

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

"Together We Say YES to God"

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

PRAYING FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAITI

The world has taken a collective gasp as we witness the horrific images from Haiti following last week's catastrophic earthquake. The earthquake destroyed homes, churches, schools, and other buildings and has left millions without the basic necessities of life. Please join our faculty, staff, and students in holding the Haitian people in prayer as they struggle to recover from this devastation.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our best advertisements come from each of you telling other parents what a great school All Saints is. Several families new to All Saints this year came here because of what they heard from veteran All Saints families. We are all called to share the "Good News" about All Saints School with relatives, friends, neighbors, or the parents of preschoolers. Inviting someone to come see our school during our January 31st Open House may help increase our enrollment and in turn, keep tuition increases down. Let us continue to work together to keep All Saints School a vital and growing community!

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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.

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.

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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OPEN HOUSE INCENTIVES

Being sent home soon are two postcards with information about our website and our Open House. Please give these postcards to potential All Saints School families. Be sure that prospective families who attend the Open House turn in their postcards at the office. Every 30 minutes during the Open House, a postcard will be raffled for a free application/testing fee coupon. In addition, if a family you recommend to the school applies and enrolls in All Saints, you will automatically receive 5 Parent Participation Hours (a value of \$375) that can be redeemed this year or rolled over to the following school year.

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.

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INFORMATION SESSION FOR OUR SPANISH COMMUNITY

- On Saturday, January 30th, school families will be hosting an information night about our school in Spanish. The meeting will take place immediately after the 7 PM Spanish Mass in the Senior Center.

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. Students who come to Mass and visit Open House **in uniform** will have free dress on Monday, February 1st. See you then.

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

UNIFORMS

One important way our students show pride in our school is by wearing our school uniform. Wearing school uniforms send the message that we are a family, a community united in what we believe, who we are and what we represent. It's apparent that as a school staff we have not been consistent in holding students responsible for following the uniform policy. As a result, we have made a commitment to check uniforms each morning. We appreciate your support and cooperation as we hold the students accountable for complying with the policy. Students who are non-compliant with the policy will receive a dress code infraction and lose the privilege of the upcoming free dress day.

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. Please take a moment to review the policy and ensure your child comes to school in uniform.

HOLIDAYS

Monday, February 15th, school will be closed in observance of Presidents Day. Classes will resume Tuesday, February 16th.

RECYCLE DAY

Recycle day is **Friday, January 29th**. We are accepting plastic bottles as well as aluminum cans this time as a test. Please note that plastic bottles **MUST BE SEPARATED FROM** aluminum cans. Drop off is under the 1st and 3rd grade windows. Please park your car and walk your cans and bottles to the drop off area. All students in a family will receive a free dress pass with a minimum donation of 5 -10 cans/bottles per family. Free dress for all who participate will be on Tuesday, February 2nd.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

Wednesday, January 27th, 7pm there is a parent meeting for all who have children wishing to receive the sacrament of First Communion. Your presence at this meeting is mandatory in order for your child to receive their First Communion. There are no make-up sessions scheduled. The meeting will be held in the Auditorium.

BOOK FAIR NEWS

Purchase a free dress pass for \$1.00 and benefit needy children. Your donation will be pooled with all other donations from our school and used to purchase books on behalf of All Saints for children who otherwise would not have the opportunity to have them. Turn your money in to your teacher and watch the newsletter for an announcement for the free dress date.

WARRIORS GAME/FUNDRAISER

Enjoy the upcoming Warriors game against Oklahoma City Thunder on Saturday, Feb. 6th and help support our inner city Catholic schools (St. Anthony, St. Bernard, St. Cornelius, St. Elizabeth, St. Jarlath, St. Martin de Porres, Our Lady of the Rosary) in the Diocese of Oakland. For every ticket bought, \$5.00 will be donated to our Urban Catholic Schools Collaborative; your donations will help provide much needed supplies, books, materials, and numerous other items to help students enjoy an enriched Catholic education. The two top sellers will receive an autograph photo of a player.

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.**

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

January 22nd - Graduation pictures (8th grade)

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

January 31st thru February 4th - Scholastic Book Fair

February 4th - Annual VIP Day and Mass

February 10th - minimum day, 12:30 dismissal

February 15th - President's Day, NO school

YEARBOOKS

Posted on the school website is an order form for school yearbooks. If you would like to order a yearbook, please submit your form with payment of \$20.00 to the school office. Payment must be by check or money order made payable to All Saints School and turned in by March 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. 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.

YOU COULD BE DANCING YEAH!



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.

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.

LUNCH SUPERVISION

Week of 1/22 - 1/28

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| F 1/22 | Ledezma |
| M 1/25 | Tran/Peter |
| T 1/26 | VanProoyan/Peter |
| W 1/27 | Peter |
| Th 1/28 | VanProoyan/Peter |

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 1/22 - 1/28

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| F 1/22 | Mendoza |
| M 1/25 | Mendoza |
| T 1/26 | Mendoza |
| W 1/27 | Mendoza |
| TH 1/28 | Mendoza |