

Principal's Weekly Bulletin

September 25, 2009

Dear Parents,

What a busy month September is !! I am trying to imagine what it is like to be a parent here !
I have to give you all some hefty kudo's !!

If you missed the Family Carnival last Friday, you missed a great evening of fun and socializing. The weather was stellar and once the sun set, we sat under the stars and visited in a scene reminiscent of some Italian villages I have been to where the entire town comes out at night to the square and socializes 'til all hours... The kids had a gas, and Mr Monga, Senor Ligotti and I were summarily dunked at an alarming rate. Thanks again to Jolie and the Dad's Club and all the PC and moms who volunteered to make this a wonderful evening. I heard many people comment that such events are what make the school so special. I would have to agree.

GOLF ! Our tourney is Monday ! Are you playing ? I am ! I need one more player for my group if you know someone who is in need of a foursome. Email me ASAP ! stf.vukicevich@gmail.com

It's not too late to play. Senor Ligotti has room for a couple more foursomes. Let him know if you want to play and we can get you in.

Monday BIKE club will ride on TUESDAY next week due to the Golf Tourney.

Our annual BLESSING of the ANIMALS will be held next Friday at 2:15 on the playground. Bring your pet and a pooper scooper !! (Goldfish are exempt)

We are in need of some Landscape help ! We have a leak in the sprinkler system in the front of the school which is causing a serious water loss each time the sprinklers go on. I have been hand-watering this week, to get by, but we will need to dig up some lines and find the source. Any volunteers? Let me know. THANKS !!!

"Swine" flu updates: Please read the bulletin regarding flu issues. It is important that we try to contain the flu this year. By keeping kids home who have a fever, sore throat, and/or a cough and washing hands regularly, we will be better off. Thank you. All classrooms have some form of cleaning ability that the students can use while they are here.

Reminder to "Save the Date" for Father-Daughter Dance on April 17 !!!!

Lastly, (I hope you got this far !) I need to get serious about something that we will be doing this year. Next Friday is the October all-school Mass. 10:30 in the Church. Everybody knows the drill by now if you have been here even one year. The class responsible for the October Mass is the 5th Grade. They will do the readings, sing the songs, prayers of the faithful, bring up the gifts, do the collection, act as altar servers, etc. Susan Smith or Vicki Swing will accompany the "choir" on piano. It will be great. Each class will take their

turn with this except 2nd grade which does the First Communion Mass, and 7th Grade, which does the Baccalaureate Mass prior to Graduation. 8th grade will do November, and the rest you can see on the school calendar. It is expected that that class will also do those jobs and sing at the 9:00 Sunday Mass that weekend.

I am telling you this for one reason: Each class does this only ONCE per year ! So, I am expecting ALL students to be there on Sunday when it is their turn. Everyone will have a job, even if it is only as a singer. As a person who still competes in various athletic endeavors and has coached at every level from little league/youth soccer to NCAA Champions/Olympic hopefuls for 30 years, I will be the first to tell you that missing one game a YEAR will be fine. On the grander scheme of things, it will not matter if you are late or have to miss a game. So I will not accept that as a reason for missing Sunday when it is your turn ONCE per year. Look ahead on the calendar and see when your turn is, and do not make any plans for that hour....This is important for many reasons, not the least of which is to honor God, but also to support your classmates at the Mass by doing a job and/or singing. Your presence there will send a message to the St. Francis parishioners who Fr. Mike will be appealing to that day to make contributions to our school. It kind of makes sense, don't you think ? Thanks for all of your understanding on this.

Help us Celebrate our School Pride at the 112th Annual Vintage Festival Parade

The 2009 Vintage Festival Theme is “Come Home Sonoma”. With over 60 years in the Valley, St. Francis Solano School ties in perfectly with theme of Sonoma’s hometown traditions. Doug Hengehold will be driving his fully restored 1978 Chevy Step Side truck full with our many multi-generational families to promote the feeling of “coming home” to St. Francis. So if your child is part of a multi-generation family because their parents, aunts, uncles or grandparents also went to St. Francis, then please contact Sallie Moore at shkmoore@gmail.com to join us in our “Generations Truck”!

St Francis has so many unique and special qualities defining our school that this year we have assigned each class a school theme to promote at the parade. Your class “room parents” will explain your class role in the upcoming days if they haven’t done so already.

Not only will St. Francis shine in the community by showing our amazing school spirit, we also want to reward the families and students for coming out to support our school. An ice-cream party or free dress day, are up for grabs to the classes with the most participants. But that’s not all...7th grade students will receive one service hour and 8th grade students will receive one Church Mouse hour. Parents, grandparents, students, siblings, and teachers are all encouraged to attend.

We will be meeting on First St. East next to Hughes Field at 10:45 am Sunday, September 27th. For any additional questions please contact your room parents, Sallie Moore or Tina Cox at tinacox@napanet.net.

Have a great weekend everyone !

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