



Upcoming Events:

Fri., Dec. 9—Parent-Teacher Conferences
All day, No School
Book Fair open: 8 am to 8 pm

Sat., Dec. 10---Lego Robotics competition
at Hillsboro High School
*Morning—Move Rummage Sale items
to another location. Call Theresa Kilgore.
*7-8 pm Book Fair Open

Sun., Dec. 11—8:45am-Noon Book Fair Open

Mon., Dec. 12---Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast
*8:25 All school prayer
*8:30am-12:30 pm
This is the last day for the fair.
*3-4pm Children’s Choir today

Tues., Dec. 13---*Spanish for gr.K/1 & 7/8
*2:30 pm—Dismissal
*2:35-3:35—No Young Rembrandts Class

Wed., Dec. 14---No Spanish for gr. 2-6, due to the
Program Practice
*7 pm---Christmas Program, K-8
Last names A-M bring a dozen store-bought cookies
for refreshments after the program.
*Student dress is Christmas clothes or uniform, **No
Jeans.** Dress needs to be formal.

Thurs., Dec. 15—*10-Noon Sing-a-long at
KBVM, 88.3FM radio station.
A small group from St. Francis will be
attending.
*5 pm Preschool Christmas Program

Fri., Dec. 16---***Everyone*** is welcome to attend
any or all of the following events:
*9am all school Mass with Fr. Vuky
*10:30 am Awards Assembly in the gym
*12:30 pm Music Performances by the
piano students, guitar group, and band members.
*1-2 pm or so—Classroom parties
*2:30 pm—Closing prayer around
The Jesse Tree in the main hallway.
*3:00 pm---Dismissal

Today is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** of our Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We celebrate this day by attending Mass and remembering her role in our Church, our lives, and in the world. Her ‘yes’ to God made redemption possible for each of us. May we too, have the grace to always say ‘Yes’ to God. Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 8—Joseph Wiechelmann, gr. 7
- 10---Dominic Boguski, gr. 7
- 21—Trenton Abraham, gr.1
- 21---Shaelyn Snyder, gr. 6
- 27---Hailey Gibson, gr. 4
- 30—Patti Allen, gr. 4 Teacher
- 31—Tia Wren, Librarian



We are collecting canned & boxed food items for the Sonrise Food Bank in Banks. We would also like to give some to St. Vincent DePaul in Forest Grove. Please bring your items to the school and put them in the large, green barrel in the main hallway. There is also a box in the back of the church. Thank you!

Schoolwide Learning Expectations:

The next point under Life-Long Learner is: “Utilizes Technology”. This means that the student knows how to use the computer and other tech tools in an appropriate manner for broadening and deepening their learning. The age of technology is definitely upon us. Fact is, several schools across the USA use of Nooks or Kindles, iPads, SmartBoards, electronic, answer keypads, and other devices are being incorporated with academic subjects.

Here at St. Francis of Assisi School we are working on integrating technology with academic subjects. Through the Auction paddle raise and through a generous grant from Hewlett Packard with Elizabeth Schaedler, each teacher will have a laptop that can be used with the projector so all students will be able to see and share information. Each teacher has also received a document camera that is used to project any paper or page from a book onto the screen for discussion. Teachers will have in-services beginning in Jan. on integrating technology with Math and with Literacy.



Lost & Found:

Is there an elf around St. Francis School hiding items? Each month something goes missing: October was a sweater; November a brand new 7-8th gr. royal blue sweatshirt with gold letters-Vanderzanden on the back. December a \$20 bill. If you have or know of the above missing items, please return them to the school office or to the owner. There are many uniform clothes and other clothing in the main hall. Please be sure to check the table and the nearby bin for any missing items. Thank you. Idea: Write your child's name on all clothing!

Wreath & Poinsettia Sales netted a little over \$700 this year. The profit was down about half of previous years. There are two small poinsettia's for sale. Each plant is \$13.00. There is one pink and one red. Please pay in the school office. Thanks.

Auction results are totaled with a profit of a little over \$34,000. Thank you to all who made this auction the most successful yet.

FAMILY FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS:

December 11, 2011

3rd Sunday of Advent ++ John 1:6-8, 19-28

“The third Sunday of Advent is known as the Sunday of Joy, or *Gaudete Sunday*. (You will notice that the priest will wear pink vestments to symbolize that the waiting is half way over). Today's reading tells us about John the Baptist, who tried to help people prepare for the coming of the Messiah. John reminds us that Jesus was sent to change our lives.

How can we as a family change our lives so that we can be renewed with the presence of the Spirit?

One of the problems that we all have, especially during this holiday season, is that we get so busy that we hardly think about what we are actually celebrating. Brainstorm some things you can do as a family that will help you keep more focused on Jesus this Advent season...things you can do both by yourself and some you can do with your family.

This week is filled with celebrations—take time to learn about some of the saints that are celebrated during this week, such as: Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Lucy, and St. John of the Cross.”

There are youth size fleece jackets for sale in the office: XL, L, M, & S. They are \$30 each.

Volunteer Opportunity this **Saturday, Dec. 10.** Theresa Kilgore needs help moving Rummage Sale items from the Banks Storage place to another location on Dairy Creek Rd. Please call her if you can give some time--any amount would be appreciated: 503-429-5250. Thank you.

SCRIP Sellers:

(all 503 area code)

Ann King 647-5891

Diane Woodruff 324-5071

Kelleen Meeuwsen 324-7706

Margaret Duyck 324-3862

Final Order before Christmas: we expect the final order to be placed between **9 pm on Sunday (Dec 11) and 9 am on Tuesday (Dec 13)**. To guarantee that you get the scrip you want before Christmas, please submit your order by **9 pm on Sunday**. (If we don't order Sunday night, we'll send an email announcing the delay.) You may email StFrancisScrip@gmail.com, send written orders to school office, or call Ann (647-5891) or Margaret (324-3862).

Special scrip we got for Christmas season and scrip that we are trying to eliminate from our box (please contact Ann if interested):
\$100 Baja Fresh, \$40 Burgerville,
\$200 Dutch Brothers, \$30 Jamba Juice, \$50 KFC, \$100 Outback, \$200 PF Changs, \$60 See's, \$60 Taco Bell plus \$50 Claire's, \$25 GameStop, \$40 iTunes, \$100 Marshall's, \$125 PetSmart, \$50 Sears/KMart, \$375 Shell, \$100 WalGreen's, \$1000 WalMart, \$25 Whole Foods.