



October 1, 2019

Dear Parents,

The teachers and I have begun the Self-Study In-depth and Science In-depth. For those of you that are unfamiliar with the accreditation process, it is a periodic cycle of assessment, planning, implementing, monitoring, and reassessment. Saint Francis Catholic School (SFCS) will perform a thorough review and clarification of its mission, philosophy, Schoolwide Learning Expectations, and curricular standards. The curricular standards will be measurable indicators of learning that define essential knowledge, skills, performance, and learning opportunities within disciplines.

The Self Study phase will focus on the ongoing task of gathering and analyzing data. This enables SFCS to conduct a comprehensive examination of what is successful and what needs to be improved. This analysis is critical to assessing and evaluating the spiritual climate and actual instructional program. This Self-Study is completed every five years.

To conduct a meaningful Self Study, SFCS will involve the staff, parents, students, alumni, and members of the parish community. This will be done through committee participation, interviews, surveys or other means. The first survey, Catholic Identity, will be sent at the end of October in *School Speak*. I look forward to your participation in all surveys.

STAR assessments in reading and mathematics are completed. I will be sending home results this week. If you have any questions pertaining to your child's progress, please refer your questions to your child's teacher and they will address them during conferences.

Regarding conferences, if you are unable to attend your child's conference on October 24 or 25th a written progress report will be sent to you. The teachers will not be scheduling before or after conferences. These conference dates have been set in advance.

In September, Mrs. Moslander, Ms. Fallon, (both part of the marketing team), and I attended a Partners in Mission workshop, part of the Archdiocese of Portland's five-year strategic plan, to acquire additional knowledge enrollment trends, marketing, and branding to help develop an effective marketing program. On October 24th, we continue to develop the SFCS marketing program. SFCS will host the Marketing workshop. The Catholic schools in attendance are from Tigard, McMinnville, St. Paul, and Sherwood area.

During the teacher's work week, the teachers and I participated in A.L.I.C.E training. SFCS's number one priority is keeping the students safe. Please see the attached letter and familiarize yourself with the A.L.I.C.E. program. Officer Bertrand, from Sherwood Police Department, and I met to discuss a rally point in case of a threatening situation. We decided the best rally point is Whetstone Street. If and when we decide to practice meeting at the rally point, parents will be notified and permission slips will be sent home to be signed and returned.

With careful discussion with PSO, the Halloween Carnival will not take place this year. Instead, Student Council will judge costumes in the morning and an assembly from 1:00 – 2:00 will be in place of the carnival. The assembly will begin with a parade, announcement of costume winners- by grade level, and organized games will be played. Following the assembly, classroom parties will be from 2:00-3:00. Homeroom Moms will coordinate with classroom/homeroom teacher on classroom activities planned. All activities must be approved by the classroom/homeroom teacher.

It is with great pride that all St. Francis teachers, office, and administration will be participating in the silent auction. Each teacher or a group of teachers have put together baskets, parties, and/or an activity for parents to purchase. I have my mask ordered and am looking forward to a fun evening with the St. Francis community and guests. I want to thank the auction committee for their dedication, hard work, and commitment to making this evening a success.

Thank you for all of your support. St. Francis is a special place, and we should all feel blessed to be a part of it.

Continued blessings,
Ms. Gonzalez
Principal