

# The Academy of St. Francis of Assisi

NOTES AND REMINDERS

October 4, 2011

From the Desk of Dr. Kostenko



**Happy feast day!** Today we celebrate our patron saint, Francis of Assisi. The students, faculty, and parents participated in a Mass and Eucharist prepared by Mrs. Shire and the 5th grade class to honor him. St. Francis said, "Preach the Gospel, and if necessary, use words." We must model Gospel values for our children and each other because our actions do speak louder than words.

**Now - we are a very active school!** There are many activities taking place so please take a little time to read these weekly notes so that you are kept informed.

Most of the **air conditioners** are in! Thank you to our custodian, John Arbaugh, and dads, William Chipatecua and Jose Marin. We will be getting the preschool ones in before the next heat wave ☺

**Student Council** officers and class representatives were elected last week. The purpose of Student Council is to promote school pride, develop teamwork and leadership skills, and to develop pride and commitment to the local community. Please see the reverse side for the list of officers and reps. Congratulations to our student leaders – we expect great things from you.

**New Club begins next week!** One of our parents, Ms. Jenny Clater, a Rutgers University nutrition educator, is beginning *The Science Explorers Club* for students in grades 1-6. **The club is limited to the first 25 students.** Please see the enclosed flyer and registration form for details.

**Volleyball Tryouts** continue tomorrow night, October 5, 5:30-7:30 at St. Bon's. This club is open to Grades 5-8.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Fundraisers** will include a monthly \$25 Gift Card raffle. This month's raffle is for *Toys are Us*. The class has also opened a *Lunch Snack Stand* for students in grades 4-8. Look for the fliers included in this week's folder for more details. All proceeds will help to pay the costs associated with 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities and graduation.

**AdvancED** accreditation visits begin next week. As you know, The AdvancED Accreditation Process, a protocol embraced around the world, is a clear and comprehensive program of evaluation and external review, supported by research-based standards, and dedicated to helping schools, districts and education providers to continuously improve. Our commitment to AdvancED reflects our commitment to the children of the Academy of St. Francis.

**Halloween Happening** plans have already begun! Please take a look at the enclosed flyer for more details. Thanks to Traci Koval, Alyse Berardi, and Nicole Yurcheniuk for organizing this year's howling event!

## Fundraising

Thank you so much for the successful **Kid Stuff** sale. As of today you sold over \$5000 worth of books – that translates into a profit of \$2500!! We are still accepting orders if you missed the deadline.

How are you doing with the **Christmas Sale**? Please, please, please, sell, sell, sell! Thank you!

Remember: fundraising keeps tuition down.

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Peace and blessings to each of you!

**Progress Reports** are included with today's Tuesday Folder. This report marks the halfway point of the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period. While the majority of student are progressing nicely, there are a number of students who are not taking their responsibilities seriously. Students **MUST** complete their assignments and **parents** **MUST** check assignments every evening. In partnership, we will help them to get on track. Students in grades 5-8 without completed work will spend a supervised period during their lunch time to complete assignments. Please review the report and return the signed envelope tomorrow. Thank you.

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**Kidstuff:** Woo-hoo! We exceeded our goal! Total profit to date is \$3100! Thank you so much for your participation. Highest sellers are: Jaden Ramos, Angie Macias, Tatiana Perez, Brandyn Guzman, Joel Salano, Jacob Gianrusso, Izaiah Villamil, Coral Brito, Hannah and Hope Hollway, Cassandra Rivera, Caitlyn Classen, Jasmin Abadia, Mykayla Porter, Jermiah McNiel, Nichole Garcia, Mateo Rocha, Jasmelani Teves, Kylie Sanchez, Amber Thane, Tatyanna Bedoya, Autum Jackson. For every 5 books sold, each family received a free book to use or to give as gifts. Since we are still getting calls for orders, we will extend the sale until October 31.

**Christmas Sale:** The excitement is building! Please send your order forms in by Friday. Thank you.

The **Calendar Raffle sale** will begin the week November 1. Raffle books will go home with the students. The drawings will begin December 1 and run through February 29.

**VENDOR/CRAFT FAIR:** Calling all vendors and craft makers! The Academy will be having a Fair on Sunday, November 6. Parents and/or relatives who would like to reserve a table to sell their wares are invited to call Jeana Lindsay @ 201-247-8129.



**A Serious Reminder:**

- **Drop-off: and Pick-up:** Students **must** be dropped off on Lind St. **Do not drop off or park in front of the school. Do not park in the lot.** You may not double park. **After school**, students are picked up in the parking lot. You may not park or stand in front of the school or across the street from the school. You may need to park along Lind St. and walk to the parking lot. The Totowa police will (and have) issued summonses to parents who double-park, get out of the car, or wait while their child walks. **Thank you for your cooperation to keep all of our children safe.**

**Be sure to:**

- Read the **policies and procedures** outlined in the *Parent/Student Handbook* – this is on the *Notes and News* link
- Update *your* contact information on the Honeywell Instant Alert system

**Picture Day** is next Tuesday, October 18. Pre-school pictures will begin at 8:45.

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