

The Academy of St. Francis of Assisi
Principal's News and Notes ~~October 25, 2011~~ NOV. 1
From the desk of Dr. Kostenko



HAPPY ALL SAINTS DAY!

Tomorrow we remember all those who have passed into eternal life on the Feast of All Souls



THANK YOU! MERCI! GRACIAS! The Halloween Happening was a *huge, howling* success because we all worked **TEAM** – we see time and again that together we *do* achieve more! Kudos to the wonderful teachers and eighth grade students prepared and worked the game booths and haunted house; to our wonderful parents who helped to set-up, decorate, work the door, donated tons of goodies, and helped to clean-up! Special thanks to Traci Koval, Alyse Berardi, and Nicole Peniuk for organizing and coordinating this year's event. After all expenses, we realized a profit of \$2398! This is an increase of from last year's event. The proceeds are designated for continued technology improvements – now that we have an interactive in every classroom we will mount the projectors from the ceiling. **Thank you for your support!**

Calling for pictures . . . please e-mail candid pictures of school events to Traci Koval for the 2011-12 yearbook.

Script program has officially begun! Please take a look at the many gift cards you can purchase – send in your order today!

Coming Events:

Vendor/Craft Fair: Please see the enclosed flyer and PLEASE come out to support our school **this Sunday, November 6, 9:00-300.**

Children's Tricky Tray: This fun, family affair will take place on Friday, November 18, 6:00-8:00. Please see the enclosed flyer.

Be on the lookout for the **Calendar Raffle.** It is coming soon!

PLEASE be prepared for the **\$300 fundraising requirement fee** which will be included in your November billing statement.

Remember: *Fundraising keeps tuition down! Thank you for all of your support.*

Important information about the OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP ACT (OSA):

PLEASE take five minutes to read the important information about the OSA which has the potential to help families with children!

Parents and students from the Academy of St. Francis will participate in a rally in Trenton for the OSA. Please complete and return the registration form tomorrow. Thank you!

On these "thin days," as the ancient Celts called them, **All Saints Day and All Souls Day**, we are invited to be aware of deep truths in a very convincing way--- that is, past, present, and future all in one time. On these pivotal days we are reminded that our ancestors are still in us and work with us and through us. We declare our solid belief in the communion of saints in the Apostle's words but few of us have realized its very practical and healing implications.

Richard Rohr

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May this month of November extend many beautiful blessings to you and your family!



THANK YOU! To all who supported our vendor sale and special thanks to Jeana Lindsay for coordinating this event, to Lucy Guzman and Maria Sanchez for co-chairing, and to Paul Lancia for ALWAYS helping at every event. God bless you!

The **Calendar Raffle** sale has begun! Each 3-month raffle costs \$5. Every family **must** buy or sell 20 raffles. All monies are due on November 29.

Families have begun to order gift cards through our Scrip program. Use the cards for your purchases as well as for gifts – Christmas is just around the corner! The academy receives a percentage of every purchase you make. It does not cost you anything extra. Please take a look at the many gift cards you can purchase – send in your order today!

Upcoming Event:

- **Children's Tricky Tray:** This fun, family affair will take place on Friday, November 18, 6:00-8:00. If you haven't done so yet, donations of children's gifts **MUST** be sent in this week. Thank you!
- **November is Book Month.** Read! Read! Read! Our *Book Sale* continues through the month.
- **Tupperware Sale:** Just in time for the holiday discounts. Please read the flyer and check out the catalog for some great buys. Thank you!

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OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP ACT (OSA)

Thank you to those who have signed-up for the December 1 rally. If you are able, PLEASE consider participating in this important event. There is still plenty of room on the adult and student buses. Please complete and return the registration form tomorrow. Thank you!



***** IMPORTANT *****

Message from our nurse, Beth MacFarlane

When your child has a temperature, s/he may **NOT** return to school until 24 hours have passed. This is for the health and safety of all. Children, who have been out of school for 3 days, **MUST** have a doctor's note.

Dates to remember:

- **Friday, November 11: Grade 6 Tag Day/ Bake Sale**
- **Beginning November 28 and through the end of March,** children will go directly to the auditorium at 7:45. Please be aware that children who are dropped off before this time will be charged for morning care.

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