

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MEMO "SAM"  
Everything You Wanted To Know  
Week of September 21, 2009

This past week has been full of amazing events! A huge thank you goes out to Susan Menendez and her Jubilee committee for putting together our wonderful 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebration this past Saturday and Sunday. All together, over 800 people came to reunite under the common bond of our parish and school community. The stories shared during conversations on Saturday and our Mass on Sunday helped link those who laid the stable groundwork of this fine community to those of the present to continue to grow and strengthen our parish and school.

I appreciate the huge turnout for our back to school night last evening. Topics of the short PTC meeting included:

- Accreditation results
  - 6 years granted the highest commendation a school can achieve
- Communication policy
  - SAM from office every Thursday and website postings
- Attendance policy
  - Please keep your children home for at least 24 hours after they are symptom free from fever with no medication, vomit or gastrointestinal problems
- PACE fundraiser
  - Your child should have come home with a packet detailing this new and easy-to-do fundraiser. Additional details can be found on our website under "forms." Make sure to register by Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- PTC general meeting agenda preview for October 20<sup>th</sup>
  - PTC budget discussion

The safety of our students is of the utmost importance. To support these efforts, the Archdiocese of Portland mandates a series of workshops for our families called "Called to Protect." ALL volunteers are mandated to hold a current background check and to see this two video series that takes approximately 1 hour. We have a training session this upcoming Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 and 6:00 in the parish hall. Additionally, for those who saw the video series last year, you are required to update your training. This update can be completed via computer and takes approximately 15 minutes. The update for 2009-2010 is the "Meet Sam" video and "Standards of Conduct for Ministry with Children." For directions on how to complete the training update, please see the worksheet titled "Volunteer Requirements" off the forms page on our school website.

Here's to a restful and enjoyable weekend!

**CALENDAR REMINDERS:**

Fri. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL! – Archdiocesan Inservice

Sun. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – Gr. 6 leaves for Outdoor School/2:15 p.m. from Robert Gray Middle School

Mon. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – SAC Mtg/5:30 p.m.

Tue. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> – PTC Exec. Bd. Mtg./5:30 p.m.

Tue. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> – Gr. K-3 "Kids on the Block" presentation/10:00 a.m. (cafeteria)

Wed. Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – Gr. K-8 Children's Liturgy/9:00 a.m. (led by Gr. 7)

Wed. Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – Called to Protect Training/1:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. (parish hall)

Fri. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Free Dress

Fri. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Health Day (Gr. K, 1 and new students hearing only)

Fri. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders return from Outdoor School

Fri. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gr. 7 & 8 – Jesuit High School visit/11:00 a.m. (parish hall)

Fri. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Happy Birthday, Ms. Magee!

Mon. Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – PACE Campaign Ends!

Mon. Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – SJF Blood Drive/2:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (cafeteria)

Wed. Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – Gr. K-8 Children’s Liturgy/9:00 a.m. (led by Gr. 5)  
Fri. Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> – Health Day – Gr. K-8 vision only  
Fri. Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> – FT/Gr. 1 – Pumpkin Patch/9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Mon. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> – Gr. 3-8 ITBS National Testing

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

Mon. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> - Handy  
Tue. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> - Hockley  
Wed. Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – D’Ambrosio  
Thur. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – Anderson, Vera  
Fri. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mazloomi

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

**IMPORTANT STUDENT ILLNESS REMINDER**

We would like to remind all of our families, that if you have a student that has any symptoms such as; fever, sore throat, stomach complaints, headache, cough, body aches, chills, fatigue or have experienced any vomiting, please keep them home for a minimum of 24-hrs. after their symptom(s) has resolved. With the prediction of H1N1 Swine Influenza the incubation period is longer. If your child is diagnosed with the Swine Flu, please contact the school immediately. The illness may last up to seven days and individuals are considered to be contagious for seven days after the onset of their symptoms or 48 hours after their symptoms resolve, whichever is longest. If you or your child has mild flu-like symptoms, monitor and please contact your physician to consult if necessary. We appreciate your cooperation in helping keep our school as free from viruses as possible. Also, please remember to contact the office by 8:30 a.m. if your child will not be in school.

**ABSENCE & LATE POLICY**

Please remember that you must contact the school office by 8:15 a.m. if your child/ren are home ill or will be late due to an appointment or traffic issue. Please call 503-246-3234 ex. 10 and leave a message indicating the reason for your child’s absence or tardiness.

**PORTLAND ORNAMENT 2009**

Once again, Betty Gimarelli-Artist-Designer of the Portland Ornament offers her collectible holiday ornaments to the SJF Community. The ornaments are sold at retail prices at such stores as Nordstrom, Made in Oregon and Norm Thompson. If you are interested in ordering, please find the order form attached. This year’s ornament is the “Capitol Dome” Celebrating Oregon’s 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. **All orders are due to the office no later than Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.** If you have any questions, please contact Chris Vancil @ [chrism@sjfschool.org](mailto:chrism@sjfschool.org).

\*Ornament order form is available @ [www.sjfschool.org](http://www.sjfschool.org) – Click on “Forms.”

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2010’**

The 2010 Entertainment Books are now available through the office. Hard to believe, but the cost is still only \$20.00. Help support SJF by purchasing your book today and begin enjoying all the many discount offers. If you are interested in ordering, please fill out the form included in today’s electronic email and return with your check made payable to St. John Fisher. You can either pickup your book(s) or have them sent home with your child/ren. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Vancil @ [chrism@sjfschool.org](mailto:chrism@sjfschool.org) or @ 503-246-3234 ex. 10.

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**SALLY FOSTER GIFTWRAP INFORMATION**

It’s never too early to start thinking about Christmas and never easier than shopping with Sally Foster. Our ever popular fundraiser for CYO is back – Catalogs and order forms were sent home with students on Wednesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Fundraiser starts on September 23<sup>rd</sup>-October 9<sup>th</sup>. Make sure that your out of town friends and family know they can order online. SJF

receives credit for each online order. New uniforms, sports equipment, banners for the gym and many other items are purchased with the funds raised through Sally Foster so, please help support CYO. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Kath @ 503-246-3983 or email @ garykath@comcast.net.

### **ST JOHN FISHER BLOOD DRIVE**

Mark your calendar for Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and plan on donating blood between 2:30-7:30 p.m. The American Red Cross is in need of blood donors! Summer is over, vacations are winding down and a more structured existence emerges. This fall, it is imperative that we collect enough blood to keep the community blood supply at a satisfactory level throughout flu season. To schedule your appointment or, for more information, please contact Liz Lilly @ 503-452-7898. The need is constant and the gratification is instant. **GIVE BLOOD!**

### **HIGH SCHOOL VISITATION POLICY**

Please note that a student in the eighth grade is allowed two (2) excused absences during the school year in order to visit a high school which he or she might attend the following year. Before arranging for the date of visitation, the student must obtain prior approval from all of his or her teachers, as well as submit a "Pre-arranged Absence" form. This privilege is limited to no more than 2 students being gone on a given day, so as not to disrupt the educational process within the eighth grade classroom. Please contact Mr. Schulte directly before any arrangements are made with the various high schools.

### **PICTURE RETAKES**

Mark your calendars today! Picture Retake Day has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **FACULTY/STAFF EMAIL INFORMATION**

Looking for a teacher or staff member's email address? Go to [www.sjfschool.org](http://www.sjfschool.org) and click on the side link "St. John Fisher Staff." Direct links to all SJF faculty and staff will be listed.

### **HOST AN "EASEL PARTY" FOR THE SJF AUCTION**

If you're still wondering how you can get involved in this year's SJF auction, grab some friends and host a party! We will sell individual admission to your party as an auction item and all proceeds will go to the school. What a great way to get to know other SJF parents and to give back to SJF! We have lots of party ideas, including kids parties, adult parties and family parties – or you can come up with one of your own. If you are interested in hosting a party, or if you have some questions, please contact Jeanne Rice @ [ricejeanne@comcast.net](mailto:ricejeanne@comcast.net) or @ 503-312-8199. And, when you are at the auction, don't forget to sign up for a few parties to attend yourself!

### **VERMONT HILLS FAMILY LIFE BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

In need of before or after school childcare? Vermont Hills Family Life provides onsite programs through a framework designed to enhance the development of each child. It is highly recommended that all families register for the afterschool program since Vermont Hills is not able to supervise a student without being formally registered. For more information, please contact Vermont Hills directly @ 503-452-8633 or @ [www.vhflc.com](http://www.vhflc.com). "Scholarships Available!"

### **CALLING ALL MOVIE LOVERS!**

Tickets for the Valley Cinema Fall Matinee Program are now available. The movie series is a terrific entertainment bargain and each series ticket purchased earns \$3 for the school. Check out the attached flyer and order form and get your movie tickets now! If you have any questions, please call Laura Joyce at 503-245-1050.

### **2009-10 SCHOOL DIRECTORY ADENDUM**

Please change your school directory to reflect the following change;

Hao Pham & Yen Vu  
9675 SW Canyon Road  
Portland, Oregon 97225  
503-997-2287

If you have a change in address/phone #/email address, please contact Chris Vancil @ [chrisv@sjschool.org](mailto:chrisv@sjschool.org).

**THIRD ANNUAL ROSARY BOWL NW 2009**

This annual event promotes the motto popularized by Father Patrick Peyton “The family that prays together, stays together & A World at Prayer is a World at Peace.” Organized by Rosary Bowl NW Inc. the mission is to promote and encourage families to pray together, especially the daily family rosary. If you’re interested in attending, parking and admission is FREE!

When: Saturday, October 3rd – 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Where: Oregon State Fairgrounds Pavilion  
2330 17<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Salem, Oregon

For additional information, please contact Dina Marie Hale, KBVM Catholic Radio @ [dmarie@kbvm.fm](mailto:dmarie@kbvm.fm) or [www.rosarybowlnw.org](http://www.rosarybowlnw.org).

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

***SAM – Week of Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>  
Catholic Sentinel “50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee” article  
Auction Flyer  
Valley Cinema Movie Flyer/order form  
How to log on to Praesidium to complete courses required to volunteer  
Disney on Ice discount ticket flyer  
Entertainment Book order form  
Portland Ornament order form***