

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

"Together We Say YES to God"

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Compassionate God,
you bless us with the abundance of your love
and grace us with the gift of your eternal
presence.

In this Lenten time, give us the wisdom to
recognize our poverty
and the compassion to share its treasure
with our brothers and sisters.

We ask this through your son Jesus Christ,
who gave his life for us.

Prayer for Parish Groups
by Donal Harrington & Jule Kavanagh

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

DIOCESAN SCIENCE FAIR: Last Saturday the Department of Catholic Schools sponsored a diocesan-wide science fair for junior high students. We are proud of our students **Jacob Zertuche, Sydney Prudenciado, Jeremiah Barnes, and Zaib Shahzada** who participated with over 150 students competing in six different categories. Their topics include: Can Hair Help in the Cleanup of Oil Spills? Could Everyday Objects Inside Your Home Be Making You Sick? The Effect of Car Design on the Amount of Drag Created. Does a Bug Have a Favorite Color? In the Engineering and Computer Application category, Jeremiah received third place. In the Environmental Science category, Jacob earned Honorable Mention. In the Biological Science category, Zaib and Sydney received Honorable Mention. We commend our students for their ingenuity and creativity. We give special thanks to Mr. Fields for inspiring the students to explore the wonders of Science with joy and enthusiasm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Thank you to Mrs. Brunetti and our 8th graders who led a beautiful prayer service on the Stations of the Cross. Through their words and actions we had the opportunity to reflect on how the suffering and death of Jesus applies to our everyday lives in the ways we can show love and compassion for others during this Lenten season.

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.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MASS

Our annual Volunteer Appreciation Mass will take place on Friday, March 19th. This year we would like to especially honor Jesse Canchola and Dorie Ravara. Please mark your calendar and join us for 9AM mass to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph and all of our volunteers.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

There is no school Monday, March 15th. Classes will resume on Tuesday, March 16th.

MINIMUM DAY

Our next minimum day is Wednesday, **March 24th**. School is dismissed at 12 noon. Kids Klub 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.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY: In my first year at All Saints I have witnessed the incredible dedication and commitment of many volunteers who contribute countless hours for the love of the children and the rest of our school community. This is one of the greatest assets of All Saints School. On Friday, March 19th you are invited to join us for liturgy at 9 AM followed by a reception in gratitude for all you do for our school.

AUCTION: It's time to "Get Down and Boogie!" Not only is this our biggest fundraiser of the year, but it's our biggest social event ever. Our Auction Committee has been working hard to ensure that it will be memorable experiences filled with delicious food, wonderful ambience, and precious class auction items. You won't want to miss this "Slammin" event! So buy your tickets today and let the spirit of Saturday Night Fever come alive!

WITH GRATITUDE: Thank you so much for all your well wishes and prayers during my absence. I am most grateful to Steve Mullin and our dedicated faculty and staff who ensured that the days ran smoothly with the students and the their learning continued to be nurtured with much energy and enthusiasm.

MARCH BIRTHDAY FREE DRESS

Free dress for all who celebrate their birthday in March is Friday, March 26th. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

SAFE ENVIRONMENT - IMPORTANT -

The Safe Environment for Children office at the Diocese has informed us that all school volunteers who have not completed the Safe Environment training will have to do so **by March 22nd in order to be compliant.**

Reminder: the certificate you receive at the end of the training session must be printed and submitted to the school office with \$8.00. No certificates will be accepted without payment. Once you have completed the basic training course, you may take any of the other courses you wish with no additional cost. New volunteers will be prompted to complete the basic training course first.

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 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

We are currently testing for all new incoming students. **If you have an incoming kindergartner, please make sure you return your application to the office immediately** so that we can schedule your child. 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.

SPRING PICTURES

Spring pictures were taken this week. Once portraits are received they will be sent home for your review. Payment/package options will be included with your child's portrait. There is no obligation to purchase but if you do not wish to purchase any of your photos please return the entire package as it must be returned to Lifetouch.

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER AUCTION

*** March 20, 2010 ***

The auction is less than 10 days away! Would you like to have a very nice dinner with your spouse and go dancing as well without spending too much money? If you do, then come to the auction on March 20. This year's theme is Saturday Night Fever and it is shaping up to be a really fun night. Aside from the dinner and dancing, you can also bid on many fabulous items. Last year, some parents got amusement park tickets and birthday party venue gift certificates for a fraction of the price. This year, you can bid on the Wii game system and many other items. And to top it all, this year, we lowered the price to \$25 per person since there is a recession. So come and join us for a fun Saturday night. Reserve your seats now before space runs out. Tickets will NOT be sold at the DOOR. Child Care is available from 5pm to 11pm for children ages 5 to 12. Cost is \$15 for the first child - \$10 for siblings. See this week's newsletter inserts for more auction details and the reservation form. See you there!

The Auction Committee will be meeting this Saturday at 10:00am for a few hours (in the Adult Ed Room) we will be preparing baskets, filling out bid forms etc. Please let Sandy Cariel or Samantha Pineda know if you can attend.

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

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.

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING

There is a mandatory First Communion Parent Meeting being held on Tuesday, March 23rd at 7pm in the Auditorium. This meeting is for **PARENTS ONLY**. There will be no makeup session. First communion dates will be distributed at this meeting.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

March 15th - Spring Holiday, NO SCHOOL

March 16th - Lenten Family Reconciliation, 7pm

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

April 1st - April 9th - Easter Vacation

SCRIP REQUIREMENTS Where do you stand?

The end of the year is quickly approaching. Have you met your Scrip requirement yet? Yes or no, Shopwithscrip and eScrip is ready and waiting for you! It couldn't be easier or more convenient to purchase scrip through these resources.

For more information visit shopwithscrip.com and escrip.com. Maribel Irias 510-487-3020 and Mary Bulnes 510-537-5225, are also standing by ready to assist if you have questions. Use Scrip - remember, with Scrip, everyone wins!!

TUITION ASSISTANCE DEADLINE

If you are planning to complete a FACE application it will need to be submitted to the school office no later than Tuesday, March 16th.

EASTER BREAK

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

ALL SAINTS SCHOOL FEDERAL TAX ID

For your tax purposes, the school's federal tax id is 94-2506709.

LUNCH SUPERVISION

Week of 3/12 - 3/18

F 3/12	Loza/Castro
M 3/15	Milay
T 3/16	VanProoyan
W 3/17	Loza/Castro
Th 3/18	VanProoyan

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 3/12 - 3/18

F 3/12	Mendoza
M 3/15	Mendoza/Abiakam
T 3/16	Mendoza
W 3/17	Mendoza
TH 3/18	Mendoza