

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

"Together We Say YES to God"

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Recently our 7th graders had an opportunity to write what they love about our school and here is what they shared:

"The student body acts as one family. The teachers provide dedicated time to teach the best education they can. They are full of patience, kindness and love."

"There are many things I love about All Saints, most of all the teachers."

"I love this school more than any other school I have attended. The students here are very welcoming and hospitable."

"The teachers are not only nice but they create a learning environment that allows everyone to learn."

"I love All Saints School with all my heart. I've met most of my friends here and I've pretty much grown up at this school."

"All Saints lets you be a leader and gives you many opportunities to succeed in your education."

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OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 31st, All Saints School is holding our annual Open House immediately following the 9am Mass celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Classrooms will be open until 12:00pm as will the office where enrollment applications and information about the school will be available.

HOLIDAY/NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 18th, school will be closed in celebration of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday, January 19th.

SCIENCE FAIR

The annual All Saints School Science Fair will take place Wednesday, January 20th and Thursday, January 21st. Projects may be viewed after school on these days.

M ISSION STATEMENT . . .

All Saints Catholic School, a parish K-8 school with Dominican roots, provides a faith-filled, safe, and nurturing environment in a community that celebrates its traditions and diversity. All Saints School is dedicated to academic excellence, to fostering every child's scholastic success, and to supporting parents in developing respectful, responsible, socially conscious children who grow in their Catholic faith and their ability to say yes to life . . . yes to God.

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Just like the 7th graders, we are all called to share the good news about All Saints Catholic School with our community. Please keep in mind that All Saints Catholic School is a vital source of Church evangelization to our community. By bringing other families to our school we do our part in the faith formation of students and spreading the Gospel message.

Even with a full Kindergarten next year, our school will have room for at least 45 more students. It saddens me to think that these seats may go unfilled when there are children in our community that could benefit from being here. We, by practice and mission statement, must be available for all families in our parish and community who desire a Catholic Education for their children; to those who realize the long-term advantages of faith formation, academic achievement, moral development, structured discipline and a safe, nurturing environment.

We need your help in filling these seats and ask each of you to encourage friends, acquaintances, neighbors, and other family members to apply to All Saints. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE TO HELP DEFRAY TUITION COSTS, SO ECONOMIC STATUS SHOULD NOT DETER ANYONE FROM APPLYING. If they want to attend All Saints, we can make it happen.

Thank for your help in this important matter.

FAMILY MASS and OPEN HOUSE on SUNDAY, JANUARY 31st: Please join us for Mass at 9:00am to celebrate the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. Several students will actively be involved in various ministries during the Mass. Then visit our School Open House with your family and friends. The classes will be open until 12:00pm as will the office where enrollment applications and information about the school will be available. See you then.

BOOK FAIR: We will be holding our annual Book Fair from Sunday, January 31st through our VIP Day on Thursday.

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This is a great opportunity to get books for your children and at the same time support this fundraiser for our library.

VIP DAY is Thursday, February 4th. Grandparents and other VIP's of our students are invited to join us at Mass at 9:00am and then join in the festivities at school.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

January 14th - Kinder Information Night at 6:30 PM in the Kindergarten classroom

January 18th - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday; NO school

January 20th to January 21st - Science Fair

January 22nd - Graduation pictures (8th grade)

January 31st - Catholic Schools Week Mass (9:00 a.m.) followed by Open House

February 4th - Annual VIP Day and Mass

February 10th - minimum day, 12:30 dismissal

February 15th - President's Day, NO school

LUNCH SUPERVISION

Week of 1/15 - 1/21

F 1/15	Tran/Prince
M 1/18	NO SCHOOL
T 1/19	VanProoyan/Peter
W 1/20	Peter
Th 1/21	Patino/Mendoza

Lunch supervision is from 12:00 to 1:40.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SIGN IN THE YARD DUTY BOOK IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE

TRAFFIC DUTY

Week of 1/15 - 1/21

F 1/15	Mendoza
M 1/18	NO SCHOOL
T 1/19	Mendoza
W 1/20	Mendoza
TH 1/21	Mendoza

SHOPWITHSCRIP

Remember, you can place orders anytime with ShopwithScrip.com but orders are only processed on the dates listed so please be sure to check the due dates and pick up dates in the scrip section of the website. Printed orders (with payment if you are not paying online) must be in the office no later than 3pm on the due date listed in order to be available for pick up the following week. Orders received without payment cannot be processed. ALL ORDERS, regardless of payment type, must be printed and sent to the office. This information is needed for accurate distribution of orders. Special order forms are no longer being printed. Scrip will continue to be sold from a limited inventory on-hand after school in the auditorium every day. Registration instructions for ShopwithScrip.com are also on the school website under the link for Scrip.

GET STARTED WITH THESE EASY-STEPS:

1. Register with Shopwithscrip.com
2. Place your order online any time (being mindful of due dates/pick up dates)
3. Print your order and send it to the office no later than 3pm on the due date (with payment if not paying online)
4. Pick up your order on the availability date

SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This year All Saints Catholic School's Scholastic Book Fair runs from 1/31 through 2/4. Volunteers are needed to help during Open House on January 31st from 10:00 - 12, during recess (10:00am - 10:40am), lunches (11:30am - 1:45pm), and after school until 5pm on February 1st - 4th, and takedown once the fair closes Thursday after school. If you would like to help, contact the school office. Remember, you must have a Safe Environment Certificate on file with the school in order to volunteer.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT PICTURES

Pictures from the Christmas Concert are available on CD for the bargain price of \$10. Order forms are available in the Dec. 10th Newsletter insert online. There is a photo album with samples of this year's pictures in the school office if you would like to browse them before purchasing.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Please note effective January 1, 2010, the fee to take the Safe Environment course increased from \$5.00 to \$8.00. If you haven't taken this course, try to do so as soon as possible. Without an up-to-date Safe Environment course certificate on file in the school office, you cannot participate in volunteer activities at the school.

ANNUAL VIP DAY

Each student may invite a special adult (relative, neighbor, or family friend) to spend the morning with him/her at All Saints, **Thursday, February 4th**. The day will begin with our Catholic Schools Week Mass, which starts promptly at 9:00 a.m. Please ask each VIP to arrive by 8:45am. VIPs may stop by classrooms to pick up the student/students they are visiting and then proceed with them to the church.

All students will go to recess after mass. A reception for the VIPs will take place in Kids Klub during this period. After recess students and VIPs may again meet to tour the school and visit the Scholastic Book Fair. VIP Day will conclude at 11:30am. **Please mention to VIPs that on-campus parking is limited.**

YEARBOOKS

Order forms for 09/10 school yearbooks will be sent home soon. Please check next weeks newsletter for more information.

CHANGE IN TOMORROW'S MASS

The Mass originally scheduled for tomorrow, Friday, January 15th, will now be a Prayer Service instead. The Prayer Service will begin at 9am and will last about 15-20 minutes. The Peacemakers ceremony will begin immediately following.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Friday, January 29th is special dress for all students celebrating their birthday in January. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

Please note: This free dress is for January birthdays only; not December/January birthdays as it states on the January calendar online. December birthday free dress was on December 17th.

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER DINNER AND DANCE AUCTION

Believe it or not preparations are underway for our Auction on March 20th and this year's theme is Saturday Night Fever. So get ready to get your disco shoes on! **BUT, WE ARE STILL IN DESPERATE NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PLAN THIS EVENT.** Our next meeting is Friday, January 15th at 7:30 p.m. at Sandy Cariel's home. We will be discussing and planning some very important topics for this year's Auction. This is a great way to meet other parents, make great friends, and above all have fun while **EARNING HOURS.**

Please contact Sandy Cariel at 510-881-8424, email sandcariel@hotmail.com or Co-Chair Samantha Pineda 510-681-8332, email samp@vzw.blackberry.net for directions.

YOU COULD BE DANCING YEAH!



PARENT HOURS

Parent participation hours were due January 4th. Please make sure you have filled out the hours you worked for each month from June through December 2009 and total them. Unless you have completed your service hours, your form will be returned to you once the hours have been logged so that you may continue recording your service hours. Forms will be collected again in May for a final tally. If you need a form, they can be found on the school's website under the Quicklinks drop down menu at the center of the page.

UNIFORM POLICY

Please be aware that dress code has become an issue. Effective immediately the faculty and staff will be diligent about checking students uniforms. Uniform infractions will be issued in the event that a student is out of uniform. A copy of the Uniform and Dress Code policy is posted on the school website under Post Enrollment forms as well as an insert in this newsletter. Please take a moment to review the policy and ensure your child comes to school in uniform.

CYO CRAB FEED

Please mark your calendar to attend the All Saints CYO Crab Feed on Saturday, February 13th from 6pm - 12pm. There will be dancing and all-you-can-eat pasta, salad and crab!! Please come and support the All Saints CYO sport program! Tickets are \$40.00 per person. This is an adults only event. For more information contact Carole Adami at 510-581-6247.

NEWS FROM THE 3H PROGRAM

Recently, while serving breakfast at the parish community outreach program, Tuesday Breakfast, our students noticed a pattern; a shortage of lunches for the hungry. These same students came up with their own solution to the problem and made a recommendation to the principal asking that we modify our lunch program asking all students to bring a lunch every Tuesday instead of only three classes a week. Moving forward this will be our new mission. We appreciate your support of this outreach program and hope you know the recipients of the lunches are very grateful. Please know that in the event there are any extra lunches left over from Tuesday, they will be kept for distribution the following day.

Lunches should include a sandwich (no mayonnaise, please), a piece of fruit, a dessert, a drink, and a snack item (i.e. chips, carrot sticks). Lunches should be, if possible, placed in a plastic grocery bag.

If you would like more information about the program and how it involves our students please feel free to call the school office at 582-1910.