



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

Principal's Letter November 13, 2009

Dear Family,

Youth Ministry: As I mentioned last week, the parish is in the process of developing a youth ministry program, and we are excited about what this program will offer to our parish youth. "Edge" will be offered on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 for students in grades 6, 7 and 8. The first meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 6th** and will be led by our sixth grade teacher, Michael Stein-Ross. He will be assisted by a Core Team composed of people who are willing to make at least a one year commitment to the Edge program.

Are you interested in being on the Core Team? We need adults who understand that age group and have enthusiasm for youth ministry. Please let Michael know by e-mailing him at msteinross@stfoa.org. He is looking to have two Core Team meetings before the first Edge Night. Those meeting will most likely be on December 9th and December 16th. Thanks to Michael, Cheryl Brooten and the rest of the planning team for their efforts to make this a reality for St. Francis of Assisi Parish. This will be a dream come true.

Family Center Floor: It's been a while since we have given any update on the floor. As many of you know, there was substantial water damage to the gym floor, and plans were made to fix the water problem and have the floor replaced by the start of school in September. The pooling of water was thought to be due to the fact that the cement had not been given adequate time to dry when the floor was originally installed, and so water was seeping through the cement and collecting under the floor, causing the buckling in the floor.

Well, this story has taken many interesting twists and turns; after the floor came up and the area was left to dry, a protective layer was installed over the cement which would seal the floor so that water coming up through the cement wouldn't be a problem. However, after this product went down, it rained (and rained and rained), and then it was discovered that the water was also coming in from the outside.

Now the parish, the engineers and the architects are trying to decide if this was a design flaw or a construction flaw, and who should be held responsible for the floor replacement. At present, solutions are being tossed around, and the parish is checking into the issues of liability with a fresh eye because of the mitigating circumstances that have just been revealed.

So when will the gym floor be completed? That is a question that Katy Skeltis, the head of CYO, Ralph Novito, our PE teacher, and I ask daily. We do feel that we are getting closer. I'll keep you posted.

Musical: This year's musical is The Pied Piper. Practices have begun, and each morning when I come in I can hear the students busy at work rehearsing their lines. Marian Christjaener, June Poginy and Chris Harris are here to direct them; we appreciate their dedication and the efforts of the students who, with the help of their parents, get here at 7:15 each morning to practice. That's Show Biz!

Have a Great Weekend,

Sheila