



St. Francis of Assisi

Elementary School - Sacramento, California

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GUBBIO GAZETTE

November 25, 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.

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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,

Today your child received their first tri-mester report card. Please sign and return to their teacher next week. If your child is in grades 2-8, they are also receiving their ITBS results from the tests they took at the end of September. Please also make sure to read the note that goes with the test results from me. This will provide more information and clarification regarding the test.

Our new church year begins Sunday with the beginning of Advent. Advent is the season when we wait and prepare for the birth of Jesus. It is a spiritual time for us to become closer to God. I hope many of you have family Advent wreaths for your home. If not, you can make one simply. (You can Google for some suggestions).

I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you get to enjoy this holiday with family and friends. May our loving God continue to bless you and your family!

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



All Parents of Students
in
TK thru the 6th grade

St. Francis is again participating in the BOOK IT! Reading Incentive Program sponsored by Pizza Hut. However, this year the necessary information did not arrive until last Wednesday.

Sometime this week you should be receiving the instructional letter and verification forms from your children.

Although this program actually began on October 1st, you can still submit the names and pages of the books your child read during October, if you can remember what they were. Incidentally, this program ends on March 31, 2010 and all certificates expire on May 1, 2010.

If you have any questions, contact me at kcain@stfranciselem.org.



St. Francis Elementary
School Calendar
November-December 2009

November

25-27 NO SCHOOL/ Thanksgiving Holiday
30 Christmas Book Fair
NO AFTER SCHOOL LIBRARY

December

1-4 Christmas Book Fair Continues
NO AFTER SCHOOL LIBRARY
4 NOON DISMISSAL/WASC Prep
All K and TK will attend school 8:00 – 11:00 am
17 Christmas Pageant, Church, 7:00 pm



LITTLE DRIBBLERS REMINDER

Registration plus \$20.00 per child is due
December 1st.

Health verification forms are due
December 18th.

For questions: cadamo@stfranciselem.ed

GREAT TAEKWONDO: Miguel Batilando, 5th grade, won a gold medal and a bronze medal in the recently concluded Silicon Valley Taekwondo Open Championships held at San Jose, CA, on October 24, 2009. Miguel won the gold in sparring (by TKOs) and a bronze in forms. Miguel is trained by 6th Degree Black Belts Master John Yi of Elite Taekwondo USA in Cameron Park, CA, and Master Jong Yi of Koryo Taekwondo in Bradshaw, Sacramento.

Religion Round-up

"I give thanks to my God always."
1 Cor. 1:4



Last week our second graders led our school prayer service. They chose to focus on the Ten Commandments. They showed us how we can keep each commandment. Thank you, second grade, for a reverent beginning of our week.

This past Monday was a very special day for our first graders. It was their first time leading the school prayer service. They gave thanks to God for their many blessings. They also reminded us that we should be thankful every day, not just on Thanksgiving. Congratulations, first grade!

This is the last week of our liturgical year. We will be entering a new year this Sunday with the first Sunday of Advent. Each classroom has received a Liturgical calendar for their classroom. It will be used to remind us of the seasons of the Church and our cycle of celebrations.

Correction: *the prayer service on Mon. Nov. 30 will be led by 7th grade, not 4th grade as was shown in the previous Gubbio.*

Our schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Led by</i>	<i>Time</i>
Mon Nov 30	7 th Prayer Service	8:10 a.m.
Thurs Dec 3	Advent Reconciliation Service	10:30 – Noon
Mon Dec 7	4 th Prayer Service	8:10 a.m.
Tues Dec 8	5 th Mass (Immaculate Conception)	8:30 a.m.
Mon Dec 14	6 th Prayer Service	8:10 a.m.

Parents are always welcome to join us for prayer services and Masses.

Catholic High School Information Night

The Sacramento Area Catholic High Schools will be hosting a "Catholic High School Information Night" at St. Francis High school on Tuesday, December 8th from 7 to 8:30p.m. This information night is designed for families and students who **missed the annual Open House** programs provided by the high schools. Presentation from all four (Christian Brothers, Cristo Rey, Jesuit and St. Francis) Admission directors and separate break out areas for information from the various schools will be provided.

Catholic High School Information Night

If you MISSED Open House!

A Closer Look at:

Academic Curriculum

Student Activities

Student Service Programs

Religious/Spiritual Programs

Athletics

Fine Arts

When: December 8, 2009

Where: St. Francis High School

Fine Arts Theater

5900 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento

Who: Christian Brothers, Cristo Rey, Jesuit and St. Francis