



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

Principal's Letter February 19, 2010

Dear Families,



Our musical is less than two weeks away, and the children have been practicing non-stop, which means several of our teachers have been working non-stop. We really appreciate the work of Marian Christjaener, June Poginy, Chris Harris, and Margaret Clinton who have committed their time and energy to this task. This is miles above and beyond their responsibilities as teachers. They just know the value that it has for the children, so they put in those long hours before and after school and on

weekends, with (hardly any) complaints. We also have some parents who have devoted many hours to the musical. Sonja Herold has lent her expertise to the vocalists, and Moira Schumacher to the dancers. Mike Egan, grandfather of Riley Egan, built the sets, and Linda Stryker picked up all the props. Lastly, the student performers themselves need to be commended for their big commitment of time. The payoff is worth it. Students who have performed in previous St. Francis musicals have made it a point to come back and thank us. We hear phrases from them like, "It was a life-changing experience" or "It was the high point of my years at St. Francis." We work hard to provide a well-rounded education to our students; the music and arts program is an essential piece of that education.

Please come and show your support as these students perform in the Pied Piper at the Highline Performing Arts Center. It will be an evening of enjoyment for both you and your children. Invite your family and friends. We would love to show off the talent of our students to a full house each night. We want to be able to continue this tradition at St. Francis in the years to come.

Have your children come and be part of the chorus. Let them see what they have to look forward to when they become seventh and eighth graders. They (and you) will be amazed at the breadth of talent that we have at St. Francis!

Washington, D.C. Trip: Many of our eighth grade students just got back from D.C.-a whirlwind trip that took them to the monuments, the Smithsonian, the White House, and several other hot spots in the city.

This is another great experience that our younger students can look forward to.

Camp Waskowitz: our sixth graders will be going to camp for five days starting March 1st. This is an outdoor education camp, and the students have been preparing for it by studying about the environment and our impact on the environment.

So there's much to look forward to as our kids move towards those junior high years...

Have a Great Weekend,

Sheila