

# ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

*"Together We Say YES to God"*

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

There will be no message from the principal this week as Mrs. Pierre-Antoine is out ill for the week.

Have a blessed week!

## INTENT TO RETURN FORM

A big thank you those of you who have returned your form! If you haven't done so yet, please send your completed Intent form to the school office as soon as possible but no later than Friday, March 5th. The form can be obtained from the Quicklinks menu on the school website. This form is a critical tool used to plan the preliminary budget for the next school year.

## HOLIDAYS

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

## 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.

## 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.

The following is an article from The Catholic Voice this month regarding our very own Mr. Meyer. We should all be proud and grateful to have a teacher such as Mr. Meyer on our staff. He is truly a gift to us.

*"Gratitude for Boys Choir*

*We wish to express deep gratitude to Steve Meyer, artistic director of the Golden Gate Boys Choir and Bellringers for enhancing the Walk for Life Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco last month. This impressive group of young men, under the direction of Mr. Meyer, helped to bring the nearly full cathedral into a solemn appreciation of God's gift of the life that He has given us.*

*These skilled junior and senior high school boys skillfully rang and sang throughout the Mass. When the Master Singer group sang the song about how God sees the little children, I was moved to tears.*

*Our son, Christopher, has been a member of GGBC since the 5th grade and is now a sophomore at St. Joseph Notre Dame High School in Alameda. It is as a result of his participation in the GGBC that we were exposed to the Roman Catholic Church.*

*We were raised Baptist and Lutheran and have been deeply involved in a Pentecostal church for the last 25 years. We are now in the process of being reconciled to what we now realize is the true Church, the Church that Jesus built upon St. Peter.*

*Thank you, Mr. Meyer and all past and present staff and board members, for 21 years of dedication in teaching young men liturgical music as well as patriotic and fun songs. Your work has played a huge part in bringing our family across the Tiber and home to Rome.*

*Drs. PJ and Michael Dobbins  
Alameda"*

## 7th GRADE PRACTICE TEST/WORKSHOP

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.

Holy Names is hosting an actual practice test for the HSPT. It will be held on the same day as Moreau's workshop, April 24th, at 8am. Although Holy Names is an all girls school, the practice test is open to boys and girls. Contact Holy Names High School at 450-1110, ext 119 with questions.

While both offer the experience of what the HSPT will be like, it is important to understand that one is a workshop and the other is an actual test.

## 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 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.

# 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](mailto: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 (under Quicklinks) 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.

## LENTEN SOUP KITCHEN

Soup Kitchen will 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.

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

## 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 2/26 - 3/4**

F 2/26	NO SCHOOL
M 3/1	VanProoyan
T 3/2	VanProoyan/Fabbri
W 3/3	VanProoyan
Th 3/4	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 2/26 - 3/4**

F 2/26	NO SCHOOL
M 3/1	Mendoza
T 3/2	Mendoza
W 3/3	Mendoza
TH 3/4	Mendoza

## SPRING PICTURES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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. No money is required in advance for this picture day. When photos are returned to the school they will be sent home for your review. If you do not wish to purchase any of your photos simply return the entire package.

We need two parent volunteers to help Lifetouch photographers and teachers in assembling the children and preparing them for pictures. Please call the school office if you can assist. These hours will count toward your required parent hours.

## EASTER BREAK

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