



# St. Francis of Assisi

Elementary School - Sacramento, California

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## GUBBIO GAZETTE

September 9, 2009

**THIS NEWLETTER AND ALL ENCLOSED INFO WILL GO "PAPERLESS" AND WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>!!!**

### 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,*

*It is already the third week of school and, in some ways, it feels as though we never left for summer break! The children have adjusted extremely well to their new classrooms and teachers, and have welcomed the new students with open arms. It truly is wonderful witnessing firsthand how positive and happy the children are at St. Francis!*

*Tonight is our annual Back-To-School Night at 6pm. We will begin in the gym, and then you will go to your child's classroom to hear from their teacher. As always, we will have two sessions in case you have more than one child. I hope to see you all there!*

*Please join us tomorrow morning at 8:30 for our monthly school Mass. The 2009-10 Student Council Installation will follow immediately, as we will recognize and officially induct our officers for the upcoming school year. I look forward to working with this fine group of student representatives this year!*

*May our loving God continue to bless you and your family!*

*In the Peace of St. Francis of Assisi,*

*Mrs. Laurie Power*

**PLEASE REFER TO YOUR MONTHLY SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFO, DATES, AND TIMES**



St. Francis Elementary  
School Calendar  
September 2009

September

- 9 Back-to-School Night, 6:00 pm, Gym
- 10 School Mass, 8:30
- 10 School Picture Day
- 10 School Advisory Commission Mtg, 5:30
- 18 Back-to-School BBQ, 5:00-9:00 pm
- 20 Catechetical Sunday Mass, 9:30 am, Church
- 25 Parent Club Dinner and Meeting, 5:30
- 28 ITBS Diocesan Testing Week



Andrea Bocelli Day

On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Italian classes will be celebrating the life and songs of this wonderful Tuscan tenor. He was born on this day in 1958. He became blind at age 12, and yet became a lawyer and then one of the world's best and most famous singers, performing throughout the world. Bravo, bravo!!!

*Professoressa Cecchettini.*

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS'  
OPEN HOUSE DATES**

**Christian Brothers HS**  
Sunday, October 4, 2009  
12:00pm-3:00pm

**St. Francis HS**  
Sunday, October 11, 2009  
1:00pm-4:00pm

**Jesuit HS**  
Sunday, October 18, 2009  
12:00pm-3:00pm

Religion Round-up



Welcome back to all students and staff! Over the summer several of our school choir members sang in the Parish Centennial Concert. People are still talking about how wonderful the children sounded. They were the stars of the show! Thank you to all who shared your talents. Our schoolwide learning expectations continue even when school is out!

We began our year with a beautiful school Mass. Student Council members proclaimed the Word and brought up the gifts. The singing was led by Choir members from last year. It was a joyous celebration.

Our first prayer service was led by the seventh grade. They chose to use Labor Day as their theme. They read from Scripture about the gifts we are blessed with and how we should share them with the world. They created a skit to illustrate how every job is important to our community.

The prayer service on September 8<sup>th</sup> was led by the third grade. They honored Mary on her birthday by leading us in a decade of the Rosary, and singing "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman".

Our next school Mass will be tomorrow, September 10 at 8:30 a.m. Eighth grade will be leading us. The theme for the Mass is "The Word that I Give". They are collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House near Shriner's Hospital.

*Our schedule for the rest of the month is as follows:*

Date	Led by	Time
Thurs Sept 10	8 <sup>th</sup> Mass	8:30 a.m.
Mon Sept 14	4 <sup>th</sup> Prayer Service	8:10 a.m.
Mon Sept 21	6 <sup>th</sup> Prayer Service	8:10 a.m.
Mon Sept 28	5 <sup>th</sup> Prayer Service	8:10 a.m.

*Parents are always welcome to attend prayer services and Masses.*

## THANK YOU!!

The Allen Family wants to thank their St. Francis Family for all the prayers and support during Miles' (1<sup>st</sup> grade) recovery. He is doing great and we look forward to another wonderful school year with all of you!

Stevan, Maureen, Luke, and Miles Allen

### An important note to parents:

Parents who plan to volunteer at this school year's Book Fairs MUST be fingerprinted BEFORE signing up. I will put a notification in this newsletter when it is time to sign up for the Book Fairs. The dates for the Book Fairs are November 30<sup>th</sup> - December 4<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup> - May 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Mr. Cain's Book Shelf



### WELCOME to the 2009-2010 School Year !!

Please remember that our library is available for all of you, and I will try to keep it supplied with good reading for all elementary levels.

Here's some information for our newest parents and students, and for those who have been here a while but maybe have forgotten some of this:

Students in TK and Kindergarten cannot check out library books, but their parents may come in and check out library books and take them home.

Students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> may check out library books and take them to their classrooms, but they cannot take them home. Parents of these students may also come in and check out library books and take them home.

And of course, parents of students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> may come in and check out books and take them home.

Any student having an overdue library book or owing a library fine will not be allowed to check out additional books, or attend After School Library/Computer Lab, until the book(s) is returned and the total fine is paid.

Students must be in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or above to attend After School Library.

Students must be in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade or above to go into After School Computer Lab.

All Students who attend After School Library/Computer Lab, and who are not in the Extension Program, must be picked up by an appropriate adult by 4pm. If the student is not picked up by 4pm, that student may not be allowed to attend After School Library/Computer Lab until the following trimester.

### ABOUT THIS COLUMN

As before, this column will be a regular feature to inform students and parents of the new books, videos, and CDs that are purchased for the library and those that are donated. When possible I'll include the approximate grade and/or reading level of the books along with a brief synopsis that is usually quoted from either Amazon.com or from the book itself.

I am starting off this school with only one (1) new book.

More will come later after I start shopping:

### FICTION

Green Eggs and Ham by Doctor Seuss  
OK. I know you've seen this book before. But not like this !!!

It's a donation from Fr. Anthony, and it's in Latin.

So, I challenge any of you Latin language alum to come and give it a try. But if you stumble, you'll have to go directly to Fr. Anthony.

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