

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

"Together We Say YES to God"

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A LENTEN PRAYER

Crucified Jesus, help us to take up our cross day by day. Through these crosses we can grow closer to you. Help us to lean on you and to learn from you. May we not give in to self-pity or self-doubt. Rather, let us trust in your presence which strengthens us. Encourage us to keep our vision focused on life and growth. Amen.

Joyce Rupp, *Out of the Ordinary*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

SEASON OF LENT: Lent is a time to reflect on our lives and grow deeper in our relationship with God. We are invited to examine our shortcomings and allow God's presence to lead us to conversion of heart. We began our Lenten journey yesterday as a school community when we received ashes on our foreheads and were encouraged to "pray, do good, and love the Lord." These ashes were an outward symbol of our desire for renewal and transformation as we strive to follow in the footsteps of Jesus during these 40 days of Lent. During this holy season our students will have opportunities to grow in faith and become closer to God.

LILLIAN BLACK ART FESTIVAL: As you walk through the hallways of our school you can see the creativity of our students displayed in their beautiful artwork. Our teachers are committed to providing students with meaningful opportunities to develop their fine arts skills. Selected pieces of work will be on display at the annual Diocesan Lillian Black Art Festival this Sunday, February 21st at Bishop O'Dowd from 1-5 PM. In addition, our Honors Bell Choir will be performing at 2 PM in the gym. We are so proud of our student artists and performers!

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING TONIGHT

There is a parent meeting is tonight, **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.

INTENT TO RETURN FORM

Thank you those of you who have returned your form! If you haven't done so yet, please send your completed form to the school office as soon as possible but no later than Friday, March 5th. This form is a critical tool used to plan the preliminary budget for the next school year.

HOLIDAYS

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

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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ENROLLMENT: We are still accepting applications for the 2010 - 2011 school year. As parents you play an integral role in our marketing and recruitment efforts of new families to our school community. If you know of families in your neighborhood, at work, or in the parish who have school age children, please encourage them to say "Yes" to All Saints where we are dedicated to the success of every child. We welcome students and families of all faiths. If finances are a concern, please encourage interested families to meet with me. Thanks for your help.

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 or call Moreau at 881-4300 for more information.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

February 24th - Lenten Soup Kitchen 7pm

February 26th - Elementary Staff Day - NO SCHOOL

February 28th - Wed; 2:30 dismissal

March 9th - Spring Pictures

March 10th - Wed; 2:30 dismissal (not a minimum day as originally scheduled)

March 15th - Spring Holiday, NO SCHOOL

March 16th - Lenten Family Reconciliation

March 19th - 9am Feast of St. Joseph Mass, February Peacemakers and Volunteer Appreciation, Liturgy/Formal Dress

March 20th - Saturday Night Fever Auction

March 24th - Minimum Day, 12 noon dismissal

March 26th - March Birthday Free Dress

March 26th - Emergency Evacuation Drill

April 1st - April 9th - Easter Vacation

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, share the good news about our great school and please ask them to stop by the office to pick up an application or download one from the website. 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.

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER AUCTION

Last weekend the Auction Committee and students walked downtown Hayward to Personally solicit businesses for Auction Donations.

Mark Your Calendar for Important Auction Dates:

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

AUCTION SIGNUPS

Need Volunteer Hours?

Sign up to work the Auction Event and earn double hours.

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.

YOU COULD BE DANCING YEAH!



Auction Co-Chairs
Sandy Cariel – 510-881-8424
Samantha Pineda – 510-681-8332
allsaintsauction@hotmail.com

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. 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 2/19 - 2/25

F 2/19	Tonel
M 2/22	VanProoyan
T 2/23	VanProoyan/Fabbri
W 2/24	VanProoyan
Th 2/25	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 2/19 - 2/25

F 2/19	Mendoza/Abiakam
M 2/22	Mendoza
T 2/23	Mendoza
W 2/24	Mendoza
TH 2/25	Mendoza

SPRING PICTURES

Spring pictures will be taken on Tuesday, March 9th. Photos will begin no later than 9:00 a.m. and continue for most of the school day. Uniforms are not required for this day; however, free dress policy applies.

EASTER BREAK

School will be closed for Easter break from Holy Thursday, April 1st, through April 9th. **School will resume on Monday, April 12th.**