



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

Principal's Letter February 5, 2010

Dear Family,

Catholic Schools Week has been a lot of fun, and as it comes to a close, I would like to thank all of our great teachers and staff who work so hard to make St. Francis of Assisi an excellent school. We would also like to thank Father Hayatsu, our parish priest, for his continued support of the school. He understands the importance of the Catholic school as an essential ministry of a parish. Thank you all!

During Catholic Schools Week, we give out two special awards to people who support Catholic education. They are:

Distinguished Graduate Award: Although Father Angelovic didn't actually graduate from St. Francis of Assisi School, (he graduated from Our Lady of the Lake School in Seattle), he was definitely "one of the students" as he wandered the halls over the last several years, teasing the kids, sharing sports trivia with them, and generally making this a warmer, more welcoming place to be. When he "graduated" into retirement last year, he left a void that will be hard to fill. Father Angelovic still stops by occasionally, and we always look forward to his visits. Thank you, Father Angelovic, for your years of ministry at St. Francis of Assisi School!!

Spirit Award: The Parents Association gives an annual award during Catholic Schools Week to a person or persons who set an example for the community by giving of their time and talents to both the school and the parish. This year the Spirit Award was presented to Moira and Scott Schumacher for all that they do for St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

Moira volunteers at a monthly communion service, and she works at retreats for those in RCIA. Moira washes the altar server robes and choreographs and rehearses with the liturgical dancers for Palm Sunday and Christmas Eve. She also puts on receptions as needed, such as the recent one for Father Angelovic, and the one for Confirmation. Currently she is serving as a coach for the new Parish program entitled "Living Your Strengths." In her spare time, Moira substitutes at the front desk in the Parish Office.

At the school, Moira is in charge of the choreography for the school musical, working each day with the dancers. She also helps with the Scrip program, and she is both a room parent and an auction project parent. Moira helps to host the end-of-the-year pool party and assists with the 8th grade graduation brunch.

And then there's Scott Schumacher. Scott has served on the Parish Finance Council and played a key role on the original planning committee for raising funds for the new gym. He is currently on the School Commission, where he has served for nine years, four of them as chairperson. In this role, Scott has helped to make policy decisions and helped to develop the Five Year Plan which guides our decision-making. He has also worked on the budget subcommittee and the endowment subcommittee. Scott is currently working with the parish on the issue regarding the gym floor.

Thank you, Moira and Scott, for all that you do for St. Francis of Assisi School and Parish!

Have a Great Weekend,

Sheila