



St. Francis of Assisi

Elementary School - Sacramento, California

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GUBBIO GAZETTE

February 24, 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,

It is so hard to believe that March is right around the corner! The school year is flying by, in fact the end of the second trimester is already next Wednesday, March 3rd. Report cards will be sent home, with your student, on Friday, March 12th.

This is the time of year when we see students become a little lazy regarding their schoolwork. Please make sure your child is doing all their homework neatly and accurately, and studying for tests in a timely fashion. Even eighth grade students need their parents to check homework and quiz them for tests!

Our Valentine's Day Family Dance was a huge success! Thank you to the Parent Club, particularly Myra Galvez, who chaired the event. I know those of you who attended were impressed with the "sweetheart" transformation of the gym! Again, thank you to everyone who made the night so much fun for our families.

It is already that time of year to think about re-registering your child for next school year. Packets were sent to you yesterday, so look for them in the mail. The packet is full of detailed information, but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me. We have a very large number of new students and families hoping for admittance into our school, so your timely re-registration is necessary and appreciated!

May we allow the season of Lent to bring about a spiritual conversion in each of us!

In the Peace of St. Francis of Assisi,

Mrs. Laurie Power



St. Francis Elementary
School Calendar
March 2010

- 3 End of 2nd Trimester
- 5 NO SCHOOL for TK and K Only
- 6 Diocesan Academic Decathlon, CBHS
- 11 School Mass, 8:30am
- 12 Report Card Day
- 17 St. Patrick's Day; students may wear green
- 19 Parent Club Mtg, 5:30; Dinner and Bingo
- 25 Lenten Reconciliation Service, gr 5-8, 10:30am
- 27 Math Decathlon, CBHS
- 31 8th Grade Formal Dinner with parents, 5:30

Lenten Baby Bottle Project

This Lent, our school has again chosen to be part of the Sacramento Life Center's Baby Bottle Project. Your child brought home a baby bottle to fill with loose change and/or bills. Your donation will go towards counseling, education, and other services for pregnant moms and their babies. The bottles are due back to school by March 24th. Thank you for your anticipated support during this Lenten season!

Jeans For Jesus

Every Friday during Lent, our Student Council is offering "Jeans for Jesus." If your child wants to wear jeans on Fridays, they must bring a dollar. All proceeds will help keep the wonderful programs at Effie Yeaw Nature Center in Carmichael thriving.

FERIA 2010

April 24, 5:30pm

Save the date NOW for the main event of our school year! **Silent and live auctions, delicious food and drink, dancing...** More details will follow!

Religion Round-up

Return to me with all your heart.
Joel 2:12

Lent is a time of preparing our hearts for the joy of Easter. We try to clear out the clutter in our lives that distract us from God. During these 40 days we want to grow closer to God through prayer, sacrifice, and good works. In this way, we will be ready to celebrate the greatest feast of the Church, Easter Sunday.

During Lent we also walk in solidarity with our elect and candidates as they become full members of the Church at Easter Vigil. There are 29 children and adults ready to receive Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation in our parish on that special, holy night. Some of them have been preparing for two years. Two of our students, **Colin Campbell** in sixth grade, and **Davis Villareal-McKinney** in third grade, are among those being received into the Church. Let us keep them in our prayers as they near the end of their journey.

On Monday, our second grade led the first prayer service of Lent. They did a wonderful job of reading Scripture and leading us in song, and prayer.

Our schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Led by</i>	<i>Time</i>
Mon Mar 1	6 th Prayer Service	8:10 a.m.
Mon Mar 8	5 th Prayer Service	8:10 a.m.
Thurs Mar 11	3 rd Mass	8:30 a.m.
Mon Mar 15	7 th Prayer Service	8:10 a.m.

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

Choir Notes

Our school choir performed extremely well at the Diocesan Choral Festival on Friday Feb. 12. They were helped by the fourth grade class who filled in at the last minute for fifth grade, who were on their Tall Ships field trip. They did a great job. The judges gave us the best scoring we have ever received! Thank you so much for the parent volunteers who drove and helped make this all possible.

Easter Choir

Easter is on April 4th this year. Our Parish Children's Choir will once again be joining the ministers of music at the 9:30 Mass. The Parish Children's Choir is open to children ages 6 and up who like to sing. Our rehearsals for Easter will take place on Sunday March 21 and 28 from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Center Chapel. Come and be part of the greatest celebration of the Church year!

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