

# ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

*"Together We Say YES to God"*

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

"Going to a Catholic school has made a huge difference in my life.

I have the strength and confidence to go and do the things God wants me to do.

I have the tools and education to be the best I can be.

I give thanks to God for being able to come here."

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student

Thank you to all of you who attended our Catholic Schools Week Children's Mass and Open House last Sunday. What a joyous celebration it was to see our students actively participating in the liturgy and singing songs from around the world! The angelic voices of our Children's Choir filled the church and lifted our spirits. Special thanks to our students who were greeters, servers, readers, gift bearers, ushers, and members of the procession and choir.

Last Saturday, we hosted our first-ever Information Night in Spanish. The Senior Center was filled with several parish families that are interested in attending our school. Special thanks to our school families who planned, organized, and facilitated the night. We appreciate your dedication in reaching out to our Spanish community. Muchas gracias!

Open House was very successful with many new faces in attendance. Thank you to those of you who invited new families to visit to share the "good news" about All Saints. We also appreciate our School Board for spending time with interested families and in a special way we'd like to thank our student leaders, Kim Rivera, Sam Adami, Janelly Pulido, and Troy Coaston who led tours through our school.

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## 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.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN

Each year we are under diocesan mandate to include in our K-8 curriculum the educational component of the Safe Environment for Children Project. The purpose of this educational component is to help children recognize the behaviors of others that may jeopardize their safety and to help them learn what to do if they feel their safety is jeopardized. All Saints Catholic School complies with this curriculum mandate during the month of February.

## 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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Sincere thanks to the PTG Social Committee Chair, Yvette Ramirez, and her group of helpers who provided the treats during the Open House and our VIP Day.

SPREAD THE WORD: KINDERGARTEN registration is now open. All applicants for the Kindergarten Class of 2010-2011 must be into the school office by February 12<sup>th</sup>. Testing for the applicants will be Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Don't delay, the class fills quickly.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR: We're happy to share that through the generosity of Catholic Charities, we will have a school counselor two days a week for the rest of the school year. Sr. Mary Yun, O.P. has a Masters degree in Social Work and has served as a counselor at St. Lawrence O'Toole and St. Bernard School. Sr. Mary Yun will be available Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 AM - 3:30 PM. If you would like your child to receive counseling services, please meet your child's classroom teacher to complete the referral and consent forms.

MATH TUTORING

Mr. Mirch, our long-term Math substitute teacher, is generously offering Math tutoring every Tuesday for students in grades 5-8 from 3-4 PM. Please read the note given to your child last Monday for more details.

Have a Blessed Week!

## 7th GRADE PRACTICE TEST

Seventh Graders are encouraged to take the 7th Grade Practice Workshop at Moreau. Offered each April, this workshop allows seventh graders to experience what the High School Placement Test will be like. This year, the workshop is being held on April 24th. Visit [www.moreaucatholic.org](http://www.moreaucatholic.org) or call Moreau at 881-4300 for more information.

## MUSE NEWS

The M.U.S.E. Band Program will be having it's annual winter band concert this 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.

## BOYS CAN SING DAY

Friday, February 19th, will be our eighth annual Boys Can Sing, Too! Day at All Saints. Boys from throughout the diocese will be participating in what has become a major diocesan schools event. We invite you to join us for the concert at 2:15 p.m. in the church.

## HOLIDAYS

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

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

**February 17th** - Ash Wednesday Mass

**February 19h** - 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

## INTENT TO RETURN FORM

The annual Intent to Return form is included in this week's newsletter online. A hard copy was sent home this week. Please send your completed form to the school office as soon as possible but no later than Friday, March 5th.

## MINIMUM DAY

Wednesday, February 10th, is our next minimum day. School is dismissed at 12 noon. Kids Klub will be available.

## SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER AUCTION

Last weekend the Auction Committee kicked off the 2010 Saturday Night Fever Auction. All families who brought in their Auction donation last weekend will receive a free dress.

### Mark Your Calendar for Important Auction Dates:

- ♣ February 5, 2010 - Next Auction Meeting Adult Ed Room 7:30PM.
- ♣ February 6, 2010 - Students & Parents to meet to personally solicit businesses for Auction Donations (time and location to be determined at the meeting on Friday 2/5/10).
- ♣ February 16, 2010 - Donation Deadline

\*\*\*\* Donations may be dropped off during office hours in the school office. As you know, families are required to donate an item for this important endeavor.

- ♣ March 1, 2010 - Auction Tickets go on sale
- ♣ March 20, 2010 - Saturday Night Fever Auction

**YOU COULD BE DANCING YEAH!**



## AUCTION SIGNUPS

The Auction signup binder is in the office. Please take a moment to stop by and sign up for any areas of the auction where you can assist.

Auction Co-Chairs  
Sandy Cariel – 510-881-8424  
Samantha Pineda – 510-681-8332  
[allsaintsauction@hotmail.com](mailto:allsaintsauction@hotmail.com)

If you have any questions regarding the 2010 Auction, please contact us at the email address/numbers above

## 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.

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

February 17th is Ash Wednesday. Masses will be as follows: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m. The 8:00 p.m. mass will be in Spanish.

Just a reminder to come early. Ash Wednesday masses are amongst the most attended liturgies of the year. The parking lot fills early and street parking, as you know, is severely limited.

## FORMAL DRESS

Wednesday, February 17th, is a formal dress day. All students will be attending Ash Wednesday liturgy. Mass that day will be at 9:00 a.m.

## LENTEN SOUP KITCHEN

Soup Kitchen will begin Wednesday, February 24th and continue each Wednesday during Lent. Soup Kitchen takes place in the auditorium after 6:00pm Mass in the Chapel. Please come and be part of this All Saints tradition. Soup Kitchen donations are not required but are gratefully accepted.

## 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.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

F.A.C.E., Financial Aid for Catholic Education, annually awards grants to children who might otherwise not be able to attend Catholic schools. The annual F.A.C.E. application forms are now available in the school office. If you are in need of tuition assistance, you should complete this form and return it to the school office by Friday, March 5th. The form requires family financial information as well as a copy of your 2008 or 2009 IRS 1040 form and your W2 and/or 1099 form(s). Please be assured this information is confidential.

**Families requesting school/parish tuition assistance must have a F.A.C.E. application on file in the school office in order to qualify for school/parish assistance.**

*"THE BASIC FUND is a privately funded program dedicated to broadening the educational opportunities for children by helping low-income families afford the cost of tuition at private schools."*

To qualify for Basic Fund tuition assistance, a family must meet ALL of the following requirements:

1. The family must plan to have their child attend a registered private school in Alameda, Marin, San Francisco, or San Mateo Counties. (All Saints Catholic School is such a school.)
2. The child must meet all academic and other admission requirements of the school.
3. The child must be entering kindergarten to 8th grade.
4. The family must meet the income eligibility guidelines set by the Basic Fund.

The Basic Fund awards scholarships annually per child for a minimum of four years.

If you have an incoming kindergartner and are in need of tuition assistance, please ask Mrs. Porter for an application. If you know anyone who would like their child to receive a Catholic school education but is not pursuing this dream because of finances, please pass this information along to them. More information is available at [www.basicfund.org](http://www.basicfund.org). Basic Fund information and applications may also be picked up in the All Saints Catholic School office and are mailed directly to the Basic Fund. Applications are generally due in early April.

## 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.

## LUNCH SUPERVISION

**Week of 2/5 - 2/11**

F 2/5	Tonel/Aquino
M 2/8	Aquino/VanProoyan
T 2/9	VanProoyan/Aquino
W 2/10	Tonel/Aquino
Th 2/11	VanProoyan/Aquino

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 2/5 - 2/11**

F 2/5	Mendoza
M 2/8	Abiakam/Mendoza
T 2/9	Mendoza
W 2/10	Mendoza
TH 2/11	Mendoza

## NEW STUDENT TESTING

**If you have an incoming kindergartner, please make sure you return your application to the office immediately** so that we can schedule your child for February 20th testing. If you have friends or acquaintances who might be interested in enrolling their child/ren in All Saints School, please ask them to stop by the office to pick up an application. The first round of new student testing for those entering first to eighth grades will take place in the next couple of weeks. Kindergarten testing will take place on Saturday, February 20th and Sunday, February 21st.

## VALENTINE GRAMS

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