



St. Francis of Assisi

Elementary School - Sacramento, California

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GUBBIO GAZETTE

September 28, 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,

I have to admit it is true. I had a great time at the Back to School BBQ. Did you? Many thanks go to the chairperson, Jill Rice, and to all of those who gave of their time, talent, and treasure to make this a fun community building event. The evening was all about good food, good people, and good entertainment.

I loved watching our students dancing and having so much fun with their school friends and siblings and some parents too. When so many people turn out for such an event, that event also benefits the school financially. Thank you so much for supporting our school.

If you went to the Monday morning prayer service this week, you heard about angels. While we continue to deal with the issue of parking for the entire staff, I know the angels were on guard on Monday. Twice, I forgot to move my car. Once I was in a two hour zone for four hours and twenty minutes. I had no ticket. I came back into the building extremely happy. Two of our 8th graders said, "Mrs. Ramirez, the angels are looking out for you." Probably as much as not getting a ticket, I was pleased that the message of the morning had been heard.

The ITBS tests went well. Teachers reported that our students tried very hard to do their best. Data attained from tests such as these are good ways to measure growth from year to year, to focus on skills the students need to develop, and to track the overall success of the various curricular programs we offer. I look forward to seeing the results.

So what is coming our way? The Jog-a-thon kickoff is imminent. Sixth graders are getting ready to go on their 5 day excursion to Sly Park to attend an outdoor school with a focus on nature. The choir is practicing for a concert at the Church on October 23rd at 2:30 pm. They will be performing the music of the New Roman Missal together with the adult choir of the parish. It should be amazing. Don't miss it!

Included with this mailing you will find the sports schedules for volleyball and cross country. Go by to support our students at their events if you can.

Everyday I feel more and more at home at school. Thank you for being such a welcoming school community.

In the Peace of St. Francis,

Cheryl Ramirez
Principal



St. Francis Elementary
School Calendar
October 2011

September

28 APPA meeting (Parent Club) 5:30 cafeteria

October

4 Feast of St. Francis Blessing of Animals 8:10 am

7 Minimum Day Noon dismissal. Super Hero Day sponsored by Student Council

11-13 Noon Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences

14 No School. Teachers attend a Professional Development Day

21 Jog-a-thon and Scarecrow Display

23 Choir Concert in the church 2:30 pm

25 Manatee Bake Sale

27 Make-up Picture Day

31 Black and Orange Day sponsored by Student Council



Religion Round-up

October

- 3 Weekly Prayer Service led by 2nd gr, 8:10 am in the church
- 4 Feast of St. Francis and Blessing of the animals 8:10 am
- 10 Weekly Prayer Service led by 8th gr, 8:10am in the church
- 13 School Mass led by 7th gr. 8:30
- 17 Weekly Prayer Service led by 3rd gr. 8:10 am in the church
- 24 Weekly Prayer Service led by 6th gr. 8:10 am in the church
- 31 Weekly Prayer Service led by 4th gr. 8:10 am in the church

APPA

This is our parent club and all parents are invited to the 1st meeting on September 28 at 5:30pm in the library.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

The Catholic high schools in Sacramento will be hosting open houses during October for all prospective students and their families.

The open houses provide an opportunity to tour the campuses, meet teachers, administrators and coaches, and to see clubs and academic teams offered at each high school.

Christian Brothers High School Sunday, October 2nd 11-2pm

Kelly Harrington (916) 733-3690 kharrington@cbhs-sacramento.org

St. Francis High School Sunday, October 9th 1-4pm

Moira O'Brien (916) 737-5095 mobrien@stfrancishs.org

Jesuit High School Sunday, October 16th 12-3pm

Debbie Case (916) 482-6060 ext.227 cased@jhssac.org

Cristo Rey High School Sunday, Oct. 30th 1 - 3 pm

Ileana Oseguera (916) 400 ioseguera@cristoreysacramento.org

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SCHOOL CLOTHING

PE uniforms and sweatshirts and sweatpants are available in the office. Youth small to adult xl. Outfit the whole family in St. Francis attire! Price List

Shorts \$10

T-shirts \$12

Sweatpants \$15

Crew Sweatshirts \$12

Hooded Sweatshirts \$25

Jr. High Sweatshirts \$25

Zip-up Sweatshirts \$25