

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

"Together We Say YES to God"

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

As we begin this year, let us look at our world through new eyes to see the goodness of others, to be hopeful in difficult situations, and to hold on to grace-filled moments where we feel the ever-present love of our gracious God.

As a faith-filled community, we lift up in prayer the Brown and Vatuvei families. Over Christmas vacation, Alisa Brown's 26-year-old son, Theron, died unexpectedly of diabetes. Noah and Fiona Vatuvei lost their 20-year-old son, William (Class of '04), this past weekend to a fatal shooting that was unprovoked. The vigil service for William will take place at All Saints on Monday, January 11th at 7 PM, and the funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, January 12th at 10:30 AM in the Church. Please hold these families in prayer during this time of deep sorrow.

We all have an opportunity to share the good news about All Saints! On Thursday, January 14th our school will be hosting a Kinder Information Night from 6:30-7:30 PM. If you know any prospective kinder families who are interested in applying to our school, please encourage them to attend the meeting so they can learn more about our wonderful programs. Just have them RSVP with the office by Wednesday, January 12th.

FATHER LUKE

We would like to invite all of our families to attend a farewell Mass for Father Luke this Sunday, January 10th, at 12:30pm. We are very grateful to Father Luke for his loving service to the parish and school community. He has been instrumental in our parish and has a deep love for the children. The presence of our school families at this Mass is a small way to share our gratitude with him. During the Mass students will be invited to form a circle around Father Luke and sing the final blessing to him. Students should be in uniform for this Mass.

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.

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.

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.

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.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

January 9th - High School Placement Test
January 14th - Kinder Information Night at 6:30 PM
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

LUNCH SUPERVISION

Week of 1/8 - 1/14

M 1/8	Need Volunteer
T 1/11	Need Volunteer
W 1/12	Need Volunteer
Th 1/13	Need Volunteer

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 1/8 - 1/14

M 1/8	Mendoza
T 1/11	Mendoza
W 1/12	Mendoza
TH 1/13	Mendoza

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS SPECIAL DRESS

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.

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.

CYO GIRLS BASKETBALL

Girls CYO Basketball signups will be held on Wednesday, January 6th and Thursday, January 7th from 6:00pm - 9:00pm in the gym. Cost is \$85. Uniform deposit of \$50 for grades 2-7 and \$100 for grade 8 is required. A birth certificate is required of ALL players. Any questions, please call Carole Adami at 581-6247.

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.

MINIMUM DAY

Our next minimum day is next Wednesday, January 13th. School is dismissed at 12 noon. Kids Klub is available.

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 the auditorium 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.**

