more information.

Tues., Sept. 20 --- Spanish classes during the school day & on Weds. for K-8.

*2:30 Dismissal

*7 pm SAC Meeting

Weds., Sept. 21—Homework Club

Thurs., Sept. 22---Dance Club and Lego Robotics

Fri., Sept. 23—9 am Mass prepared by the 6th graders.

*12:30 --- Jog-a-thon begins!

Please be sure to turn in your sponsor sheets by Sept. 21. Thank you.

Sun., Sept. 25—11:30 to? Parish Picnic & Ministry Fair. ALL school families

are invited to join us for the picnic and an afternoon of fun. Hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, and drinks will be provided. Just bring your family and a side dish!

Altar Server Training:

Father Michael Vuky is training the students in grades 4-6 during the school day at their religion time on Thursday. If your child would like further training, please contact Mrs. Ramsperger. Then for scheduling your child to serve at a weekday Mass (M, W, or Th) and/or for a weekend Mass, please contact Kelleen Meeuwse at 503-324-7706.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3—Sarah Holloway, gr. 8

8---Cassidy Jansen, gr. 4

11—Anthony Weinmuller, gr. 6

24—Stephen Weinmuller, gr. 5

24--- Theresa Kilgore, Cook





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picture time from 1:30-8:30pm
Volunteers are needed to be hostesses for those days in 2 shifts: 1:30-5:00pm and 5:00-8:30pm. Hostesses would check people in, do reminder calls and follow up calls.

Simple fundraisers besides the Jog-a-thon & Auction:

JUICE POUCH Recycling

Save any juice pouches that you use and send in to the office. Laura Cook will be collecting them and they will bring some money to the school.

"This year, bringing green into the fall and winter is easy. While packing lunches as kids head back to school, options for staying eco-friendly and keeping lunch tasty are at your fingertips. TerraCycle, a pioneering recycling and upcycling company, offers eco-friendly, upcycled and recycled lunchboxes as well as a way to earn money by collecting non-recyclable food packaging such as cookies, chips, and juice pouches. Once they're done, students can make their own environmental efforts by joining a Brigade, collecting their wrappers and sending them in to TerraCycle to earn money for their school."

Needed: Storage space for rummage sale items. The SFA annual rummage sale will be the first weekend in August, 2012. Last year, our sale made \$6,000! The neighboring schools of Visitation and BCA clear over \$10,000 per year with their annual rummage sale. *What is the main difference?* **STORAGE** space. We need storage space for furniture, clothing, household items, etc. It doesn't have to be all in one location. If there are several people that have available space for even a few items—that would be big help. Our goal this upcoming August is to double the \$6,000 from last year. Several large items have been donated, along with smaller ones. Please contact either the school or Theresa Kilgore at 503-429-5250 or kilgorian@hotmail.com. if you have any kind of available storage space. Thank you!

SUNNY D Book Spree!

We invite you to collect SunnyD UPC labels for the next 2 months to help earn free books. For every 20 labels, SunnyD will send 20 Scholastic books for the classroom! Simply drop the **eligible UPC labels** off at the school library display on the shelf by the windows. Information Flyer coming home today or click

<http://sunnyd.com/booksprees/About.aspx>.

Looking ahead: Scholastic Book Fair coming to St. Francis School from **Dec. 6th- Dec. 12th**

More news on page 3!



Lego-Robotics class is full. However, we will begin a 'waiting list' for those students who are interested. If there is enough interest, a second session might be added.

Dance Club will be on THURSDAYS this year, not Friday as stated on the form. Please be sure to turn in the forms to the school office for both Dance Club and for the Lego-Robotics class before Sept. 22.

Children's Choir Practice:

The first session on Sept. 19 will be in preparation for the Ministry Fair on Sept. 25. The following sessions will be in preparation for the changes in the Roman Missal which will begin on the First Sunday of Advent and be in place for the future. Then during November & December, the children will be preparing for the Christmas Family Mass on December 24th.

BAND:

Grades 5 -8, Monday and Thursday from 2:30-3:00 pm. Below are three places that have instruments for the students to purchase and/or rent:

- Mir Music in Hillsboro
503-693-0434
- Wazzup Music in Hillsboro
503-648-5241
- Portland Music Co. in Beaverton
503-641-5505

GUITAR LESSONS:

Grades 5-8, Wednesday, 2:30-3:00.
Lessons will be group format.

For more information, please contact:
Mariana Knifer at 503-318-5979

Events outside of our area:

Sept. 15-18---Vernonia Quilt Fair at the Church, St. Mary's. Please see flyer.

Oct. 1-- 5th annual Rosary Bowl NW event on Saturday, October 1st from 9 – 4 at the Oregon State Fairgrounds, Pavilion Building in Salem, Oregon. All are welcome! Please see attached flyer.

VOLUNTEERS are still needed to

help with lunch proctoring and recess duty between 11:30 and 12:30 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and some Fridays. We also need people who could 'substitute' when a regular volunteer cannot be present.

Volunteering during this hour is an opportunity to fulfill your volunteer hours. If you have a small child with you for that hour and are available, please check with Mrs. Ramsperger. A huge Thank You goes to Nancy Haren, Barb White, Ned Sprow, and Angela Weinmuller for volunteering their time during that hour on a regular basis.

Thank you once again for sharing your children with us this year.



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