

St. Francis H.S.A. News

St. Francis of Assisi Home School Association

EXECUTIVE BOARD MESSAGE

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The executive board would like to thank all our families for all you do each year to make our school a wonderful place to be educated.

We ARE making a positive difference in the lives of our children and the future!

We wish to thank all who attended our parent meetings on Sat., March 10th, as well as those who sent in surveys. Your opinions and concerns matter! Every effort will be made to meet the needs of our school community to make Saint Francis School the place to be in 2007-2008!

Executive Board members:

Theresa Schaefer: President

Gina Gavin: 1st Vice-President

Mike Tirado: 2nd Vice-President

Cheryl VanBuren: Treasurer

Paula DeLuca: Recording Secretary

Lynda Kurpick: Corresponding Secretary

Madelynn Magnini: Principal

Father Lancelot Reis: Pastor



Thank you to Gina, Cheryl, and Lynda for their two years of service on our board. We appreciate everything you've done!

SPRING TRICKY TRAY—SUNDAY, MAY 20TH

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Carnival Date Changed
- Upcoming Events
- Opportunities for service hours
- Contract Clarification
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Saint Francis is having a Spring Tricky Tray on Sunday afternoon, May 20, 2007. It will be held in the school. Raffle tickets will be sold again and will go on sale within the next two weeks. The cost for the tricky tray will be \$10.00. Watch for

flyers. Families Baskets should be turned in April 30th. The family name and basket value should be attached to each basket so that a record can be kept.

For every \$10 value, one ser-

vice hour will be given. Any questions please contact: Gina Gavin at 973-835-5599 or send a note in thru school attention to G. Gavin, grade K. We hope we can make this a profitable function for the school to help in the many areas that need it.



CONTRACT REVIEW



Contracts for the 2007-2008 school year will be signed in March. The following information is provided for review:

The actual cost of educating one child at St. Francis is approximately \$6,000.

Tuition has been raised this year to \$3744 per child with discounts for multiple children enrolled. Non-parishioner tuition is \$4,608.

Thus the parish is essentially

providing a scholarship for each child in the amount of \$2,256 through fundraising efforts.

Tuition can be reduced in the following ways:

Register as a parishioner and donate using church envelopes to support your tuition—these church donations are tax deductible to you and they go directly to supporting our school.

All families are required to work one night at the carnival for each child enrolled. You may work extra nights for additional service hours .

All families are required to support the grocery dollar program in the amount of \$2000 a year (see food program participation article)

All families are required to provide 40 service hours a year or pay a non-participation fee of \$600.

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

“We cannot do great things, only small things with great love”
Mother Teresa

Looking for service hour opportunities to meet your 40 hour obligation for this year?

Here’s a list of up-coming and on-going options and contact people:

Lunch duty—school
Library duty- school
AM Door Duty- school

Spring Tricky Tray-
Gina Gavin 973-835-5599

Market Day Delivery Days—
Jeannine Stacharczyk—973-248-0261

Moonlight Bowling- Bernadette Fivehouse -973-831-7483

Clothing Drive- Mike Tirado - 973-907-2226

Fall Tricky Tray—Debra Eccles- 973-616-6511

Playground building—Theresa Schaefer—973-835-8297

Join one of our new committees to earn hours:

Marketing Committee

Public Relations

Arts & Environment (School maintenance and beautification)

Education Council

Interested? Call Theresa Schaefer at 973-835-8297

GROCERY PROGRAM OPTIONS

How many hours?

Class Mom -10
8th grade Mom-20
Event Chairperson - 20 hours
Executive board —40 hours
Active Committee member—20 hours
All others by the hour

All family contracts include a requirement to purchase \$200 a month in grocery certificates.

Several options are available to meet this obligation.

You may purchase \$200 per month average of our gift cards for ShopRite, Stop &

Shop, A&P, Pathmark, Kohl’s, or Home Depot. The school earns 5% of your purchase.

You may purchase \$200 a month average through Market Day. The school earns 10-15% of your purchase.

You may pay a \$10 per

month surcharge fee in lieu of purchasing.

Coming soon:

Internet shopping with a percentage of your purchase benefiting St. Francis. Watch for details.

NEW FULL DAY PRE-K 3 AND PRE-K 4 PROGRAM

In response to many requests to make our pre-K programs more compatible to our two parent working families, St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School will be offering additional options in our pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 programs.

Both programs will now be offered on a full-time, 5-day per week basis.

Parents may select a 3 or 5 day program.

Extended daycare is offered from 7-8 AM and 3-6 PM.

Please contact the school at 973-835-3268 to register for this exciting new program option as soon as possible.

Don't forget to send in :

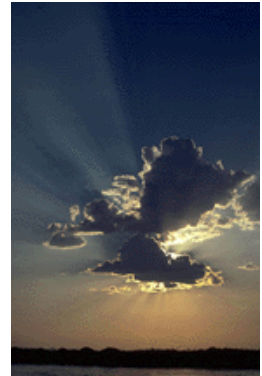
Box Tops for Education to Joanne Sheridan

Campbell's Soup Labels to Olympia Luciani

Old Cell Phones to Cheryl Van Buren

Playground balls for recess to school

Used educational toys for pre-K and daycare use to school



Meeting the needs of our school community

SAVE THE DATE

Up-coming Events:

Moonlight Bowling:

April 28—7:30 PM

Clothing Drive*:

April 28th-10-4PM

Spring Tricky Tray:

May 20th—2-6PM

Carnival: July 31st-Aug.5th

Fall Tricky Tray: Oct. 20th

School Calendar:

HSA meeting: Mar. 20 7PM

Spring Break: April 5-15

Pre-K Graduation

June 7th 9 and 11 AM

Kindergarten Graduation:

June 7, 2007 6:30PM

Grade 8 Graduation:

June 8, 2007 7:PM Mass

Clothing Drive Details:

Place items in black bags.

Drop off black bags at the school on April 28th between 10 AM and 4PM.

Items to include: clothing, accessories, linens, stuffed animals.

**If you have any like-new name-brand clothing , please send it in a separate, labeled bag for a separate e-bay sale.

"It's faith in something and enthusiasm for something that makes life worth living"
Oliver Wendell Holmes

PLAYGROUND NEWS

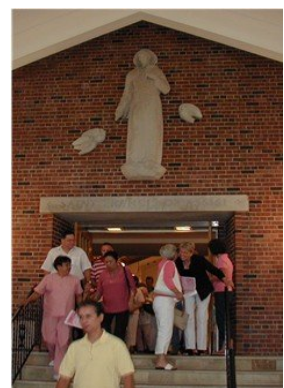
The playground committee ran a very successful drive to collect donations. Bill Matier spoke eloquently at the masses in February and our wonderful school families and parishioners have donated a total of over \$13,000 with an expected additional promised donation of \$2,500.

This total provides us with enough funds to purchase the phase one play structure and fencing.

Construction is expected to begin in April. Anyone willing to assist in the construction should contact Theresa Schaefer at 973-835-8297 or through a note to school.

We will need an additional \$5,000 to purchase the rubber matting needed to open the playground. Our target opening date is June 1, 2007.

Questions can be addressed to any committee member—Theresa Schaefer, Bill Matier, Ralph Cruz, or Susan Ferdon.



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Catholic Education at It's Best



Meeting Our annual goal:

Target goal: \$68,000

Amount raised to date:
\$27,100

Amount still to raise:
\$40,900

It's the action, not the fruit of the action, that's important. You have to do the right thing. It may not be in your power, may not be in your time, that there'll be any fruit. But that doesn't mean you stop doing the right thing. You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result.

Ghandi

NEWS AT ST. FRANCIS



Beginning on March 19th, Father Lance will be offering the following weekly mass schedule for our school children:

Mondays: grades K-2

Thursdays: grades 3-5

Fridays: grades 6-8

All masses will be held at 8:00 AM in the church.

Parents and guardians are welcome.

A special thank you to Father Lance for providing this added spiritual guidance and education!

"To love what you do and feel that it matters-how could anything be more fun?"

Katharine Graham, publisher

Please return carnival forms ASAP in order to select your preferred night. Extra nights can be worked for additional service hours. Send in a note on the form if you would like extra nights.

Please return nominations for Executive Board as soon as possible. There are still two open positions.

Thanks to all who attended our St. Francis Beefsteak.

This endeavor raised a little over \$4,000 for our school.

A special thanks to Lynda Kurpick, chairperson and Gina Gavin and Kathy Durkin for all their work in putting together this fabulous evening.

