



# St. Francis of Assisi

Elementary School - Sacramento, California

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## GUBBIO GAZETTE

August 31, 2011

### 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,

Welcome home! The feedback I am getting from parents and students tells me that you are indeed happy to be back on the St. Francis campus. My first days at school have convinced me that we have students who love their school, parents who are very supportive, and a faculty and staff who are committed to providing the best education for our students.

For me personally, it has been exciting to start my new job as principal of St. Francis. I have enjoyed interacting with the students in the morning as they arrive at school, in their classrooms and in the hallways. Your children are so well-mannered. I love their greetings and goodbyes. They are full of friendly smiles and an occasional hug. How could I feel anything but welcome as their new principal?

Father Anthony was able to celebrate the beginning of the school year Mass with us, and it really was a prayerful celebration. Thanks especially go to our wonderful teacher, Janet Stites, the school choir, and the Student Council for their efforts at this Mass.

We hope to see you on campus for our 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! The first Monday morning prayer service in September will be on Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> because of the Labor Day holiday.

I look forward to working with all of you to provide an outstanding education for your children this year.

In the Peace of St. Francis of Assisi,  
Mrs. Cheryl Ramirez



St. Francis Elementary  
School Calendar  
August – September 2010

**August**

31 Back-to-School TK-5, 6pm

**September**

2 Noon dismissal

5 Labor Day/No School

7 Back-To-School Night, gr 6-8, 6pm

8 School Mass, 8:30am

9 Parent Club Coffee, 7:15-8:15am

16 Back-To-School BBQ, 5-9pm

26 ITBS Testing begins, grades 2-8

Religion Round-up

**September**

6 Weekly Prayer Service led by 4<sup>th</sup> gr,  
8:10am in the gym

8 School Mass, in church, led by 8<sup>th</sup> gr,  
8:30am

12 Weekly Prayer Service led by 3<sup>rd</sup> gr,  
8:10am in the gym

18 Catechetical Sunday, 9:30 Mass at  
St. Francis Church

19 Weekly Prayer Service led by 5<sup>th</sup> gr,  
8:10am in the gym

26 Weekly Prayer Service led by 2<sup>nd</sup> gr,  
8:10am in the gym

**YEARBOOK COORDINATOR**

We are looking for a parent volunteer to be the Yearbook Coordinator/Photographer. Yearbooks go to press in March. We are also looking for Yearbook Photographers to take pictures throughout the year at various activities. Please contact Stephanie, in the office, if you are interested.

**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-5<sup>th</sup> grade, Wed.,  
Aug 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm**

**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades, Wed.,  
Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL BBQ**

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

**UNIFORM EXCHANGE**

There are lots of gently worn uniforms available for your students in the hallway on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Help yourself!

**NEW ROMAN MISSAL  
WORKSHOPS**

St. Francis Parish is offering workshops in the New Roman Missal. Parents are welcome. See flyer for dates. They are coming right up.

**APPA**

This is the new name of our parent group. Please read the flyer and come to the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on 9-28 at 5:30pm

**HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES**

**Christian Brothers High School** Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 11-2pm  
Kelly Harrington (916) 733-3690 [kharrington@cbhs-sacramento.org](mailto:kharrington@cbhs-sacramento.org)  
**St. Francis High School** Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm  
Moira O'Brien (916) 737-5095 [mobrien@stfrancishs.org](mailto:mobrien@stfrancishs.org)  
**Jesuit High School** Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 12-3pm  
Debbie Case (916) 482-6060 ext.227 [cased@jhssac.org](mailto:cased@jhssac.org)