

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School Council**  
**Meeting Highlights**  
**October 1, 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**

- September minutes were approved.
- Volleyball postseason tournaments will be held. Football and cross country continue.
- Basketball placements will be held October 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Coaches and concession stand workers are still needed.
- Chess meets will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Departmentalization teaching in the lower grades continues to be evaluated. Teachers want to be able to build each year on the previous year's policies.
- Magazine sales were down this year but still brought \$17,000 for the school.
- H1N1 updates will be given bi-weekly in the Friday Flash. Attendance has reflected illness. The Pandemic Plan has been used and functioned well.
- The Mad Science group has 27 students participating.
- Respect Life Week is in progress.
- Report cards will go out on October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Jim Williams was unable to come in September due to surgery and will reschedule.
- We presently have 129 students who are registered with St. Catherine's Parish.
- Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) is a new initiative that will eventually replace special education. It is Kansas's way to implement the state-directed policy called Response to Intervention, which indicates intensity of teaching methods needed.
- Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up later in October.
- Mrs. Carter shared a form for the Diocesan Awards Program nomination list.
- The teacher luncheons continue monthly.
- Papa John's Pizza night was held.
- The first skating party was a success. Next year this activity may be held more often.
- Two Home and School members and Mrs. Carter will attend a conference to learn more about the computer sites Facebook and MySpace.
- The Core Team has been meeting for discussion and is considering setting up focus groups to bring people in to talk about survey results.
- Father invited all members to Father Lanzrath's stewardship talk on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- There was a question about yearbook policies, of which there are none at this time.
- There was a concern about the appropriateness of some jewelry, particularly large earrings and the possibility of distraction.
- Council members broke out into small groups to discuss Strategic Planning topics of Technology, Catholicity, and Academics/Enrollment.
- The next council meeting is Thursday, November 5, 2009.

