

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

"Together We Say YES to God"

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Lent is a journey, a pilgrimage! Yet, as we begin it, as we make the first step into the "bright sadness" of Lent, we see far, far away our destination. It is the joy of Easter; it is the entrance into the glory of the kingdom. And it is this vision, the foretaste of Easter, that makes Lent's sadness bright and our Lenten effort a "Spiritual Spring." The night may be dark and long, but all along the way a mysterious and radiant dawn seems to shine on the horizon.

Brother Victor-Antoine d'Avila-Latourrette
Table Blessings

FROM STEVE MULLIN...

Where's Mrs. Pierre-Antoine?

Mrs. Pierre-Antoine has been advised by her doctor to stay at home this past week to deal with a medical condition. We have been in communication through email, phone, and visits to make sure everything at school is running smoothly. We hope to see her back on campus in a week or so. I am grateful to our faculty and staff for keeping us on track and our students learning. For now, If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Christ,

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INTENT TO RETURN FORMS DUE

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. They are due tomorrow, 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.

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.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MASS

Our annual Volunteer Appreciation Mass will take place on Friday, March 19th. Please mark your calendar and join us for 8:30 mass to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph and all of our volunteers.

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.

MINIMUM DAY CHANGE

The minimum originally scheduled for Wednesday, March 10th **was changed to Wednesday, March 24th**. School is dismissed at 12 noon. Kids Klub will be available.

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.

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.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

There is no school Monday, March 15th. Classes will resume on Tuesday, March 17th.

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 4, 2010 - Auction Tickets go on sale today Reservation forms went home today and are also posted on the website
- ♣ 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 (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.

BUILDING SECURITY

All visitors and/or parent volunteers are required to report to the office, sign in, and secure a visitor's badge. Back doors are always locked during school hours, and the only access to the building is through the main entrance on Second Street.

PLEASE DO NOT ASK STUDENTS OR STAFF TO OPEN THE BACK DOORS FOR YOU. Because the safety of our students and staff is our utmost concern, they have been directed not to open these doors to anyone. Remember that it is our goal to promote building security and our efforts are not meant to offend or inconvenience anyone.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

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. 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 3/5 - 3/11

F 3/5	Loza/Castro
M 3/8	Milay
T 3/9	VanProoyan
W 3/10	Loza/Castro
Th 3/11	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 3/5 - 3/11

F 3/5	Mendoza
M 3/8	Mendoza/Abiakam
T 3/9	Mendoza
W 3/10	Mendoza
TH 3/11	Mendoza

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.

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.