

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School Council
Meeting Highlights
November 5, 2009
7:00 p.m.
St. Bonaventure Center

School Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi School exists to form, inform and transform students as members of Christ's Mystical Body

Council Mission: To advise and assist the Pastor and school administration in fulfilling the mission of the school

- October minutes were approved.
- Fun Night provided approximately \$30,000 to benefit SFA School.
- 30 people are participating in the Adult Bible Study classes in the parish.
- "Small Steps" boards are on display in the church walkways to provide opportunities to participate in the parish.
- 7th and 8th grade football teams have completed their seasons and basketball placements have taken place. Basketball games begin November 30th.
- There will be a chess tournament on November 14th at SFA.
- The Scholastic Book Fair will be held November 16th-20th. SFA receives 60% of the sales. A Family Read Night will be held on November 17th, including a hot dog dinner and activities for parents and students.
- Attendance is back to normal after the recent flu outbreak.
- Jim Williams will return in January for his rescheduled appearance at SFA and SEAS.
- Eighth graders took a field trip to the African American Museum, the Sedgwick County Detention Center/Jail, and the Museum of World Treasures. Books were donated to the detention center.
- Eighth grade parents have met concerning activities taking place this year for those students as they complete their time at SFA.
- BCCHS will hold their annual curriculum fair on Friday, November 13th, for area 8th grade students.
- A number of staff members are participating in a book study over the book The Lamb's Supper, The Mass as Heaven and Earth.
- Parent/Teacher conferences went well in October.
- Picture re-takes will be on November 11th.
- Many students were able to participate in the Accelerated Reader Party.
- Hot dogs, chips, cookies, and lemonade will be offered at the Family Reading Night.
- Home and School members will again wrap Christmas present for teachers.
- Stewardship Renewal forms have been mailed and should be completed and returned by parishioners this month. A new parish data system will be implemented to record information.
- Focus Groups from the Core Team have begun to meet, focusing on helping our parish be welcoming and friendly to new and current members.
- The possibility of some sort of "mass messaging" is being considered, perhaps by email or telephone.
- The Council Retreat will be held on January 9, 2010.
- There was a discussion of the diocesan policy on sports team placements.
- Council members broke out into small groups to discuss Strategic Planning topics of Facilities and Communication.
- The next council meeting is Thursday, December 3, 2009.

