

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

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Hold 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*

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

There is no school tomorrow, Friday, March 16th. Classes will resume on Monday, March 19th.

EASTER CANDY SALE

Order forms and payment were due today, **Thursday, March 15th**. Unfortunately no late orders can be accepted so that we can keep the arrival of the candy timely for Easter. Please call Mary Kate Lathrop at (510) 258-9738 with questions. Orders will arrive the week prior to Spring Break.

MINIMUM DAY

Wednesday, March 21st is a minimum day. Students will be dismissed at 12 noon. Kids Klub will be available.

SPRING PICTURE DAY

Spring pictures will be taken next Tuesday, March 20th. Please watch for order forms to go home on Monday, March 19th. One volunteer is needed to assist photographers with the students. Photos will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue for most of the school day. If you can help in this area please contact the school office.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL . . .

More than 200 All Saints cowpokes, wranglers, and buckaroos dressed in their best jeans, Stetsons, and boots left their horses in the corral and headed over to the All Saints gym for our auction hoedown on Saturday night. The decorations were as good as that on any Western movie set, the chuckwagon served up mouthwatering vittles (most notably BBQ ribs and chicken and the famous Splurge chocolate fountain), our own Jeremy Stafford provided music that encouraged some great line dancing, and we all basked in the warm camaraderie provided by the All Saints community. It was a perfect evening and, best of all, **at least \$25,000 was raised on behalf of the school. WOW!!**

Successful events like the All Saints Auction are, as we all know, the result of much hard work and a supportive, committed community. Thanks are due to many people, but I would particularly like to express my appreciation to the following:

Sandy Cariel and Shelby Kennedy, our auction chairs, who spent much of the past six months planning and

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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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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organizing the myriad things necessary to ensure the success of this event. They provided strong leadership and endless energy. Sincerest thanks go to them for their outstanding work!

Sandy and Shelby were assisted by the **Auction Committee**, a talented and very hardworking group of parents that included **Kathleen Coaston, Bob Davis, Jayne Duran, Yvonne Dutton, Mary Kate Lathrop, Ellen McGee, and Yvette Ramirez**. Many thanks to them for tracking donations, soliciting businesses for donations and advertising space in the auction book, organizing the cashiering, and providing a host of other invaluable services. Special thanks to **Ann Saccomanno** for all her help and expertise.

Parents/classroom coordinators **Carole Adami, Yvonne Dutton, Maylene Garcia, Mary Kate Lathrop, Rose Legaspi, Sandi Mello, Francisca Montes, Leticia Padilla, Michelle Pellegrini, and Marina Tilli** organized materials and worked with students and faculty to produce the wonderful class projects that were auctioned off. Many thanks to all of them for their commitment and hard work.

Special thanks to **Aileen Koslosky** for again organizing and framing the class art picture frames. A debt of gratitude is also due to **Mrs. Clark**, grandmother of Kevin and Tiara Clark, who made the fourth grade quilt, to **Carol Kennedy**, grandmother of Zach Peffer, who made the kindergarten quilt, and to school parent **Rose Legaspi**, who made the first grade quilt.

Many thanks to **Carole Adami and Aileen Koslosky** for creating the delectable hors d'oeuvres we all enjoyed in the auditorium while viewing silent auction items.

Students **Courtney Brockman, Sydney Cariel, Toni Coaston, Sydney Duran, Anna Markette, and Gina Markette**—as well as **their moms and dads**—deserve special thanks for taking care of all the details of the auction mailings.

Fourth grader **Marnie Goswell's** incredible artwork was selected to grace the cover of the auction booklet. Many thanks to her and to the numerous **other students** whose artwork decorated the auditorium.

Our extended care staff—**Mia Cummings, Christine dela Cruz, and Angelica Moreno**—are due thanks

for providing childcare during the event.

Many thanks to our custodians **Armando Morales and Rosa Garcia** for getting up extra early Sunday morning to provide the final clean-up of the gym, the auditorium, and Kids Klub.

Each of you deserves accolades for the cash gifts and for the incredible gift baskets and other items you donated to be auctioned. Your generosity is much appreciated and contributed greatly to the success of this major fundraiser.

In the last week or two before the auction, so many of you came together to do the countless things that can only be done right before the event. **Many, many thanks** for your willingness to pitch in and do any and everything that was needed.

Special thanks to **Splurge Special Events and Catering** for providing the delicious BBQ and the wonderful decorations. Their help was greatly appreciated.

Last, **many thanks to the over two hundred of you** who attended the auction. Your enthusiasm and energy helped make the evening a great success! Whether you bid on an item or encouraged others do so, you contributed to the celebration of community on Saturday night. May we continue to build on this joyous spirit!

FANTASTIC CYO BASKETBALL NEWS: Our **4th, 5th, 6th, and 8th grade American teams** made it to the Diocesan Championships. The 4th grade team took second place and **our 8th grade team won the Diocesan Championships**. Eighth grader Joey Fiandor commented, "We tried hard all year, and even when we lost, we kept going. Our coaches were always telling us we could get there. It paid off when we won in double overtime. We would like to thank Head Coach Mike Adami and Assistant Coach Warren Hallman for helping us during the year."

Our **4th, 5th, and 8th grade National teams** made it to the Tournament of Champions in Brentwood. The 4th grade team took fourth place, the 5th grade team took 8th place, and **our 8th grade team won the championship**. According to 8th grader Karl Rogers, "We had a good season all through, even if we lost a couple of times, but it all paid off working hard because we made it to the Tournament of Champions and won by 24 points. I would like to thank head Coach Karl Rogers and Assistant Coach Carlos Pantoja. We had fun during practices and that's what kept us motivated."

LET'S HEAR IT FOR OUR BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAMS!!!

EMERGENCY DRILL

Just a reminder that our annual Emergency Evacuation Drill will be held on **Friday, March 30th, between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.** We are required by the diocese to do one such drill each school year. **ALL families must pick-up or arrange for the pick-up of their children during the course of the drill.** Because we wish to cause families as little inconvenience as possible, Kids Klub will be open from 1:00 until 6:00 that day. Parents must, however, pick their children up at the scheduled time, evacuate the school yard, and take their children to Kids Klub via the front school door.

In an effort to keep things orderly, we are asking you to adhere to the following pick-up schedule based on the first letter of each family's last name:

A to E	1:00 to 1:30
F to L	1:30 to 2:00
M to R	2:00 to 2:30
S to Z	2:30 to 3:00

If you are picking up children other than your own, please pick them up at the time allocated for **your** family.

Please note: The school is only authorized to release your child to you, the parent(s), or to one of the people listed on your emergency form. Legally there can be no exceptions to this policy. If you need to update your information, please stop by the office and do so **now**. Because all emergency information must be updated onto each child's emergency nametag, office staff will be unable to process emergency release changes the week of the drill.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WHICH WILL BE IN PLACE DURING THE EVACUATION:

- Drivers are asked to line up in their cars on High Street at the time scheduled for their family pick-up. Four to six cars at a time will be allowed to drive onto the back of the school campus.
- Gatekeepers will ask each driver to fill out a form listing the names of the students they are picking up. **Each driver must produce his/her driver's license or other photo ID.**
- Gatekeepers will gather listed children from the playground or gym and have them cleared at the Child Release Table.
- Gatekeepers will deliver children to appropriate cars.
- Cars will exit via the High Street gate.

SCRIP RENEWAL

Many families have not yet renewed with e-Scrip. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU MUST RENEW YOUR E-SCRIP ANNUALLY** to receive credit for your purchases. You can renew by visiting www.escrip.com and clicking on 'my eScrip'.

CYO MASS AND PICTURES

CYO Mass and pictures will be held this Sunday, March 18th for Track and girls basketball. Mass is at 9:00 a.m., with pictures and refreshments to follow in the gym.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The All Saints Children's Choir is scheduled to sing at the 9:00 a.m. mass this Sunday, March 18, and on Easter Sunday, April 8th. All members should be in the chapel by 8:30 to practice and warm up.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Just a reminder that all students in grades 5 - 8 must be in formal uniform for Lenten Reconciliation on Thursday, March 29th.

EASTER BREAK

School will be closed for Easter break from Good Friday, April 6th through Sunday, April 15th. School will resume on Monday, April 24th. **Please note that Holy Thursday is a minimum day; school will be dismissed at 12 noon. There will be NO P.M. KIDS KLUB that day.**

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Tuition assistance forms for FACE and/or parish tuition assistance are due to the school office on Thursday, March 22nd. Applications cannot be accepted after that date.

7th GRADE PRACTICE TEST

Saturday, April 21st, is the seventh grade "practice test" for Catholic high school admission. The test will be given at 7:45 a.m. at Moreau Catholic High School.

7th/8th GRADE FEES

All 7th and 8th grade fees should be paid in full by May 1st. The 7th Grade Science Camp fee is \$325.00. The 8th Grade Retreat Fee is \$250.00, and the Graduation Fee is \$70.00.

TRAFFIC DUTY

Week of 3/16 to 3/22

F 03/16 SCHOOL HOLIDAY
M 03/19 Marquez
T 03/20 NEED VOLUNTEERS
W 03/21 Marquez
Th 03/22 NEED VOLUNTEERS

Traffic duty is from 7:35 to 8:05 a.m.

LUNCH SUPERVISION

Week of 3/16 to 3/22

F 03/16 SCHOOL HOLIDAY
M 03/19 NEED VOLUNTEERS
T 03/20 NEED VOLUNTEERS
W 03/21 NEED VOLUNTEERS
Th 03/22 NEED VOLUNTEERS

Lunch supervision is from 12:00 to 1:45.

CALLING ALL ALUMNI

As we prepare for the school's sixtieth anniversary celebration, we are trying to update our alumni database. If you know All Saints School alumni, we'd appreciate it if you would call/ask them to call the school office to provide us with updated personal information, including name, address, phone number, email address, and year of graduation. Many thanks for your help in this endeavor.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

If you would like to order a yearbook, please submit your form with payment of \$22.00 to the school office. Payment must be by check or money order made payable to All Saints School. We ask that you return your order promptly.

SCRIP NEWS

New!! We now have **Safeway scrip** available for purchase daily in the auditorium. Use scrip along with your Safeway club card and All Saints earns a larger profit! Remember, we also carry scrip for Arco, Home Depot, Lowes, Macys, JC Penney, Sears, Toys R Us, Longs Drugs, FoodMaxx, and Starbucks as part of our daily scrip inventory.

SOUP KITCHEN

Soup Kitchen will continue each Friday during Lent. It takes place at 6:30 in the Senior Center and is followed at 7:30 by Stations of the Cross in the church. I encourage you to bring your family and be part in this All Saints tradition. Soup Kitchen donations help to support our sister parish in Tanlajas, Mexico.

PORTUGUESE PARK LUNCHES

As part of our community outreach, All Saints Catholic School takes part in the parish Tuesday Breakfast in Portuguese Park Program. Seventh and eighth grade students work with parish volunteers to serve a meal to the hungry who gather every Tuesday morning in Portuguese Park for a hot breakfast. The school asks three classes a week to provide a healthy lunch to be handed out to those who gather for breakfast. Lunches should include a sandwich (no mayonnaise, please), a piece of fruit, a dessert, a drink, and a snack item (i.e. chips, carrot sticks). Lunches should be, if possible, placed in a plastic grocery bag. Many thanks for your participation in this important outreach.

Tues 03/20 Second, fifth, & eighth grade
Tues 03/27 First, fourth, & seventh grade
Tues 04/03 Kindergarten, third, & sixth grade

APPLICATION PACKETS

Application packets for new students for the 2007-2008 school year are available in the school office. They are also posted on our website. If you have an incoming kindergartner, you may phone the school office and request that an application packet be sent home with your school age child.

INTENT TO RETURN FORMS

The annual Intent to Return form were attached to last week's newsletter. Please send your completed form to the school office by Thursday, March 15th. Thank you.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Students in grade four will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time later this month. If you are a parent of a fourth grader, please check the schedule provided to you by Rebecca Pelle, our parish faith formation coordinator. It indicates whether your child will be receiving the sacrament at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 22nd, or at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 24th.

EMERGENCY EVAC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Safety Committee needs volunteers to act as greeters, gatekeepers, and traffic controllers during the school emergency evacuation drill on March 30th. If you can assist between 12:45 and 3:00, please call the school office. As always, your help would be greatly appreciated!

F.A.C.E. TUITION ASSISTANCE

F.A.C.E., Financial Aid for Catholic Education, annually awards \$1450 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. (Families currently receiving F.A.C.E. tuition assistance should already have received a renewal application.) If you are in need of tuition assistance, you should complete this form and return it to the school office by Thursday, March 22nd. The form requires family financial information as well as a copy of your 2006 IRS 1040 form and your W2 and/or 1099 form(s). Please be assured this information is **confidential** and is seen only by the Private School Aid Service which evaluates applications for F.A.C.E. and by Linda Knox and Steve Mullin. **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.**

Please note: While you may apply for both F.A.C.E. and BASIC, you may accept financial assistance from only one of these scholarship granting organizations.

TONER RECYCLE PROGRAM

The school can now accept used cell phones as part of our recycling program. Used cell phones and toner cartridges may be dropped off in the collection box located in the school office any time during office hours.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare half an hour in the morning to help keep our children safe? Lately we have not had enough volunteers for morning traffic duty. This is a very important volunteer job. If you can assist from 7:40 a.m. until 8:05 a.m., your help would be greatly appreciated. The sign-up binder is on the counter in the school office.

BASIC FUND FINANCIAL 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 qualifying private school. (All Saints School qualifies.)
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. Maximum income for a family of two (one child and one parent) cannot exceed \$36,289. Maximum income for a family of five cannot exceed \$64,099.

The Basic Fund awards scholarships of up to \$1,500 annually per child for a minimum of four years. Once eligibility is established, names are placed in a drawing in early May. If you have an incoming kindergartner and are in need of tuition assistance, please ask Mrs. Nobriga 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 must be postmarked by April 13th.

Please note: If your family is currently receiving tuition assistance from the Basic Fund **AND you have a younger child who will be entering All Saints for the first time**, you must complete a **NEW** application and send it to the Basic Fund no later than April 13th.

SCRIP VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The scrip committee is looking for a volunteer to sell scrip on Fridays after school in the auditorium from 3:00-3:30. This time counts toward parent participation hours. For details or to volunteer, please call Mary Bulnes at 537-5225.