

# ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

*"Together We Say YES to God"*

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

**"Catholic schools prepare every student to meet the challenges of their future by developing their mind, yes, but also their body and their soul and spirit."**

- David Vitter

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

This Sunday marks the beginning of Catholic Schools, the national celebration of Catholic education and its role in preparing our young people for a life of love and service to their families, their communities, and the Lord. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life", underscores the long standing tradition of Catholic education to instill in students the faith, knowledge, morals, and discipline that will enable them to fulfill their future roles as committed citizens, productive employees and effective leaders. Now more than ever, a Catholic education is truly an investment in the future that is worth the consideration of every family.

Here are some of the activities our students will participate in this Catholic Schools Week:

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1: Faith Family Outreach

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will share their experiences with the 3H lunch program. Students will decorate bags and prepare lunches at home for people in need within our local community. The lunches will be collected and distributed the following day. Thank you for your generosity as we encourage our students to live out their faith.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2: Parade of Classrooms

Students will take a gallery walk through the classrooms to celebrate the knowledge they have gained and learning that continues to take place in each class.

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## FAMILY MASS/OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for Mass at 9:00am on Sunday 1/31 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 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.

## OPEN HOUSE INCENTIVES

This week we sent home two postcards with information about 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 completed postcards at the office. Every 30 minutes during 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 next school year.

## 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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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3: Faith Family Activity**

Students will share expressions of gratitude as they reflect on their experiences at All Saints.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4: VIP Day**

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.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5: Pajamas and Movie Day**

**We will end our celebration of Catholic Schools Week with a day of fun in our pajamas! Sign-ups will be posted for various movies that students can choose from as they enjoy relaxing with teachers and friends.**

**FUTURE CITY**

Congratulations to our students who competed in the BART Future City regional competition last Saturday at Santa Clara University. The team of **Matthew Delos Santos, Matthew Leli, and Stephanie Siri**, received the Best Futuristic Transportation System Award for their model, "City of Hope" and the team of **Thomas Canchola, Glenn Davis, and Frankie Tanjuatco** received the Best Use of Innovative Construction Materials Award for their model "True City". We are so proud of our accomplished student engineers and urban planners!

**SCHOOL SAFETY**

**It's been brought to our attention that some drivers are not abiding by our drop-off and dismissal procedures. Our traffic procedures have been established for the safety of your children. Please come to school earlier, drive with more patience, and respect the directives of our traffic volunteers to ensure that school safety is our priority. Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.**

Have a Blessed Week!

## **INFORMATION SESSION FOR OUR SPANISH COMMUNITY**

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

## **RECYCLE DAY**

Recycle day is tomorrow, **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.

## **VALENTINE GRAMS**

Valentine Grams will be sold by the Leadership Ministries for \$1 each. They will be sold at recess and lunch on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **HOLIDAYS**

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

## **MUSE NEWS**

The M.U.S.E. Band Program will be having it's annual winter band concert on Sunday, February 7. Students from all 18 east bay/Hayward/San Francisco schools will be performing as one ensemble (over 150 students in each ensemble). The beginning band concert will be at 1:00 and the intermediate and advanced bands will be at 2:30. The concert will be held at Bishop O'Dowd High in their beautiful Theater. The Bishop O'Dowd Symphonic Band will also perform for the students and parents.

## 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.**

## FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING - NEW DATE

The parent meeting originally scheduled for yesterday, Wednesday, January 27th, has been **rescheduled for Thursday, February 18th at 7pm**. 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.

## 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 (one form per child) 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.

## 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.

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

**January 31st thru February 4th** - Catholic Schools Week/Scholastic Book Fair

**February 4th** - Annual VIP Day and Mass

**February 10th** - minimum day, 12:00 dismissal

**February 15th** - President's Day, NO school

**February 17th** - Ash Wednesday Mass

**February 19th** - February birthdays free dress

**February 20th -21st** - 2010-2011 Kinder testing

**February 22nd** - MUSE Piano Recital, 4pm, auditorium

**February 26th** - Elementary Staff Day - NO SCHOOL

## SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER AUCTION

The annual spring auction is being held on March 20<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "Saturday Night Fever". The success of the auction is, for the most part, reliant on donations we receive. As you know, a donation to the annual auction is required as part of your parent agreement. Please note: any family that does not donate an item will be assessed a \$75.00 fee.

For your convenience auction donations will be accepted at the following times in the school picnic area:

January 29<sup>th</sup>: 7:30 am-8:00 am and 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm.

January 30<sup>th</sup>: after the 5:00 pm Mass

January 31<sup>st</sup>: 10:00 am - 12:00 p.m.

\*Donations may be dropped off at any time during school hours in the school office. A free dress pass will be given only to students who turn in their donation item by this Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

February 16<sup>th</sup>: Donation Deadline

YOU COULD BE DANCING YEAH!



## 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 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 - 12, during recess (10:00am - 10:40am), lunches (11:30am - 1:45pm), and after school until 5pm on February 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## CYO CRAB FEED

Please mark your calendar to attend the All Saints CYO Crab Feed on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 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

Tomorrow, Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>.**

## LUNCH SUPERVISION

**Week of 1/29 - 2/5**

F 1/29	Tonel/Peter
M 2/1	Tonel/Aquino
T 2/2	Tran/VanProoyan
W 2/3	Tonel/Aquino
Th 2/4	VanProoyan/Tran

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 1/29 - 2/5**

F 1/29	Abiakam/Mendoza
M 2/1	Mendoza
T 2/2	Mendoza
W 2/3	Mendoza
TH 2/4	Mendoza