



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

Principal's Letter March 5, 2010

Dear Families,

I really enjoyed the Pied Piper musical this past weekend. It was the first time that I was able to sit in the audience and watch the performance from beginning to end. (In previous years, I was one of the prop people on stage, too busy to observe the goings-on!)

Anyhow, this is what I noticed. There were children having a lot of fun and feeling comfortable on stage, wonderful singing voices, great dancing talent, students with acting abilities, and an audience that was so supportive and appreciative of all the hard work that it takes for both the students and the people in charge. I saw siblings following in the footsteps of their older sister or brother. Simon van Tulder starred as the Mayor of Hamelin Town, and his brother, Nick, was the lead in the Music Man. Anna Tegelberg was the Dutchess Dingaling, and her brother Devon was Gepetto in No Strings Attached and Humpty in Wonderland. Alyssa Zielinski showed off her incredible talent as the Pied Piper, and her brother, Zach, was wonderful as the Scarecrow in OZ. This is just a sampling. What a great tradition! We are already discussing choices for next year's musical, which is a good sign... Thanks to all of the parents who worked on props, raffle baskets, dancing, and singing. A very special thanks to Marian Christjaener, June Poginy, Chris Harris and Margaret Clinton. What a great production!

Now on to our next big event...the Auction of March!!! I am really excited about the quality of items that have been procured, as well as the plans that are in place for two fun-filled nights. Friday night is the Silent Auction, to be held at the school. (We are still waiting to see if the McClean Family Center will be done by then. If not, the silent auction will be in Unity Place, underneath the church.) Saturday, we will *Paint the Town Red* at the Showbox SoDo, which proved to be a great venue last year.

We still have tickets available for the Saturday night event, so, if you're planning to attend, please get those tickets in right away so the committee can have ample time to work on seating. If you are new and worry that you won't know anyone...well, the auction is a great way to start meeting the parents of our school!

The auction is our major fundraiser, and its success in previous years is the primary reason that St. Francis of Assisi School has the second lowest tuition rate of the seven neighboring Catholic Schools while being at the forefront in terms of the education we provide to the students.

So, please come and help us to keep Catholic education affordable. Make this your **Big Night Out** for the year. The hard work has been done, now it's up to the families in our school to make this successful. We are hoping that this will be our most successful auction ever.

Have a Great Weekend,

Sheila