



BULLETIN

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

9-11-09

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206-243-5690

2009-2010 SCHOOL HANDBOOKS

The 2009-2010 School Handbooks will be in today's family envelope. Please read through the information carefully and sign the lavender double-sided page that has the Technology Contract Signature Page on one side and the Parent Agreement Form on the other. **Both sides of the paper need to be signed and returned to the school office by Monday, September 21st.**

CARPOOL SAFETY

For your child's safety - SLOW DOWN when you are pulling into the parking lot. If you are parking and letting your children out of the car, you need to walk them to line. Do NOT let them walk to line by themselves. It is dangerous, especially for the younger children. Please use the carpool lanes if you want to have your child walk to line by themselves.

AUCTION NEWS

Classroom Auction Project Volunteers Needed: Remember those great classroom projects at the auction last year? Quilts, pictures, and mosaics created by the kids - with a little help from creative parents. Volunteers are needed to work in classrooms to create projects for the 2010 auction. It's a great opportunity to volunteer in your child's classroom and earn fundraising hours. If interested, please contact Valisa Smith at valisasmith@hotmail.com or 206-244-6686.

Red Alert! Red Alert! Red Alert!

The class auction procurement challenge is heating up! Each month, the class with the most procurement forms turned in is in for a sweet surprise! The first monthly classroom challenge ends Sept 30th, so send those forms in! It's lots of fun for the students and a great way to rev up for the "Paint the Town Red Spirit Auction 2010"! Procurement forms can be downloaded on our school website under Fundraising/Auction.

FUNDRAISING HOURS AVAILABLE

Scrip sellers needed on weekends after Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please contact Julie Hill at (206)241-8272 or fjsjhill@yahoo.com.

We also need help selling scrip before or after school. Before school scrip is sold in the auditorium from 8:15am to 8:45 am. After school scrip is also sold in the auditorium from 2:45pm to 3:15pm, except on Wednesdays when it is sold from 2pm to 2:30pm. If you are interested in helping or have more questions contact Moira at moiraschu@comcast.net.

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for responsible parents, grandparents, or other adults who are willing to commit to assisting with crossing guard duty before or after school for 15 minutes. Select your day of the week, try on one of our attractive vests or jackets, grab a crossing flag and become one of the elite few who save lives each and every day. Please contact Diane Smith if you are able to help or have questions 243-5690 or dsmith@stfoa.org. One morning or afternoon a week is all we ask! Looking to fit some volunteer time into your busy schedule? Mrs Smith is in need of adult helpers to inventory and perhaps do a bit of restocking of our classroom emergency backpacks. This job was expertly done by a crack team last year so should go very smoothly this fall. Contact me if you are available. 243-5690 or dsmith@stfoa.org.

STAPLES COUPONS

Thank you for the Staples coupons! We received quite a few and this really helps the school save money! Also, when purchasing at Staples, if you would like to use the school's reward number - just give them the school's phone number (206-243-5690) and we will receive credit. Thank you for all of your support!

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MORNING CARPOOL HELPERS NEEDED

Carpool helpers are needed in the morning from 8:10-8:35. If you can help, please contact Teri Lowe at tlowe@stfoa.org.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

For those of you who elected to pay your entire tuition with a credit card for this school year, I will be processing them on September 15th. If you are unsure if you chose this option, contact Teri in the office at tlowe@stfoa.org.

JFK ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

VENDORS NEEDED for the JFK Arts & Crafts Fair on Sat., December 5, 2009 from 9am - 4pm. Please call Julie Chaplin at 206-431-6662 for more information.

COFFEE ORDERS

Coffee order forms will be in this week's family envelope.

PARISH SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Religious education teachers, co-teachers and assistants are needed for the pre-K through sixth grade parish religious education program. If you love Jesus, love children and have a passion for the Catholic faith, please consider joining the Faith Formation team. The program starts on September 27 with classes held at 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. Please contact Cheryl Brooten at 206 242-4575 ext. 24 or email me at cbrooten@stfoa.org.

SPRAYING OF PESTICIDES

The Parish will be spraying the trees with pesticides to prevent caterpillars and other pests on September 18th or 19th.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Festival committee is looking for interested parents to join in the fun of planning and helping make the 2009 event a huge success. The current committee members are all 8th grade parents who will be retiring after this season. Want to earn LOTS OF FUND RAISING HOURS? Join the team! Learn the process so that you can take over for next year. If you are interested, please contact: Teresa Kuzmer: tkuzmer@comcast.net.

CYO NEWS

Would you like to **coach CYO Basketball** this year? Returning and potential new coaches, please contact our Basketball Coordinator, Willy Castonguay at wcastonguay@freshdelmonte.com.

CYO BASKETBALL registration is now open! Boys and Girls grades 4 – 8 who attend St. Francis School and/or are members of our Parish are eligible and encouraged to participate. Please submit registration and \$75 fee to the school or parish office by Monday, October 12th. The form is available at www.stfoa.org and a copy is included in this week's Family Envelope. Questions? Contact Kati or Willy.

CYO Cross Country registration is closed. Team parents, please contact Jim Farris, our Cross Country Coach and Coordinator, to add your email to the cross country distribution list farrisjl@comcast.net.

As we begin another year of CYO Athletics, let us be mindful of the **Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct**. Let's all remember:

- That the players are youth and are playing for their enjoyment, not yours.
- To remain seated in the spectator area during all contests.
- To respect decisions made by contest officials.
- Be a role model by positively supporting both teams and not by shouting instructions or criticism to the players, coaches, or officials. **Please do not coach from the stands!**
- Make no derogatory comments or gestures (including making noise to distract) to players, coaches, or fans of your own or the other team.
- Remember that adults set the example for the behavior of their team. If you see negative behavior, please try to appeal to their conscience at the appropriate time.

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GREAT COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We can use your help setting up, serving food, overseeing games, and cleaning up the Parish Barbecue on Sunday, September 13th at St Francis. Contact Michelle Eten at 206-824-0796 or michelleeten@gmail.com to volunteer.

KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL GETS BACK TO ITS ROOTS

Kennedy Students Become Catholic Lancers

BURIEN, WA – Kennedy High School has been a staple in the south Seattle parish community since it was founded in 1966. Kennedy has now come full circle and is changing its name to John F. Kennedy Catholic High School. Principal Mike Prato said, “Our name change is not about defining who we are with a word, but going back to our roots and being proud of our Catholic identity.” Prato became principal in 2004. Talks soon began about possibly changing Kennedy’s name. In 2007, Kennedy held focus groups with constituents to get their opinions on the possible change. The focus groups supported the addition of Catholic to the Kennedy name; and in 2008 Archbishop Brunett gave his blessing to the addition. As Kennedy Catholic begins its ten year strategic plan, Prato knew this would be the best time to institute this change. “Kennedy was created as an extension of the parish community. Adding the word ‘Catholic’ to our name clearly communicates our legacy and purpose in the community,” said Prato.

BILDERBACK FAMILY FUNDRAISER

Save the date: FRIDAY, 10-02-09

Come together to enjoy an evening of dinner, music and a simple raffle to support the Bilderback family. The tragic and unexpected loss of their father, Allen Bilderback, has left this grieving family of eight facing challenges and difficult times. This evening of opportunity is hosted by Mick Kelly's Irish Pub and gives us all a chance to join in strength, compassion and generosity to support the Bilderback family. For reservations & more information contact Trish Robles – hagertyrobles@yahoo.com

When: Friday, October 2nd, 7:00 pm - 12:00 midnight

Where: Glen Acres Golf & Country Club

What: \$50 per person includes dinner, raffle ticket(s), music, dancing, & simple auction. Help us come together as...One Heart, One Love...One Community.

NEW IN SCRIP

No cards needed to be purchased up front, anyone can go to freggies.com and order, pick St. Francis as the charity, and a monthly report with family names and 10% profit sent to the school.

Dear Parents,

You may have heard that I am being arrested on September 17th by the Muscular Dystrophy Association. I will be jailed at the Elliot Bay Brew House. My bail is set at \$2,000.00 and I need your help to get me out. If you are able to donate any of your hard-earned dollars (any amount will help), you can help those children with muscular dystrophy to get some help. You can go directly on line to <http://www.joinmda.org/seattle2009burien> and donate at that website. Thanks for any help you can give.

If you would rather support Hospitality House here in Burien, I will be doing a walk for them on the 26th. I am not asking you to support both efforts. Choose either one. You can donate to this by dropping off an envelope at the Parish Office. Thanks either way.

Fr. Dick

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SYMPATHY



Our condolences to the family and friends of:

Mike McNett

(Liam & Kate McNett's Grandfather)

Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEK OF September 12th:

Saturday -		Randy Schmidt, Cabrini Taylor, Monique Wenner, Ryan McQuarrie
Sunday -	8:00am	Karlee MCCarroll, Brogan Miller, Kyle Pierce, Jessica Balsiger
	10:00am	Elizabeth Stryker, Allyson Kline, Emma McClean, Katy Kastner
Monday -		Karlee McCarroll, Chaz Bergseth
Tuesday -		Emma McClean, Jessie Dirks
Wednesday		Communion Service
Thursday -		Nick Galando, Peter Herold
Friday -		Leoul Hancock, Nathan Gordon