



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

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Saint Francis of Assisi Mission Statement: We are a Catholic community of faith striving to follow Jesus, pledging each day to do our best by imitating Saint Francis of Assisi as "instruments of peace." Our goal is to maintain a safe and healthy environment and to be academically prepared for this technological age.



March 25, 2010

Dear SFA Families,

I would like to extend my heart-felt thanks to all of you who supported our 50th Anniversary Gala. Some of you were able to attend the event; some of you donated tickets for teachers or contributed to the Annual Fund; many of you donated or solicited auction items and still others sent in scratch tickets, contributed to a basket and/or purchased raffle tickets. In the final days leading up to the Gala, I was overwhelmed with your hard work and generosity. Although I had been in the practice of sending a hand-written note of thanks for donated items, the final days of preparation left me without a moment to spare. Please accept this letter as my personal acknowledgement for your efforts.

I am happy to report that the Gala met each of our goals. First, as a community we came together to enjoy a wonderful evening of fellowship. Those who could not attend were certainly there in spirit. Second, we reconnected with many families who have had no contact with our school in decades. As I traveled to each table of our alumni families, I was struck by their commitment to our school's mission. I heard stories of their children's success, along many delightful anecdotes. Many of our alumni families have now committed to our Annual Fund.

Although our Annual Fund has not officially been launched, recent contributions have been significant and speak to the long-term potential of what will be the cornerstone of our future fundraising efforts. Our annual auction will also continue to play an important role as it did this year.

As we wind down this academic year, we will be looking ahead to our Memories Lane event in the late spring. Among events planned will be a concert, celebratory mass with a rededication of the school and a private ceremony to re-name the computer lab as the "Phyllis Cedrone Technology Center," in honor of the late Mrs. Cedrone, sponsored by the generosity of her family. And, since participation in the Gala was nearly consistent from grade-to-grade, I will also sponsor a school-wide dress-down day and pizza party to acknowledge your efforts.

Our 50th Anniversary celebration continues. Thank you for your continued support. As I said Saturday evening, "the future is bright and promising at Saint Francis of Assisi School." That, in large part, is due to all of you.