

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

"Together We Say YES to God"

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Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.
and You shall renew the face of the earth.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Joining for food, fellowship, and fun was a wonderful way to kick-off our school year. Thank you to the many generous hands that contributed to the success of our Ice Cream Social, helping with almost 600 scoops of ice cream! We are especially grateful for our Hospitality Chair, Yvette Ramirez for coordinating such a lovely evening where teachers, families, and friends had an opportunity to experience the joy of our All Saints community.

In an effort to be more efficient and environmentally friendly in our communication, all newsletters will be posted on-line only. Any additional information must be given to the school in pdf format by Monday and approved by the principal before it can be added to the newsletter section on the website. Thank you!

In this time of transition we appreciate your patience with our oversight in sharing the new dismissal time of 3:00 PM.

In addition, we are working towards posting our monthly calendar on-line. For the time being, the Tentative School Calendar is posted on the school website. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

May God's grace and love be with you!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

This year Back to School Night will be held on **one evening for all grades** on **Wednesday, September 16th**. The evening will begin in the gym at 6:30 with a brief instructional session about ShopWithScrip and Edline, followed by a brief address from Mrs. Pierre-Antoine. Afterwards, parents will be dismissed to their child(s) classroom. We look forward to seeing you there!

FIESTA NEWS

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. As has been our tradition, students may wear Fiesta shirts (from this year or any previous year) with uniform shorts or pants on Wednesday, September 10th, and with free dress on Friday, September 11th at Kids Fiesta.

Game/Food ticket pre-order forms went home last week and are **due Wednesday, September 9th**.

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

SCRIP SPECIAL ORDER

If you placed a special scrip order (due Thursday September 3rd), it will be ready for pick up next Thursday, September 10th. You may pick up your order either after school in the auditorium or at Kids Klub, whichever location you indicated on your order. If you did not note a preference, your order will be placed with those in the auditorium.

Remember, you can place orders anytime with ShopwithScrip.com. Special order forms are no longer being printed. The scrip committee will continue as it has in the past with holding two special orders per month as time allows. Some months are not possible due to holidays and the like. The school website (under the Scrip/Fundraisers link) will have a schedule of the upcoming special order due dates. Scrip will continue to be sold from a limited inventory after school in the auditorium everyday.

Registration instructions for ShopwithScrip.com are on the school website under the link for Scrip. Accepted forms of payment are check, cash or prestopay. If you choose to pay for your online order by check, your payment is due to the school office by 3pm on the due date. Orders received without payment cannot be processed. ALL ORDERS, regardless of payment type, must be printed and sent to the office. This information is needed for accurate distribution of orders.

FIESTA STUDENT HOLIDAY

Just a reminder that there is no school on Monday, September 14th. Faculty will be holding their annual retreat that day.

MINIMUM DAY

Our next minimum day is Wednesday, September 23rd. All students are dismissed at 12 noon. Kids Klub will be available.

HEARING TEST VOLUNTEERS

We need three parent volunteers to help with hearing tests next Tuesday, September 8th at 8:00 am. With enough volunteers, the screening should be completed well before 12 noon. Please call the school office if you can help.

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

Standard educational practices dictate that schools regularly evaluate what they are teaching and how they are teaching it. WCEA/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.

FORMAL DRESS TOMORROW

Tomorrow, Friday, September 4th is formal dress for all students. Girls are required to wear jumpers or skirts; boys must wear long pants. A belt is required for boys at all times. Students will be attending Back to School Mass at 9am in the church. All are welcome to join us.

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLE DAY

Our first aluminum can recycle day of the year is on **Friday, September 25th**. We hope you've been collecting cans all summer! Please remember that every child who brings in a bag of cans will receive a free dress pass redeemable on Thursday, October 1st.

SCRIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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.

KIDS KLUB NEWS

Kids Klub is looking for a used ping pong table and/or foosball table. If you have one or know someone who does, and are willing to donate it, please contact Marylu Garcia at 582-0767.

MORNING DROP-OFF/TRAFFIC SAFETY

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.

Also, please remember to always use the crosswalk near the gym porch leading towards the Kindergarten entrance when making your way to flagpole in the morning. This week we had a close call in the parking lot because of a failure to follow this simple safety rule.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

September 23rd: Minimum Day, 12 noon dismissal. Kids Klub will be available

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.

M.U.S.E. INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

M.U.S.E. instrumental music classes will begin the week of September 9th. Students in grades four to eight may take beginning, intermediate, or advanced classes. Classes include instruction for brass and woodwind instruments as well as drums. Beginning and intermediate classes take place on Wednesday afternoons during school time. Advanced classes take place immediately after school. (All classes take place on Wednesday mornings on minimum days.) For more information, check out the M.U.S.E. website at www.museband.com or call (800)233-6873.

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 9/4 - 9/10

F 09/4	NEED VOLUNTEERS
M 09/7	NO SCHOOL
T 09/8	NEED VOLUNTEERS
W 09/9	NEED VOLUNTEERS
Th 09/10	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

Week of 9/4 - 9/10

F 09/4	Mendoza
M 09/7	NO SCHOOL
T 09/8	Mendoza
W 09/9	Mendoza
TH 09/10	Mendoza

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

eSCRIP RENEWAL

Please remember that eScrip and Safeway require you to re-register your card annually.

Visit escrip.com and click on **YES! Renew your SAFEWAY CLUB CARD wth eScrip!** Your Club card will become inactive with eScrip on November 1, 2009 unless you renew.

If you are new to All Saints, visit escrip.com to register yourself first, then link your Safeway Club Card with [escrip](http://escrip.com) using the school's group ID #119143213. Please see the flyer inserted in last week's newsletter for helpful information.

HELPING THE HOMELESS AND HUNGRY (3H)

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 09/8 **NO 3H LUNCHES THIS WEEK**

Tues 09/15 First, fourth, and seventh

Tues 09/22 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 were sent home this week. **Each child in your family needs a separate order form. 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.