

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MEMO "SAM"
Everything You Wanted To Know
Week of October 19, 2009

We had a great turnout for our first PTC general meeting this past Tuesday night! The evening was a great time to discuss the progress of the school and our fundraising efforts. On Wednesday morning, I e-mailed the PowerPoint that was presented, the outline of the PTC budget and a survey link to all families to solicit feedback regarding PTC expenses. Are you one of the 80 who have completed the survey? If not, please take a moment to fill out this 7 question survey which can be found at <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB229RJLYUVX4>.

During the Principal's Report, I discussed a subcommittee I was putting together of individuals who are particularly interested in assisting me with researching the 5-year plan goal of identifying the impact/goal/purpose of developing a Spanish language curriculum for grades K-5. This subcommittee would help put together a survey for our parents, research area local schools to get information regarding their foreign language programs and devise a plan to present to our School Advisory Council and Father Forbes on how best to proceed with our program for the 2010-2011 academic year. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact me by Wednesday, October 28th.


Mid-trimester progress report cards were sent home today with your children. If you have any questions/concerns/comments regarding their progress, please feel free to contact their teacher. Our first trimester will end Friday, November 20th. Keep up the good work!

Don't miss out on the event of the year! The final date to register for our auction is tomorrow, Friday October 23rd! You can register online at www.sjfschool.org/auction. The website also contains sneak peaks of oral auction items, easel parties and provides the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets as well. Speaking of the raffle...currently our first grade is in the lead for selling tickets closely followed by third and fifth grade. Is your class ready for the pizza party and free dress? Help them out by forwarding the auction website to friends and family so they can purchase raffle tickets and have an opportunity to win some fabulous prizes!

If you are looking for a great way to get your family into the Halloween spirit, come to our Men's Club Halloween Carnival this Saturday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in our school cafeteria. There will be ghoulish games, freaky fun and frightening food! Costumes optional ☺

Have a great weekend!

CALENDAR REMINDERS:

Fri. Oct. 23rd – FT/Gr. K – Sauvie Island Pumpkin Patch/9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 24th – Men's Club Halloween Extravaganza/6:30-9:00 p.m. (cafeteria)
Sat. Oct. 24th – Happy Birthday, Mrs. Day!
Sun. Oct. 25th – La Salle High School Open House/1:00-4:00 p.m.
Mon. Oct. 26th – PTC Exec. Mtg/5:30 p.m. (conference room)
Wed. Oct. 28th – Gr. K-8 Children's Liturgy/9:00 a.m. (led by Gr. 3)
Wed. Oct. 28th – Gr. K-8 Family Group recess activity/10:00-10:45 a.m.
Thu. Oct. 29th – Father Forbes' 48th Ordination Anniversary! 
Fri. Oct. 30th – Family Pumpkin Carving Display/8:15 a.m.
Fri. Oct. 30th - Gr. K-8 Halloween Assembly/10:30 a.m. (cafeteria)
Fri. Oct. 30th – FT/Gr. 3 – West Hills Village/1:00-2:00 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 31st – Happy Halloween!
Sun. Nov. 1st – All Saints Day
Sun. Nov. 1st – De La Salle Open House/1:00-4:00 p.m.



PLAYGROUND DUTY SCHEDULE/11:30 a.m.-12:40 p.m.

Mon. Oct. 26th - Nistler

Tue. Oct. 27th - Maddock

Wed. Oct. 28th - Roberts

Thur. Oct. 29th – Miller, Jennifer

Fri. Oct. 30th - Bettger

If you have a conflict with your scheduled duty, please contact Renee Huglin @ 503-244-2258.

MEN'S CLUB HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL INFORMATION

Please mark your calendar for the annual Men's Club Halloween Carnival scheduled for Saturday, October 24th in the school's cafeteria. The fun starts at 6:30. You will find games, prizes, and a ghoulish haunted house not for the squeamish. Food will also be available.

PICTURE RETAKES

Mark your calendars today! Picture Retake day has been scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 3rd. If you were absent on the original day or if you find that you have a technical problem with your picture, you can have retakes taken on the 3rd. Please remember that students must bring their original picture packet and present it to the photographer in order to have retakes. Free Dress will be allowed to students that are having picture retakes.

SJF CYO 3RD-8TH GRADE BASKETBALL

If you are interested in playing CYO basketball, online registration is now available at <http://www.tawala.com/p/wdb3tlhld7phquk/gbelvbj.Registration>. If you have any questions, please contact John Cartasegna @ 503-720-6464.

ARE YOU GOING TO THE ZOO?

The St. John Fisher School's 50 Anniversary Gala Dinner and Auction "Golden Memories, Golden Dreams" is November 7, 2009 from 5:00-10:00 p.m. at the Oregon Zoo.

THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD!

In years past, many people waited until a day or two before the event to buy their dinner ticket and were able to be seated. Because we are holding the auction at the Zoo this year, the facility needs a firm head count to prepare our dinners>>>**WE WANT TO SEE YOU AT THE BEST SJF AUCTION EVER, SO IF YOU HAVEN'T PURCHASED YOUR TICKETS YET, YOU NEED TO DO SO RIGHT AWAY!**

Silent Auction is free, no need to register! November 7, 2009 from 5-7 pm at the Oregon Zoo. RSVP with reply card to auction drawer, or register at www.sjfschool.org/auction. Contact Maureen Blair, Auction reservation coordinator, @ 503-297-7662 or Diane Voeller, Auction Chair @ 503-246-5261 for more information!

CLASS RAFFLE TICKET SALES INFORMATION

Here's how the class competition for the raffle sales looks as of October 18, 2009:

Gr. K	=	26
Gr. 1	=	66
Gr. 2	=	31
Gr. 3	=	49
Gr. 4	=	37
Gr. 5	=	21
Gr. 6	=	23
Gr. 7	=	7
Gr. 8	=	30



Encourage your friends and family to go to the St. John Fisher Auction website @ www.sjfschool.org/auction to purchase raffle tickets online. Additional raffle tickets can be found in the copy room. Every ticket sold helps raise \$\$ to support our kids at SJF School! Tickets sales will continue right up to the drawing on the night of the auction. You do not have to be present to win! Help your child's class win a day of "free dress" and a pizza party!

PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCE POLICY

Per our Handbook, any pre-arranged absence must be communicated in writing to the teacher and principal at least 5 days in advance. **ONLY A COMPLETED "PR-ARRANGED ABSENCE" FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED!** These forms are available through the classroom teacher or online @ www.sjfschool.org. Click on the link "school forms" to download a copy. The parent should state the period of time involved and the reason for the absence. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange for homework in advance of his or her absence although, given the nature of lesson planning, it is possible that a teacher may not be able to provide homework information until after the student returns.

Vacation absences during in-session periods may require that additional assignments be completed in order for the student to pass a particular class. It is important that students and parents realize that such extended absences may impact a student's grade, especially in terms of the class participation and hands-on learning which will be forfeited.

IMPORTANT: Please note that you are only required to submit a Pre-Arranged Absence Form when a student will be gone from school for an extended period of time. They are not required for a routine doctor/dental appointment.

FACULTY/STAFF EMAIL INFORMATION

Looking for a teacher or staff member's email address? Go to our webpage @ www.sjfschool.org. Directly under "Spotlight On" click on St. John Fisher Staff. Direct links to all SJF faculty and staff will be listed.

STUDENT BOARD NEWS

What an intense week! First, there was ITBS National Standardized testing all week. With this going on, many of us have forgotten all about Halloween. Important dates are as follows;

- Oct. 30th – Halloween – Students may come to school in costumes.
Important: (No masks, blood, gore or cross dressing allowed)
- Oct. 30th – 2 winners from each class will be selected for "best costume."
- Oct. 30th - Family Pumpkin Carving Contest – bring in your carved/decorated pumpkin to be judged in one of the following themes: (Scariest, Original, Creative)
Note: Pumpkins must be brought to school no later than 8:15 a.m. and picked up by 3:15 p.m.

*Winner from each category will be announced at the assembly scheduled for 10:30 a.m. in the cafeteria

Please look for the following information that is included in today's electronic email:

***SAM – Week of October 19th
Men's Club Halloween Flyer
MUSE Band Newsletter***

