



St. Francis of Assisi

Elementary School - Sacramento, California

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GUBBIO GAZETTE

May 13, 2009

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Elementary School is dedicated to living the Gospel values. Our Franciscan, academically challenging curriculum teaches and supports students in becoming contributing members of their communities.

St. Francis of Assisi Schoolwide Learning Expectations

A St. Francis of Assisi Student is:

A) Spiritual *who*

- understands the Catholic faith
- demonstrates Gospel values
- actively participates in prayer celebrations
- shows a love of God, others, and self

B) Academic *who*

- actively solves problems and thinks critically
- makes progress through the diocesan standards
- develops and shares knowledge and talents
- demonstrates a curiosity and respect for learning

C) Respectful *who*

- appreciates diversity and the uniqueness of others
- practices good citizenship
- lives the "Acts of Courtesy"
- cares for God's creations

D) Confident *who*

- recognizes self-worth
- leads and cooperates
- embraces challenges
- always perseveres

E) Responsible *who*

- practices self-discipline
- makes Christ-like decisions
- owns his/her choices
- is trustworthy

Principal's Message

Dear St. Francis of Assisi Parents,

I hope all of you moms had a wonderful Mothers' Day. My prayer for you is that our loving God will continue to bless you, guide you, and give you the never-ending patience we mothers always need!

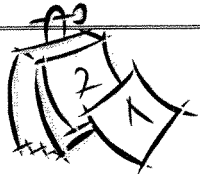
Tomorrow is a very special school Mass. Our second graders, who received First Eucharist on May 3rd, will be leading our Mass in their First Holy Communion clothes. They will also be receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus with our school for the first time. What a joyful day!

As you know, next year our school will be once again accredited by WASC. (Our last visit was six years ago.) We just received the dates when the visiting team will be here: January 27-29, 2010. Our faculty, staff, and students have been preparing our Self-Study/Process for School Improvement book which is a necessary part of the accreditation process. Once we have our draft written, we will ask parents to read and critique it by offering suggestions and comments. The faculty, staff, students, and I will truly appreciate your support during this time!

Next Tuesday evening, I will welcome our 2009-2010 new school parents for a pasta dinner. Each year, this evening proves to be a wonderful experience for our new families-to-be! I look forward to including them into our school family. Our eighth graders will be sharing parts of their SLE graduation project with our new parents, too!

As our school year draws to an end, please continue to work closely with your child. Often, students tend to slack off this time of year which really affects their grades. Thank you!

*In the Peace of St. Francis of Assisi,
Mrs. Laurie Power*



St. Francis Elementary
School Calendar
May, & June 2009

May		
13	Parent Club Meeting	5:30 pm
14	SAC Meeting	5:30 pm
25	No School – Memorial Day	
29	8 th grade Baccalaureate Mass	8:15 am
	8 th grade Graduation	7:00 pm

June		
5	Last Day of School	
	Kindergarten/ TK Graduation	10:00 am
	Dismissal – No Extension	11:00 am

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Joe Morris' (7th grade) grandfather and Mallory Shingle's (6th grade) grandmother. May they rest in peace.

2009-2010 Wednesday Envelope Info and Gubbio Gazette to go "GREEN!"

In an effort to save paper and money, we will be sending our 2009-2010 bi-monthly Wednesday Envelope electronically. Beginning in September, you will not receive a hard copy in the clear envelope, unless you request it. We will scan all Gubbio newsletters and flyers and email them to you. More info to follow in August!

CONGRATULATIONS, AGAIN !

Miguel Batilando, 4th grade, won a gold medal (Sparring/Kyoroogi) and a bronze medal (Forms/Poomse) in the American Taekwondo Open Championship held at SCU-East Bay in Hayward, CA, on April 4, 2009. Miguel trains under Master John Yi of Elite Taekwondo USA in Cameron Park and Master Jong Yi of Koryo Taekwondo in Sacramento, who are both 6th Degree Black Belts.

"Gnocchi Verdi"

On May 14th, all the Italian classes will be cooking up a storm! They will be making "gnocchi verdi" (small dumplings with spinach, ricotta, flour, eggs, Parmesan cheese, etc.). After mixing, kneading, rolling, and shaping – boiling them a bit and adding a special Tuscan sauce – the students will sample their wonderful creations.

Buon Appetito !!!

FERIA Success!

Feria 2009 was a beautiful and successful event thanks to all of those who participated as both volunteers and attendees. So far, our profit is \$32,200 (with a few bills still to come in)!! Congratulations also to the Bourbeau Family (new family for 2009-2010!!) who won the one month's free tuition!

A special note of thanks to these committee heads:
Tracy and Anthony Palombo - culinary experts
Michele Villarreal - decorations
Nancy Winks - check-in
Troy Thompson - security
Jill Rice - check-out
Michelle Harris - finance
Caroline Patti - auction item procurement
Patrick Powers - auction item procurement and MC
Sherry Lamm - auction item procurement
Debra Ryan - auction item procurement
Jeff Becker - bar
John Vardanega - clean-up
Troy Carlson - electrical & lighting
Jose Altamirano - electrical & lighting
Maureen Allen - class project coordinator

Thank you to all of those who typed, stuffed, shopped, assembled, disassembled, sorted, counted, affixed, carried, stayed up late and came in early - without you Feria would never come together.

Much gratitude goes to everyone in the office for their unwavering support with flyers, tickets sales, auction items and volunteer procurement.

And for her continued support given with smiles, gratitude, and all around help - a big thank you to our principal, Laurie Power.

If you'd like to become involved in this signature event next year, let us know. We'd love to have you. And, we are constantly looking for ways to improve our event, so if you have any ideas, suggestions, compliments, please forward them on to dawnwaltz@comcast.net.

Saludos,
Kelley Falk and Dawn Waltz

A WELL EARNED 'THANK YOU' !!!!!

Have you noticed how beautiful our 25th and K corner is these days? Every year someone tiptoes forward and quietly cares for it. As a result we have a tiny bit of beauty – right now Dusty Miller, geraniums, and a beautiful yellow rose – just a few steps from our front door. This year our secret gardener is Wylyd Lian, mother of Allie Lian in 7th grade. Thank you, Wylyd, for brightening our environment and helping us to share in God's beauty.

Mr. Cain's Book Shelf



St. Francis Elementary School has received a special gift from Fr. Anthony: A three volume, ring-bound set of stories about many of the saints, entitled Ordinary People Extraordinary Lives – Inspirational Stories of the Saints. There is a single page for each saint that includes the following information on both sides of the page: the saint's picture; a statement of what the saint is recognized for; his/her birthplace and feast day; a brief biography; the unique prayer for the saint; a simple timeline placing the saint in historical perspective; and a short homily. In each volume the saints are grouped and acknowledged according to their specialty of inspiration and/or intervention.

Volume 1 has the following three groupings:

- 1- Seeking Solace;*
- 2- Finding Courage;*
- 3- Overcoming Obstacles.*

Volume 2 has the following two groupings:

- 4- Healing and Helping;*
- 5- Being A Leader.*

Volume 3 has the following two groupings:

- 6- Teaching and sharing;*
- 7- Making Peace.*

This gift is a wonderful contribution to our library. Thank you, Father Anthony!!!