

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS

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TOGETHER WE SAY YES TO GOD A PRAYER FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

O God of new beginnings
and wonderful surprises,
thank you for the gift of a new school year.

May it be a time of grace,
a time to grow in faith and love,
a time to renew our commitment
to following Your Son, Jesus.

May it be a year of blessing,
a time to cherish family and friends,
a time to renew efforts at work,
a time to embrace our faith more fully.

Walk with us in every day
and every hour of this new school year,
that the light of Christ might
shine through us, in spite of
our weaknesses and failings.

Above all, may we remember this school year
that we are pilgrims on the
sacred path to You.
Amen

Blessings to our families at All Saints in
this new school year!

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OPENING DAY SCHEDULE

School will begin on Monday, August 24th. Children in grades one to eight should assemble by 8:00 in the schoolyard for morning prayer and pledge. All students must be in full uniform. The PTG will provide hospitality in the auditorium after students proceed to class. **Dismissal will be at noon on the first AND second days.** Wednesday, August 26th is a regular Wednesday 2:30 dismissal. Full days start on Thursday, August 28th for grades 2 through 8.

Please note: **FIRST GRADE WILL BE DISMISSED AT NOON FROM AUGUST 24th THROUGH AUGUST 28th.**

Please note: **KINDERGARTEN HAS A MODIFIED SCHEDULE FROM AUGUST 24th THROUGH AUGUST 28th.** If you have a kindergartner, a letter is being mailed with information detailing the kindergarten schedule. As a reminder, it is as follows:

1st Session: 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

2nd Session: 10:30 - 12:00 p.m.

Your session was noted on the mailing you received. Please use the rear entrance when you drop off and pick up your kindergartner. Kids Klub will be open all day for the first week of school for those kindergarten families who need it.

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 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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There is sacredness in every new beginning. Each year you - the first and primary educators - entrust us with your most precious gifts, your children. Teachers and staff members, dedicated to the ministry of Catholic education, prepare a faith-filled learning environment for the students and families at All Saints where Christ is at the heart of who we are and what we do. This year your children's minds, hearts, and spirits will continue to be nurtured by a community that will hold them accountable to high expectations and challenge them each day to say YES to God.

Through God's generous love and grace, I enter into this year filled with joy and new life as I serve as the spiritual leader of our school. I look forward to continuing our school's mission to ensure that each student is empowered to reach their potential as a child of God.

Through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, we begin this school year with new hope, new possibilities, and new opportunities to encounter Christ in a loving and caring community that supports the spiritual, intellectual, and personal growth of each child at All Saints School.

I look forward to meeting your family on our first day of school.

Blessings,

Jocelyn Pierre-Antoine

REG PAPERWORK

If you have not already returned all registration paperwork, please mail completed forms or drop them by the school office.

PARENT HANDBOOK

The 2009-2010 *All Saints Catholic School Parent/Student Handbook* is available online at www.all-saints-school.org. If you are unable to access the handbook at our website, please stop by the school office, and we will provide you with a print copy of this important document. Any further changes made during the year will be noted in the newsletter and/or will be the contents of a special letter.

We ask that you read/review the handbook carefully and share pertinent information with your child/ren. Important policies concerning dress, grades, discipline, probation, medication, absences, homework, etc. are detailed therein. Both you and your child/ren are expected to be familiar with all policies and information contained in the *All Saints Catholic School Parent/Student Handbook*.

All families taking advantage of the Scrip discount (tuition plan A) must make at least \$3600 in purchases between June 1, 2009, and May 31, 2010, using paper and/or e-scrip. Please remember that Safeway requires you to re-register your club card annually.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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.

CYO SIGNUPS

Signups for *CYO* Boys Basketball grades 1 - 8, and Girls Volleyball grades 4 - 8 will be held on August 24th, 25th, and 26th from 6pm to 9pm in the gym. The fee for volleyball is \$105.00, and for basketball \$85. Both sports require a uniform deposit by separate check of \$50 for grades 1 - 7 and \$100 for 8th grade. Please call Carole Adami, 581-6247, for information and additional requirements needed at registration.

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.

KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING

Our kindergartners are well prepared when they move on to first grade. How does this happen and how can you, as parents, support the strong early childhood program we have in place at All Saints School? Join Mrs. Pierre-Antoine and Mrs. Rivera on Monday, August 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior Center to find out about those all-important kindergarten routines and activities. This meeting is for ALL kindergarten parents, new and veteran. At least one parent from every kindergarten family should attend. Please note: this is an ADULTS ONLY meeting.

PARENT ORIENTATION

New-to-the-school 1st to 8th grade families

There will be a New Family Orientation for the parents of all new-to-the-school first to eighth grade students on Tuesday, August 18th, at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Please note: This is an ADULTS ONLY orientation.

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 MAY NOT BE ADMITTED TO SCHOOL ON AUGUST 24th UNLESS HIS/HER HEALTH RECORDS ARE UP-TO-DATE AND ON FILE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE.** The law does not allow any exceptions to this policy.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

August 3rd to August 21st: School office open from 9:00 to 3:00

August 10th, 7:00 p.m.: Technology Committee meeting

August 11th, 7:00: PTG meeting in the school library

August 14th, 7:00 p.m.: Safety Committee meeting

August 17th, 7:00 p.m.: KINDERGARTEN Orientation for ALL (new & veteran) kindergarten parents

August 18th, 7:00 p.m.: New Parent Orientation - For parents of new-to-the-school 1st to 8th graders

August 24th: First day of school; **MINIMUM DAY;** separate kindergarten schedule

August 25th: MINIMUM DAY

August 26th to August 29th: Modified schedule for kindergarten; NOON dismissal for first grade

August 25th, 7:00 p.m.: School Board meeting

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

September 2nd: Portuguese Park; 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**

FIESTA UPDATE

Fiesta weekend is September 11th, 12th, and 13th. The sign-up book for working at this major event will be in the school office soon. Please remember that all families are required to work at least four hours at Fiesta. (Refer to your Parent Participation Contract.) This is a fun way to meet new people, socialize with friends, and complete some of your participation hours.

HOT LUNCH REMINDER

Order forms for hot lunch for the months of August, September, and October are available online at nobhillcatering.com. If you are unable to order online, please contact Nob Hill Catering at 650-596-8008 for a hard copy.