

Principal's Weekly Bulletin
February 5, 2010

Dear Parents,

I was so glad to see many of you last night at our **Open House** despite the rain. A fun evening for all. The kids are so excited to run around the school at night! Yesterday also marked our initial foray into the morning Open House aimed at prospective families. We had a real nice turnout, and from what I hear, may have swayed some folks to bring their kids here !!! Much of the credit needs to go to **Tina Cox and Sallie Moore** for their organizational and professional skills they brought to the entire event. I was also very impressed by a few of our 8th graders who led the tours with the new parents. They were very classy and informative, and showed off what a St Francis education can produce (although you parents have a HUGE say in that department!).

The tour guides were: **Hallie Stava, Bryce Letcher, Gemma(7th) and Siena Guerrazzi, Payton Orr and our President Natalie Avellar**. We also had a stellar contingent of parents who helped guide the new folks around. Thanks to **Meaghan and Doug and Arlene and Whitney and Debra and Debbie and Trey** for their expert "guidesmanship"...Also a big thanks to **Bob Sanders** for the Banner art work and to **Larry DiMare** for the printing of the fliers which came out so well. Thanks to all of you, you made it happen !! It was a success.

I am proud to announce that in the past two days, the students of St Francis held a "**coin war**" to raise money for the **Haitian Earthquake victims. Their fine efforts netted a whopping \$2300 !!** Mission Haiti will get a check from us very soon. The male teachers and I made a deal with the student council that if we raised over \$1500, we would dress up in a dress and wig for morning assembly on Feb 16th (Tuesday). Well, I guess they won. The boys and I will be shopping at Church Mouse very soon...Maybe the IT or Sun will want to come down and get a Publicity shot about our prolific fund-raising skills?

Do you all have your **silent auction donations** in? I know we are very good at last minute stuff around here, but the auction committee wanted me to put out this reminder...The teachers are also hereby "reminded" as well. I heard you guys came up with some very cool stuff in the past... Deadline to donate is February 15th. One last Drive N Donate will take place February 11 at drop off in the morning. Just pull into the drop off lane and volunteers will be there to collect your donations.

For those of you with a sharp eye, you probably noticed the article in this week's **Sun about our own Paul Brown**, who won the DAR Essay contest. If you have not read it, please pick it up, it is a worthwhile read. Congrats Paul ! Nice going....
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In case you missed it, the **State Reports and SCIENCE FAIR** displays were in the Hall for a few days and I was blown away by the depth and effort by the students on some of

these projects. The winners of the Science Fair will be announced after the Yosemite trip.

Congrats go out to **Grace and Lauren for their victory in the Spelling Bee** last week!! They will represent the school in the Regional Spelling Bee on March 3 in Larkspur at 4:30 @ Corona Creek School. Good luck ladies. I am sure you will represent us with your best effort. So, if anyone sees them around town or campus in the meantime, you might want to ask them to spell a word for you just to keep them in "spelling shape."

If anyone is concerned about **Internet safety for your kids**, you might want to attend a workshop on Thursday night, Feb 18th at 6:30 at Presentation School. Officer Steve DeWarns from the Bay Area Task Force will present the program. Cost is \$10. Call 935-0122 to reserve a spot. Mr. Monga and I will be there.

There will be a **Dad's club meeting** next Wednesday night at Larry DiMare's house. Contact him or Trey Shoop or Mark Costanzo or Brian Perkins for more info.

Congrats go out to the **Clerou family** who won the auction donor drawing for a Mary's Pizza gift card! They will be awarded that next week.

I want to say thanks to Ms Picard, Ms Swing and Ms Smith for their work with the 6th grade in today's **all-school Mass**. It went very well and all the musical renderings were fantastic. The 6th graders did a great job with the readings, and I guess we will invite them back for Sunday's 9:00 Mass !

Lastly, thank you all who have offered your prayers for my dad. It is nice to know that people care. I am blessed to be part of this great community. There will be some challenging times ahead, I know that, as I am sure many of you have already dealt with in your own lives. I have, however, been buoyed by the kids every day while all of this is going on, I can forget all the turmoil for a bit each day that I am here. It is not hard to come to school each day, I can tell you that...

Peace be with you all !

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"I want to know God's thoughts, the rest are details." Albert Einstein