

# ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

*"Together We Say YES to God"*

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**G**uardian of this new year,  
I set aside my fears, worries, concerns.  
I open my life to mystery, to beauty,  
to hospitality, to questions,  
to the endless opportunity  
of discovering you in my relationships,  
and to all the silent wisps of wonder  
that draw me to your heart.  
I welcome your unfailing Presence  
and walk with hope into this new year.

*Joyce Rupp, Out of the Ordinary*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Together we say YES to God. **Together** as a faith community, we began our first day of school in prayer, blessing our parents, staff, and students. We are grateful for all who generously said **YES** by giving of their time, talent, and treasure in helping us prepare for this new school year. Dedicated faculty and staff worked diligently throughout the summer to ready ourselves to welcome the joy and life of our school community-your children. Countless parent volunteers, far too many to mention individually, provided needed support in preparing our Kinder and New Parent Orientations, student health records, school web-site, and Fiesta festivities and raffle sales. This communal outpouring of generosity and stewardship demonstrates our commitment to say YES to God.

For our returning families, we welcome you back for another year of grace and blessing. To our new families, we extend our prayers, support, and hospitality and embrace the ways you will contribute to our growing community.

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - CHANGE IS GOOD!

The weekly newsletter is generally distributed on Thursdays. In an effort to be earth-friendly and more cost efficient, our newsletter will only be available on the school website beginning next week. Please remember to check the website weekly for important news and information. Please use the link on the newsletter page that will allow you to be notified whenever the page is updated.

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL TONIGHT

We will kick off the new school year with our eighth annual ice cream social on Thursday evening, August 27th, at 6:30 p.m. We hope all families will stop by to renew old acquaintances, meet new families, and socialize with friends.

## 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

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....**

Thank you for entrusting your children to our care. Through our sacred partnership, we nurture the minds, hearts, and spirits of our students - the future leaders of our world.

May God's grace and love be with you!

Jocelyn Pierre-Antoine

## **SCRIP SPECIAL ORDER**

The first special scrip order for the 09-10 school year will be due on Thursday, September 3rd, and available for pick up on Thursday, September 10th. Special orders are now being processed online only at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). Registration instructions for new users is on the school website under the link for Scrip. If you choose to pay for your online order by check, your payment is due to the school office by 3pm on Thursday, September 3rd. Orders received without payment cannot be processed.

## **CELLULAR PHONE POLICY**

All Saints Catholic School has a cellular phone policy, which is included in the *Parent/Student Handbook*.

*Cellular phones must be turned OFF and kept out of sight in the student's locker or backpack. Cellular phones may not be used on the school grounds any time between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Students not in compliance with this rule will have their cellular phones confiscated. Parents must come to school to retrieve confiscated phones.*

## **TAE KWON DO**

Tae Kwon Do classes will be returning again this year. Classes will begin tomorrow, Friday, August 28th at 3pm in the auditorium. Registration forms were sent home today and are also available at Kids Klub.

## **EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS**

Standard educational practices dictate that schools regularly evaluate what they are teaching and how they are teaching it. WASC accreditation guidelines and diocesan policy mandate this process, which is time-consuming and must be done on an on-going basis.

In order to accomplish our curriculum goals here at All Saints, we will continue to follow the model we put in place several years ago, that of a once a week early dismissal schedule. On Wednesdays, all students are dismissed at 2:30pm. Approximately once a month there will be a minimum day with noon dismissal. Kids Klub will be available starting at noon on minimum days and from 2:30 on early dismissal Wednesdays.

## **SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

The Safe Environment for Children office at the Diocese has informed us that parents will have to undergo training this year.

All volunteers must complete the online training **by October 1st**. The certificate must be printed and turned in to the school office with \$5.00. 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.

Any adult that will spend an overnight with students on a field trip or camp will have to be fingerprinted. Once we have identified these individuals, the Safe Environment Department will come to our site and perform the fingerprinting. Please do not have your fingerprinting done without authorization or you will be responsible for the fee.

## **STUDENT SAFETY - WALKING/PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

Students walking and/or taking public transportation to or from school must have a note giving them permission to do so on file in the school office. The note must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. To further ensure student safety, students walking home/using public transportation must sign out daily in the school office.

## UNIFORM POLICY

The school handbook is very clear regarding the All Saints Catholic School uniform policy. A few reminders:

- ONLY uniform pants and shorts are to be worn. Dockers and other similar pants are not allowable.
- Sweatshirts must have the All Saints logo.
- Girls are required to wear jumpers or skirts on days in which they participate in liturgy; boys must wear long pants on those days.
- Boys must wear belts at all times.

## FIESTA NEWS

Fiesta is only three weeks away, the weekend of September 11th through 13th. Both an All Saints and a Hayward tradition since 1940, Fiesta is a celebration of community. Thousands of people will gather during the three days to socialize, play games, watch entertainment, sample delectable foods representative of a wide variety of cultures, and, of course, win goldfish and glassware.

For families new to All Saints School, working at Fiesta provides a wonderful opportunity to meet other school families. For veteran All Saints families, Fiesta provides an opportunity to reconnect with school families after the summer break and to meet and welcome new families to the community. For all families, it's a fun way to complete some of your parent participation hours. The sign-up book for working at this major parish event is in the school office. [Just as a reminder, all school families are required to work at least four hours at Fiesta - two hours for single parent families.]

The tradition of Children's Fiesta continues and appropriate food and game booths will be open for the student body on Friday, September 11th, from 11:30 until 2:30. Faculty will supervise students as they enjoy food and activities. Information regarding booth prices and ticket pre-orders is included in this newsletter.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAY FREE DRESS

Free dress for all who celebrate their birthday in August is tomorrow, Friday, August 28th. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

**August 27th:** Ice cream social, 6:30 p.m.

**September 1st:** Helping the Homeless and Hungry Lunches: grades 2, 5, & 8 to provide lunches

**September 1st:** PTG meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the library

**September 4th:** Back-to-School Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.; all students must be in formal uniform

**September 7th:** Labor Day holiday

**September 9th:** School pictures

**September 11th to 13th:** FIESTA

**September 14th:** Fiesta holiday/staff retreat - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

**September 16th:** Back-to-School Night (all grades), 7:00 p.m.

**September 18th:** Elementary Staff Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

## HEALTH RECORDS

This is just a reminder that we are required by law to maintain current health records for all our students. **NEW TO THE SCHOOL STUDENTS must HAVE HIS/HER HEALTH RECORDS UP-TO-DATE AND ON FILE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE.** The law does not allow any exceptions to this policy.

## MORNING DROP-OFF

Please remember that there is NO supervision on the school yard prior to 7:40 a.m. **All students dropped off prior to 7:40 must go to Kids Klub.** **Additionally, no child can be accepted into Kids Klub prior to 7:00 a.m due to liability/insurance reasons.** For the safety of our children, there can be no exceptions to this policy. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## SCRIP VOLUNTEERS

The scrip committee is in need of volunteers to sell scrip after school. If you can help with this important position please contact Mary Bulnes at 537-5225.

## EMERGENCY BACKPACKS

If your child has not brought his/her emergency backpack to school yet, please make sure she/he does so by Friday, September 4th. Although we hope our children never have to use these backpacks, we need to be prepared in the event of an emergency.

## ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

If your child is absent on a given day, we request that you call the school office by 8 a.m. Because attendance records are legal documents, your child should return to school with a written note signed by you, the parent, specifying the dates and reason s/he was absent. Upon his/her return to school, your child should take this note to the school office to pick up a re-admit slip before he or she enters the classroom.

If your child must leave early for a medical or dental appointment, please send a note to the office requesting an early dismissal for said appointment. When s/he returns to school, a note from the doctor or dentist must be submitted to the office in order for the absence to be considered a medical or dental leave. Please pick up your child using the main school entrance on Second Street. We have a 24-minute parking zone in front of the school office for drop-off and pick-up. Your child will be called to the office by one of our office staff. You will be asked to sign your child out—and back in if your child returns to school the same day.

## LUNCH SUPERVISION

**Week of 8/28 - 9/3**

F 08/28	NEED VOLUNTEERS
M 08/31	Mendoza
T 09/1	NEED VOLUNTEERS
W 09/2	NEED VOLUNTEERS
Th 09/3	NEED VOLUNTEERS

Lunch supervision is from 12:00 to 1:40.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SIGN IN IN THE YARD  
DUTY BOOK IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

## TRAFFIC DUTY

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W 09/2	NEED VOLUNTEERS
TH 09/3	NEED VOLUNTEERS

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

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SIGN IN IN THE TRAFFIC  
DUTY BOOK IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

## LUNCH AND TRAFFIC DUTY

We need two people each morning to work from 7:35 until 8:05 and two to three a day to work from 12:00 until 1:40. If you can work one day a week, we invite you to help us. Time spent supervising counts towards your parent participation commitment. Sign-up books are in the school office. As always, your help is greatly appreciated!

## HELPING THE HOMELESS AND HUNGRY

As part of our community outreach, All Saints Catholic School takes part in the parish Tuesday Breakfast program. Seventh and eighth grade students work with parish volunteers to serve a meal to the hungry who gather every Tuesday morning 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 09/1	Second, fifth, & eighth grade
Tues 09/8	First, fourth, & seventh grade
Tues 09/15	Kindergarten, third, & sixth grade

## SCHOOL PICTURES

Yes, it's that time again! School pictures will be taken Wednesday, September 9th. Please remember that your child must be in full uniform for the photos. This requires a school sweatshirt.

Order forms will be sent home next week. **Each child in your family needs a separate order form and Lifetouch requires you to pay for your order when your child's picture is taken.** If you plan to place an order, please send your child to school on picture day with a check inside the order envelope. Lifetouch is unable to process late orders.

**JUST A REMINDER: CHECKS MUST BE HANDED DIRECTLY TO LIFETOUCH PERSONNEL. PLEASE DO NOT DROP PHOTO ORDERS OR CHECKS IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**