

# ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

*"Together We Say YES to God"*

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**H**old me in your arms, Lord.  
Bless me with your Love.  
Whisper in your quietness, Lord.  
Bless me with your Word.  
Lead me through the darkness, Lord.  
Bless me with your Light.  
Touch me where I hurt, Lord.  
Bless me with your Healing.  
And through your blessings, Lord,  
may I grow and learn  
to know your presence  
always walking with me. Amen.

Richard Becher  
in *600 Blessings and Prayers from Around the World*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

**BOOK FAIR:** Through your support our Book Fair was a success. Thank you so much to Carole Adami and Mary Kate Lathrop for the time and energy they dedicated to planning, organizing and operating the Fair. Thank you also to the additional parent volunteers who worked the event. We are blessed by the generosity of such committed school families!

**SCHOOL COUNSELOR:** Last Monday Sr. Mary Yun spent her time visiting with our students to talk about feelings and share her role as a school counselor. She will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 AM - 3:30 PM. If you would like your child to receive counseling services, please see your child's classroom teacher to complete the referral and consent forms.

## 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.

## 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.

## MISSION 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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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.

INTENT TO RETURN: Thank you to the families that have already turned in their Intent to Return Forms. We appreciate your cooperation in completing these forms that enable us to begin the process of working on our preliminary budget for the upcoming school year.

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.

## **HOLIDAYS**

**Friday, February 26h, school will be closed** for Elementary Staff Day. Classes will resume Monday, March 1st.

## **CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

**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.

## **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.

## **SURPRISE FREE DRESS**

Tomorrow, Friday, February 12th is a surprise free dress day to commend all students who have been following the uniform policy.

# SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER AUCTION

## Mark Your Calendar for Important Auction Dates:

- ♣ 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

## LENTEN FAMILY RECONCILIATION

All families are invited to participate in our Lenten Family Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, March 16th at 7pm. Many priests will be available to hear confessions in different languages.

## 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.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY SPECIAL DRESS DATE CHANGE

Special dress for all who celebrate their birthday in February has been **MOVED FROM** Friday, February 19th **TO THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>** due to our Boys Can Sing event. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## 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.

## 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.

## LUNCH SUPERVISION

Week of 2/12 - 2/18

F 2/12	Tonel
M 2/15	NO SCHOOL
T 2/16	VanProoyan/Fabbri
W 2/17	Aquino/VanProoyan
Th 2/18	VanProoyan/Fabbri

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 2/12 - 2/18

F 2/12	Mendoza
M 2/15	NO SCHOOL
T 2/16	Mendoza
W 2/17	Mendoza
TH 2/18	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 or 21st 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.

## PARENT PARTICIPATION HOURS OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for ways to fulfill your parent participation hours on the weekend? If so there is an opportunity to help our school properly map out, identify and label our electrical outlets with the corresponding circuit breakers. Please contact Angelino Santos at (510) 909-4550 if you are interested.