



Sacred Heart Catholic School

Gervais

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“Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths.” (Psalm 25:4)

Sacred Heart Newsletter – March 3, 2010

March

- 3 Progress Reports sent home today!
- 4 7th – 8th grade visit Regis **ASPIRE**
- 5 8:15 am Mass – gr. 7th & 8th – C1
Bottle & Can Drive
Sweatshirt order due
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm JCDA
- 10 No Afternoon Bus!
- 11 8:15 – 12 pm – Grades 3-6 will be going to a play in Portland
7 pm School Advisory Council Meeting

- 12 **BOX TOP COLLECTION DAY!**
8:15 am Mass – 5th & 6th
- 14 11- 3 pm BBQ Chicken Dinner in Gym
- 17 **St. Patrick's Day - The Wearin' o' the Green Free Dress Day**
11:30 am Senior Social –Kindergarten
- 18 8:30 am - All school Rosary
- 19 8:15 am Mass – 7th & 8th
Catholic Daughters – Education Contest winners announced!

Dear Sacred Heart Parents,

Lent is a time for mercy, forgiveness, and reconciliation. As we continue our journey through the season of Lent at Sacred Heart Catholic School, much of how Lent is celebrated is focused on helping the children to understand what this season of the Church's year is about and how they can use it to help them to become better people and grow closer to God. Let this Lent be a time of cleaning and purification – a washing away of the “grime” of selfishness, hatred, and mistrust in our lives, a spring cleaning of all those things and attitudes that draw our attention away from God and the things of God.

The finance committee will be working on a proposed budget for the 2010-2011 school year. As most of you are aware, Sacred Heart Catholic School operates on a “bare bones” budget. The three major sources of revenue are tuition, fundraising, and parish subsidies. The one major expense is personnel costs, followed by insurances and utilities. Each year we have no control over the increases on the expense side of the budget due to the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) which increases personnel costs, or the increases in insurance prices or the increases in utilities rates. Unfortunately, the revenue side of the budget needs to increase to match the increase in the above expenses in order to maintain a balanced budget, thus the need to increase tuition, fundraising, and/or parish subsidies.

Knowing that the increases need to come in the form of a tuition increase, parish subsidies, and/or fundraising leads directly back to the need to have all families understand the necessity of everyone working in every way possible to make the Spring Fling Auction and Dinner, our main fundraiser, successful. With Spring Vacation and Holy Week between now and the Spring Fling, it is necessary for auction items to be in on or before March 10 in order to be able to get everything organized for catalogs, invitations, etc. After March 10, turn your focus to selling dinner and raffle tickets. As I have said before, let this be the year that we sell all (1300) available raffle tickets!

I recognize the great sacrifices made by all parents committed to sending their children to Sacred Heart Catholic School and I am humbled by the amount of time, treasure, and talent so graciously given to make it all possible. May your example of the daily presence of Christ in your lives continue to shine in all that you do.

In Christ's Service,
Lucy Shawn, Principal

2nd Graders Made Their First Confession: Saturday, February 27, 2010, was a very special day for Mrs. Ries and her second grade class! Mrs. Ries prepared the students very well and the students did a fantastic job. Congratulations! This is an important and special time for the second grade class as they continue to learn about their faith and prepare for their First Holy Communion.



Yesenia Ruiz receives her certificate from Mrs. Shawn as mom looks on.



Brice lights his candle with Mrs. Nys as mom watches over.



Laney Aldridge places her "heart" on the banner with Mrs. Ries.

Sweatshirt Order Forms Due Friday, March 5, 2010! Last week an order form for Sacred Heart School sweatshirts was sent out in the Wednesday envelope. Extra forms are available in the school office. All pricing includes an embroidered crest logo for our school. Let the school office know if you need any 4XL in the adult hooded pullovers because they will need to be special ordered. Order forms must be back in the school office by Friday, March 5th.

Spring Fling Auction & Dinner Update: Help Needed! Are you looking for the perfect Spring Fling job! Do you love to Decorate? We have the perfect job for you...the Spring Fling Decorating Chair. Contact Lisa Turner if you would like to take on this great position.

Spring Fling Oral Auction: The Sacred Heart Catholic School Oral Auction Committee is looking for help in putting together a few packages. If you have any of the items listed below please contact Laura Miller ASAP.

- Duck and/or Beaver gear-cooler, blanket, hats, shirts

- Limo services
- Air Miles

Have you seen the wheel barrel in the front lobby? Help us fill it with yard & garden supplies:

- back pack sprayer
- shovel
- rake
- gloves
- hose
- clippers
- etc.
- and did we mention Cash!!!

Some of our exciting items in our 2010 Oral Auction: BBQ Pig Dinner, Ladies Bunko Night, Trip to Cabo, Mexican Dinner, Lamb Dinner, Hot Air Balloon Ride, Eagle Crest, Rodeo Tickets, Wine tasting, Volcanoes tickets, Bowling with Father Nelson and Father Christopher, a Patio Package and Desserts a month by our own Sacred Heart faculty plus all of the beautiful class projects. With these great items we know that there will be many bidding wars going on!! So start working out those arms to raise that bidder card high!!

Please turn in you Dinner and Raffle tickets as they are sold. So far we have sold 79 Raffle tickets!! If you need more Raffle tickets please contact Cindy Schnurbusch 503-463-6472

Wednesday Stations of the Cross: Everyone is invited to join the Sacred Heart Catholic School students and staff as we pray the Stations of the Cross every Wednesday in the church at **1:15 pm.** Each class will have an opportunity to lead the school in prayer. Here is the schedule.

March 10 – 3rd & 4th

March 17 – 5th & 6th

March 24 – Spring Break – No 1:15 pm Stations of the Cross

March 31 – 7th & 8th **Live Stations of the Cross**



The picture to the left shows Cassie Hagenauer and Matthew Schnurbusch helping with the Kindergarten Stations of the Cross held on February 24, 2010.

Sacred Heart Catholic School Alumni News:

Katelyn Steinkamp, a Gervais High School senior, has been named a 2010 Academic All-Star. Academic All-Stars honor students for their academic and community service achievements. Katelyn has maintained a 4.0 GPA all through high school, is a member of National Honor Society, and has dreams of becoming a large-animal veterinarian. Her activities include being the Gervais FFA chapter president, Capital District FFA vice president, Mr. and Miss Gervais pageant co-coordinator (2008) and contestant (2009), the equestrian team, the Saddle Slapper Horse 4-H, Sacred Heart-St. Louis youth group, Marion-Polk Food Share volunteer, and Oregon FFA State Executive Committee.

Riley Woodry, Amanda Davidson, Katelyn Miller, and Morgan Miller have been inducted in to the National Honor Society at Blanchet High School. Congratulations former Sacred Heart Catholic School graduates!

Is the Cost of Catholic Education a Concern? The **FACTS TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** may be the answer for you! It is the philosophy of Sacred Heart Catholic School Administration that the cost of Catholic education should not be a reason for not sending your children to our school. Come talk to us! The Facts Tuition Assistance applications are due by March 30, 2010. Apply on-line at www.factstuitionaid.com. Any family who would like to receive tuition assistance from the school should first apply through the FACTS Tuition Assistance Program.

Hot Lunch Schedule:

- March 10** **Crispy Chicken Sandwiches, Fries, Fruit/Veggie and Dessert**
Karen Suing, Penny McCaslin, Janie Fessler
- March 17** **Hamburgers, Fries, Fruit/Veggie and Dessert**
Laura Miller, Sierra Asby, JoAnn Butts
- March 31** **Chili Chippers, Fruit/Veggie and Dessert**
Karen Suing, Minerva Ruiz, Sanjuanna Cantu

Sacred Heart School Mission Statement

A Roman Catholic School of Sacred Heart Parish, forms children in knowledge, virtue and the spiritual life in a safe and positive educational environment that they may develop as disciples of Jesus Christ in His Church.