



St. Francis of Assisi

Elementary School - Sacramento, California

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GUBBIO GAZETTE

August 25, 2010

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.

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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,

Welcome back! The first day of school is behind us and was filled with lots of hugs and smiles. All of the children seemed very excited to see their friends, and to check out their new school. Our beginning of the school year Mass was lovely, as the church was filled to capacity with students and parents. Now, the staff and I are eager to "get this show on the road," and continue what we do best, teach your children!

As you know, this summer was unlike any other. And, if you didn't know already, the staff here at St. Francis is the best! For the last two months they worked tirelessly getting the school clean and ready. If you get a chance, please thank the staff when you see them for their selfless efforts. Also, I would like to say a HUGE thank you to all of the parents who helped in any way to make this new school site our new home. It was truly invigorating to see so many of you jumping in where necessary!

We have many opportunities in the next few weeks to gather together as a school community; for example: Parent Club morning coffee, TK/K Playday, Back-To-School Nights, Back-To-School BBQ, Monday morning prayer services, and school Mass. I do hope you are able to join us for many of these events! Please note that our first Monday morning prayer service will not be until Tuesday, Sept. 7th (due to Monday being a holiday.)

I look forward to partnering with all of you as we share the tremendous responsibility of spiritually and academically nurturing your children. May our loving God continue to bless all of us!

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



St. Francis Elementary
School Calendar
August – September 2010

August

- 24 Minimum day
- 25 Minimum day
- 27 TK/K Open House, 9-10am
- 28 TK/K Playday, McKinley Park, 9-11am
- 30 First day of school for TK/K

September

- 1 Back-To-School Night, gr TK-5, 6pm
- 6 Labor Day/No School
- 8 Back-To-School Night, gr 6-8, 6pm
- 9 School Mass, 8:30am
- 10 Parent Club Coffee, 7:15-8:15am
- 17 Back-To-School BBQ, 5-9pm
- 27 ITBS Testing begins, grades 2-8

Flag Raising

Tomorrow, Thursday August 26th at 8:30, the fire department will be here to officially assist us as we raise our American flag on the flagpole in the schoolyard. Please read the attached press release from the fire department about the important connection this special flag has to St Francis Elementary.

Back To School Nights

Come visit your child's classroom, meet his/her teacher, and hear about all of the exciting things the students are going to learn and experience this year.

**TK-5th grade, Wed.,
Sept 1st at 6pm**

**6th-8th grades, Wed.,
Sept. 8th at 6pm**

Both of these nights begin in the **gym**. This evening is for parents only. Free childcare will be provided for St. Francis students.

Religion Round-up

September

- 7 **WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE LED BY 7TH GR, 8:10am
in the gym**
- 9 **SCHOOL Mass, in church, led by 8TH GR, 8:30am**
- 13 **WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE LED BY 4TH GR, 8:10am
in the gym**
- 19 **Catechetical Sunday, 9:30 Mass at St.
Francis Church**
- 20 **WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE LED BY 3RD GR, 8:10am
in the gym**
- 27 **WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE LED BY 5TH GR, 8:10am
in the gym**

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BBQ

Howdy Partners! Please see the attached flyers with information regarding our annual Back-To-School BBQ!