



News From St. Francis School

September 2, 2005

Finding Our Center

What unique attribute really *defines* the St. Francis experience? What quality lies at the *heart* of what we do here and informs all our goals and activities?

In my efforts to get to know my new school these past weeks, I have put these questions, in one form or another, to all of our constituencies, students, parents, faculty, and trustees. And the answers I've received reveal a reassuring consistency: respect for differences, child-centered learning, differentiated curriculum, joy.

One idea, however, has emerged with more frequency and more power than all the rest, and that idea is *compassion*. And once spoken, the logic of this response is clear and compelling. Our school's chief strength lies in the fact that we care about the well being of others deeply, and we express our caring actively. We strive for it individually, and we expect it of each other, in the classroom, on the playing field, in the halls, and even in the parking lot.

The centrality of compassion as a community value was driven home to me dramatically this week, as a string of parents came to my office to ask how St. Francis could offer relief to the refugees of Hurricane Katrina. More than one parent was already volunteering to provide housing for these families and wondered whether the school could accept some of these children whose schools may not be operational again for months.

At first, I must admit, I hesitated. Frankly I knew of no precedent for offering temporary services in an independent school setting. Very quickly, however, I realized that - in the spirit of this community - the answer *must* be yes. There may very well be no precedent for it, and the details may for the moment be elusive, but if we are to practice our most important value, the answer must be yes.

As of this writing, Krista Wilson and I have already met with two refugee families who may become part of our school community, and there will surely be more to come in the weeks and months ahead. You will be hearing more about our participation in the relief efforts, and we invite you to share your ideas and energy with us in this cause.

I am genuinely grateful for this powerful reminder of what should *always* be at the center of my motivation. I am also very grateful to have found a school community that practices compassion as a matter of course.

Staff Addition

I am very pleased to announce that Lori Dabney has agreed to serve St. Francis as our new Director of Communication. Lori's areas of responsibility will include the supervision of the school's important publications as well as relations with the local media. Her many talents and her familiarity with the St. Francis community will enable her to fill this much-needed role effectively, and we thank Lori for her continuing willingness to serve the school.

The Week Ahead...

Monday, Sept. 5

Labor Day—No School.

Tuesday, Sept. 6

Coffee with The Langsford Center for parents of 1st Graders.

Field Hockey Practice

V Soccer vs Restoration, 5:00

Wednesday, Sept. 7

Coffee with Mr. Delautre for parents of **5th and 6th graders**, 8:30—9:30 in the Multipurpose Room.

Dev. FH for 2nd—4th grade girls, 3:15—5:00

A Team Field Hockey vs St. Albert, 4:30

B Team Field Hockey vs JCTMS, 5:30

Thursday, Sept. 8

Soccer Practice

Field Hockey Practice

Brownies 3:00—4:30

7/8 Field Trip to Speed

Lower School Parents' Night 6:30—8:30

Friday, Sept. 9

Dev. FH for 2nd—4th grade girls, 2:15—4:00

Varsity Soccer vs KCD, 3:45

A Team FH vs Meyzeek, 4:15

JV Soccer vs Evangel, 4:45

B Team FH vs Barrett, 5:00

FALL SPIRIT NIGHT!

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Please visit our website at www.stfrancissschool.org for more news and information!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Parents' Nights

Lower School Parents' Night is Thursday, Sept. 8 and Middle School Parents' Night is Thursday, Sept. 22. Both nights begin at **6:30** with light refreshments in the Multipurpose Room. The program begins at 6:45. Grade level teacher visits begin at 7:00, ending by 8:30.

Spirit Day

Fall Spirit Day is Friday, Sept. 9. Our field hockey and soccer teams will be going for the goals! Activities begin at school dismissal, and continue through the end of the games.

We'll be grilling our full-service menu as always! Our spirit wear will be for sale so come check out our new selection of girls and boys shorts! And we plan to have a face-painting booth.

Volunteers are needed to grill, prepare and serve food, and set up and clean up. If you can help out anytime between 2:00 and 7:00, please contact Lesley Henney at 425-8063 or L.Henney@insightbb.com to sign up.

Come out and cheer on our talented athletes! Refer to the attached flier for game schedule details.

Reading Skills Assessment

On Tuesday, Sept. 6th the Langsford Center will host an information coffee for parents of first graders. The purpose of the coffee is to explain the screening to parents to help them understand how it can be used as a predictor of reading skills. It will begin at 8:15 in the Multipurpose Room.

The screening will be performed for all first grade students and there is no cost to parents. They will take place on Wed. and Thursday, Sept. 14th & 15th.

Enrichment Services Available on Conference Days

Just a reminder that Enrichment Services will be available on a first come basis for children in Kindergarten through 4th grade.

Dates: Oct. 6 & 7

Time: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Cost: \$68 per day

Registration: E-mail Neisja Yenawine at nyenawine@stfrancisschool.org or call Cindy Wood at 228-1197

A 2nd Chance!

If you didn't purchase the BBQ at Sara and Steven Paradis' farm during our auction, you still have an opportunity! They have agreed to host additional parties with the same terms that were available at the auction. If you would like to attend this event at their beautiful farm overlooking the Ohio River, just call Cindy Wood to make a reservation or send a check in with your child prior to Sept. 20.

Date: Sat., Sept. 24

Time: 6:30

Cost: \$75 per person

*Checks should be payable to
St. Francis School.*



Come Celebrate The Year of World Languages On Our Goshen Campus!

World Languages Festival
Athletic Field (Park near Gym)
Thursday, September 15th
5:00 - 7:30 pm

Join us as we engage in a nationwide endeavor to highlight the importance of language learning and cultural understanding! The evening will include a tasting of French and Mexican Cuisine as well as international games and music. Please bring a blanket for this picnic-style event.

If you know anyone who might be interested in seeing our school, please feel free to invite them to the event. All we need to know is how many people to expect. Please RSVP by Friday, Sept. 9 either by returning the form that was sent home last week (also available on our website) or by calling Cindy Wood at 228-1197.

A Note to Our Preschool Families

We will be celebrating St. Francis Day on Friday, Sept. 30 on the Goshen Campus. The preschool celebration will be on Thursday, Sept. 29. If you are unable to attend the event at the preschool, please join us on Sept. 30.

You are always welcome 'at the big school'!

Parent Association News

Now that school is back in session and you discover that you have a little extra time on your hands, please consider volunteering some time to any of our upcoming events or PA committees. We as parents are so fortunate to have our children attend a school with such a caring faculty and staff. And, of course, our children love to see us at school!

Innisbrook Wrapping Paper Sale: Aug 30-Sept 19

Our wrapping paper sale is in full swing. You should have received the packet in backpacks earlier this week. Remember this is the PA's only school-wide fundraiser, so please participate.

Upcoming Events:

Spirit Day: Sept 9

The PA Spirit Committee raises money for the Athletic Dept. by selling concessions during home field hockey and soccer games. Join us this Friday in cheering on our teams. Contact Leslie Henney if you can grill, sell food or Spiritwear or assist in clean-up.

Lower School Parents Night: Sept 8

Middle School Parents Night: Sept 22

Eagle Festival: Sunday, October 23

Look for volunteer sign-up sheets at both Parents Nights. Much more info to come!

Thank you to...

- All parents who volunteered to be Classroom Parent Reps. We appreciate all of your time and effort that you give to make St. Francis such a wonderful place for our children to learn.
- Cathy Flowers and Katy Bade for their hard work on the Innisbrook Wrapping Paper sale.
- Leslie Henney for organizing the first Spirit Night of the school year.
- Janet Roxworthy and the Landscape & Gardening Committee for making St. Francis such a welcoming place for our children, teachers and parents.

LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS

Monday—No School

Tuesday—Holly Winebrenner, Angie Koss, Nancye Faulkner

Wednesday—Sherry Stevens, Katy Bade, Brigette Muennich

Thursday—Karen Siladi, Lori Buse, Janet Roxworthy

Friday—Tom Cowley, Anita Meyer, Kelly Farmer



TWO MORE LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We still need one volunteer for the first Monday of each month and one for the 3rd Wednesday. Times are 11:20 - 1:00 and you get a free lunch! If you are able to take one of these spots or are willing to be on the list of substitutes, please contact Diane Fowler at 228-1256 or loufowler@iolky.com

Additions and Corrections to the Directory

School-wide

Faculty and Staff Directory

Paula Rogers, Director of Development, has left St. Francis School. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

Goshen Campus

New Students:

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241-4209

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742-6314
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Louisville, KY 40207
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Preschool Campus

New Students:

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425-3843

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Address Correction:

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Faculty Update:

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