

# ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

*"Together We Say YES to God"*

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We pray to you, Lord, for the gift and grace of balance.  
May our lives be blessed with gracious, harmonious  
balance.

May we invest ourselves in our work,  
Yet not forget that it is you who is working through us.  
May we invest ourselves in activity,  
Yet not neglect the precious prayer and reflection  
That gives our activity depth.  
May we invest ourselves in our tasks,  
Yet not lack appreciation for the relationships close to  
our hearts.

Grant that we may be both serious and happy,  
Both hard-working and relaxed,  
Both passionate and at peace. Amen.

Donal Harrington & Julie Kavanagh  
*Prayer for Parish Groups*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Fiesta** is the greatest "social" community gathering we have at All Saints. Everyone seems to spend time at Fiesta and everyone seems to enjoy the varied cuisine, the tried-and-true booths, the wonderful entertainment, and, most important, the camaraderie. This year's Fiesta will certainly be fun for all!

Fiesta is our main parish fundraiser. The school receives an ample portion of the profits, enough to keep tuition \$75+ per child lower than it would be without Fiesta proceeds. We need everyone's help at this event. Please remember that when you signed your parent participation commitment form at registration time, you committed yourself to work a minimum of four hours at Fiesta (two hours for single-parent families.)

## KID'S FIESTA

The Fiesta will be open for the student body tomorrow, Friday, September 11th, from 12:00 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 free dress on Friday, September 11th at Kids Fiesta. School dismissal is at the regular time. If you choose to take your child home early after Kid's Fiesta, please be sure to sign him/her out in the school office.

## 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 p.m. 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!

## 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

Countless volunteers have put in hundreds of hours to ensure that this community event is a great success. I hope each of you will be adding to the success of Fiesta through your active participation during these three fun-filled days.

## SCRIP SPECIAL ORDER

The next ShopwithScrip special order is due Thursday, September 17th; it will be ready for pick up on Thursday, September 24th. Reminder: please note on your order your preferred location to pick up your order (either after school in the auditorium or at Kids Klub). 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) has 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.

## 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.

## MINIMUM DAY

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

## 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 website to complete online training at is **www.shieldthevulnerable.org**. 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.

## 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.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY FREE DRESS

Friday, September 25th is free dress for those who celebrate their birthday in September. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

## 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.

## FIESTA STUDENT HOLIDAY

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

## NO SCHOOL FRIDAY

Just a reminder there is no school on Friday, September 18th while the faculty attends the Diocesan Elementary Staff Day.

## BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Because the Boxtops for Education program has been a great success for the school, it will continue during the 2009-2010 school year. The Girl Scouts would greatly appreciate your continued support in collecting boxtops and hope that you have been saving them over the summer. Thank you!!

## ITBS TESTING

Students in grades two to eight will be taking their annual standardized tests, the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, the week of September 21st. The ITBS assesses achievement in reading, math, and language arts, as well as science, geography, and social studies. How can you help your child prepare for testing week?

- Make sure your child gets a good night sleep each night. A child who is well rested and not sleepy is able to focus on whatever task is at hand.
- Make sure your child has breakfast in the morning. Research indicates that children need to "feed" their brains—both literally and figuratively!

**We ask that you do everything possible to ensure that your child is at school every day during the testing.** Please schedule any doctor or dentist appointments in the afternoon, not the morning. We have a limited time to give the tests and make-ups are not always possible. If your child arrives at school after the start time of any individual test, s/he will be unable to take that test at that time. Your efforts to ensure that your child is at school on time are greatly appreciated.

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

September 11th to 13th: FIESTA

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

September 16th: Back-to-School Night (all grades), 6:30 p.m.

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

September 21st: IOWA Testing begins

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

September 25th: Recycle Day; September Birthday Free Dress

## 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 began this week. 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](http://www.museband.com) or call (800)233-6873.

## LUNCH SUPERVISION

Week of 9/11 - 9/17

F 09/11	NEED VOLUNTEERS
M 09/14	NO SCHOOL
T 09/15	NEED VOLUNTEERS
W 09/16	NEED VOLUNTEERS
Th 09/17	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 9/11 - 9/17

F 09/11	Mendoza
M 09/14	NO SCHOOL
T 09/15	Mendoza
W 09/16	Mendoza
TH 09/17	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**

## FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

Students in second grade will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time during the month of December. If you are a parent of a second grader, you are required to attend a meeting either on Wednesday, October 14th, at 7:00 p.m. OR Sunday, October 18th at 10:00 a.m. Please mark your calendars now and watch the newsletter for more information. Attending one of these meetings is mandatory. If you do not attend one of these meetings your child will not be able to receive the sacrament. Your teacher may also be sending information home with your child.

## eSCRIP RENEWAL

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

Visit [escrip.com](http://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](http://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 09/15	First, fourth, and seventh
Tues 09/22	Kindergarten, third, & sixth grade
Tues 09/29	Second, fifth, and eighth grade

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

In addition to the tentative calendar for the entire school year, we have now posted the monthly calendar for September as well on the website. Thank you for your patience while we worked out the technical bugs of this program.