

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

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*May we sow seeds of justice,
May we nurture holy visions,
May we harvest gentle wisdom,
May patience be our gain.*

*May we mix in grace and courage,
May we kindle fires of truth,
May we share the bread of healing,
May God's banquet fill each hand.*

Keri Wehlender
600 Blessings and Prayers from Around the World

FROM THE PRINCIPAL . . .

I know many of you are aware of the growing dialogue in Hayward regarding "Keeping Downtown Hayward Safe and Clean." This was the subject of a special City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 16th. [The aforementioned report can be accessed at <http://www.ci.hayward.ca.us/citygov/meetings/cca/ws/2007/ws101607-02.pdf>] Because this report touches on community food programs, including the All Saints Tuesday Breakfast in Portuguese Park, a number of parishioners, including members of the All Saints School student body, attended the meeting on the 16th. Eighth grade class president, Toni Coaston, actually addressed the Council. I re-print her remarks below.

Hi. My name is Toni Coaston. I am the eighth grade class president at All Saints Catholic School. I am here today to show support for our Portuguese Park Program.

What is Portuguese Park? Portuguese Park is a location here in Downtown Hayward. On Tuesday mornings we provide breakfast and lunch to those in need in our community. Students provide lunches from home and church provides breakfast.

*Why is Portuguese Park important?
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SAFeway/eSCRIP RENEWAL

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU MUST RENEW YOUR E-SCRIP ANNUALLY between August 1st and October 31st. This can be done by visiting www.escrip.com and clicking on "YES! Renew." You will need your Safeway Club Card number when you renew.

MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE

Come see the new plans for the Family Ministries Center, tour the convent and the High Street house, and give input about our community garden. You can do all this and more at the All Saints Parish Open House on Saturday, November 3rd, and Sunday, November 4th. Mark your calendars!

MASTER PLAN RAFFLE

Tickets for the car raffle that will benefit the Master Plan Capital Campaign are **due tomorrow, Friday 10/26**. We'd love it if each family sold at least two tickets—so much so that your family will get credit for one parent participation hour for each ticket sold.

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

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- *It shows that the community cares for these individuals.*
- *It shows that everyone is equal and should be treated so.*
- *It helps save these people some money [that they would otherwise need to spend on food each Tuesday].*
- *It provides nutritious meals.*
- *It makes them [those who gather in Portuguese Park] feel a part of the community.*

Portuguese Park is important to All Saints because it is our way to give back to the community. Proverbs 26:21 states, "If people in need are hungry, give them food to eat. If people in need are thirsty, give them something to drink."

This special City Council meeting has spawned a fair amount of response in the community. You can access Matt O'Brien's article from *Inside Bay Area (The Daily Review)* at http://www.insidebayarea.com/search/ci_7212039. In addition, I have attached to this newsletter a copy of the letter sent to Mayor Sweeney from the All Saints Parish pastoral staff.

The All Saints community is open to finding solutions to the question of how best to serve the needs of the poor and homeless in our community. The Tuesday Breakfast in Portuguese Park Program is not a solution; it is merely a way to help alleviate a small part of the problem—and a program we do not want to stop participating in until we have found real solutions to the issues of poverty our community. Our students are learning to be responsible citizens living out Gospel values. They want to and should be included in any serious dialogue for they are our next generation of adults.

The **results of the PTG gift wrap fundraiser** are in. Alison Canchola, our tireless fundraising chair, reports total sales of approximately \$21,861.15. Our profit is close to \$11,000.

Congratulations to the **kindergarten and the first grade** who had the highest class participation with 71% of the students in each class selling items. Our **kindergarten** also deserve congratulations for having had the highest class sales—\$4,042. Kindergarten will be awarded a class party due to their outstanding sales. Congratulations are due to the five top-selling students, too: kindergartner **Aaliyah Justice** with \$609 in total sales,

kindergartner **Terese Durand** with \$450 in total sales, seventh grader **Brandon Justice** (not related to first place salesperson, Aaliyah) with \$439 in total sales, fourth grader **Zach Peffer** with \$383 in total sales, and second grader **Jamir Graham** with \$373 in total sales. Nine other students—second grader **Maika Grospe**, fifth grader **Amanda Irias**, fourth grader **Sydney Prudenciano**, first grader **Kalista Scott**, eighth grader **Courtney Lyons**, fifth grader **Kim Rivera**, fifth grader **Billy Spalding**, fourth grader **Starwin Taberbero**, and fourth grader **Nicholas Brathwaite**—sold over \$300 each. WOW!!!

Before we leave the subject of the gift wrap sale, I want to thank **Alison Canchola**, our fabulous fundraising chairperson, for the countless hours she and her assistants spent organizing and promoting this fundraiser. Many thanks also to the many families who participated in the gift wrap sale (60% of our total school families) and to those who reconciled sales and helped with the distribution of the products. Your children are the beneficiaries of your hard work since revenues from this event are used to purchase classroom materials and to fund class field trips, class parties, and the educational enrichment program.

REPORTING OF E-SCRIP

In evaluating the reporting of e-scrip accounting, we have determined that we would save time and manpower by having each family print their own e-scrip totals twice annually, once in December and once in early May. You know if your family totals look correct. You also know the names of relatives using e-scrip on your behalf. By printing your own records, you will be able to take care of errors and clarify issues in a timely manner. The Scrip Committee—a small group of volunteers—will still be available to answer questions. Don't forget to ensure you KNOW YOUR PASSWORD since you'll need it to access your account records.

OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITY FOR BOYS IN GRADES 3 TO 6

Boys in grades three to six have once again been offered a special opportunity—a chance to sing in three performances with the **San Francisco Symphony** on the stage at Davies Symphony Hall. For the past few years, boys at All Saints Catholic School have been asked to join the Golden Gate Boys Choir for these special *Deck the Hall* performances. If you have a son in these grades, please see the attached letter.

HALLOWEEN DRESS

Just a few reminders regarding Halloween dress:

- All students are invited to wear costumes to school on Halloween. Students not in costume must wear their uniform.
- Costumes should be modest and appropriate to the Catholic school environment. Any student wearing a costume that the administration deems not in line with this policy will have to call home to request that his/her uniform be delivered to school.
- For safety reasons, students must wear tennis shoes. They may, however, bring footwear to go with their costumes and wear this footwear during the Halloween parade.
- No weapons of any sort are appropriate at school as part of a student's costume. Any weapons brought to school will be kept by the classroom teacher until the end of the school day.
- Students may color their hair **AS LONG AS IT IS COMPLETELY WASHED OUT BY THURSDAY MORNING.**

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Training for new altar servers started on Tuesday, October 9th. Although training was cancelled this past Tuesday, October 22nd, it will continue next Tuesday, October 30th. Sessions will run from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. and are being held in the church. Training is open to all baptized 5th and 6th graders who have received their First Communion. **Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.**

SCRIP NEWS

Great news! Our list of monthly scrip vendors now includes such choices as **Lucky/Savemart/ FoodMaxx, Century Theaters, Disney, iTunes, Gymboree** and more. Many denominations have changed as well. New vendors are now available on the monthly scrip order that goes home. Thank you for your support of the scrip program.

BIRTHDAY SPECIAL DRESS

Tomorrow, Friday, October 26th is special dress for all who celebrate their birthdays in October. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

FORMAL DRESS

All students must be in formal dress for All Saints Day Mass on November, November 1st. As always, all are welcome to join us.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN POLICIES

The Oakland Diocesan Safe Environment for Children Project was developed in cooperation with the Oakland Diocesan Presbyteral Council in compliance with the adoption of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* developed at the US Conference of Catholic Bishops in June 2002. Adherence to the policy and implementation of the project is a mandate from Bishop Vigneron.

Compliance with the terms of the Safe Environment for Children Mandate requires that **ALL volunteers** be screened yearly through the Megan's Law process*, complete an **bi-annual training**** (which can be done on-line), and agree to the Diocesan *Policy of Expectations and Guidelines for Ministry to Minors*.

Since all families sign a contract to volunteer a minimum number of hours at the school, in essence, the policy requires that at least one parent in each family comply with the terms detailed above. If grandparents, other relatives, or friends will be completing hours on behalf of any child, they, too, are subject to the above requirements. **NO ONE CAN BE ALLOWED TO CHAPERONE ON A FIELD TRIP OR VOLUNTEER AT SCHOOL IN ANY CAPACITY UNTIL HE/SHE HAS COMPLETED THE TRAINING.**

The training can, as mentioned above, be done on-line. The easiest way to access the site is through the Oakland Diocesan website at www.oakdiocese.org. Once there, click on "Safe Environment Training" on the menu on the right side of the page. The training can be done in an hour and a half or less. You can do part of it and then return to complete it on another day if you wish. At the end, you will be asked to agree to the Diocesan *Policy of Expectations and Guidelines for Ministry to Minors*. You will then be able to print your certificate of completion. Each volunteer will need to send a copy of his/her certificate and a check for \$5.00 (to cover the cost of the on-line class) to the school office.

As always, I am grateful for your cooperation. Because we are all concerned about child safety, I'm sure that all of us will willingly comply with this mandate from Bishop Vigneron and the US Bishops.

* Parish and school staff and any parents volunteering on overnight trips are fingerprinted and screened through the FBI and the Department of Justice.

** **Those who were certified last year will NOT have to complete training this year.**

KINDERGARTEN PARENT CONFERENCES

Kindergarten parent conferences will be held Thursday, November 15th, and Friday, November 16th, beginning at 1:00pm. **Both Thursday and Friday, the 15th and 16th, will be MINIMUM DAYS FOR KINDERGARTEN ONLY.** Kids Klub will be available starting at noon on both days. Conference schedules were sent home this week.

HALLOWEEN SCHEDULE

Halloween will busy at All Saints. At 8:45 students in grades one, three, and six will walk to Casa Sandoval to parade their costumes for community seniors. This has become quite a tradition at All Saints, and the seniors look forward to our visit. Permission slips went home with first, third and sixth grade students last week. If you haven't already done so please return your signed forms to the school.

The Student Council is once again sponsoring a Halloween Spirit Day. They have planned wonderful "spooky" activities for the student body, including a visit to a "haunted house." Activities will begin at 9:45.

At 11:20 students will gather on the playground for our annual Halloween parade. We invite you to join us for this festive event.

HOLIDAYS/MINIMUM DAYS

November is always a busy month. We ask that you please mark your calendars:

Wednesday, November 7th: Minimum day for Diocesan Teachers Root Share Day

Monday, November 12th: Veterans Day school holiday

Wednesday, November 21st: Minimum day due to Thanksgiving Eve - **NO AFTERNOON KIDS KLUB**

Thursday, November 22nd, & Friday, November 23rd: Thanksgiving holidays

SCRIP RENEWAL DEADLINE

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BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please remember to collect Boxtops for Education. The program has been a great success for the school and we thank you for your support.

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 10/30 Second, fifth, & eighth grade
Tues 11/06 First, fourth, & seventh grade
Tues 11/13 Kindergarten, third, & sixth grade

TRAFFIC DUTY

Week of 10/26 - 11/1

F 10/26 Justice
M 10/29 NEED VOLUNTEER
T 10/30 NEED VOLUNTEER
W 10/31 NEED VOLUNTEER
Th 11/01 NEED VOLUNTEER

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 SUPERVISION

Week of 10/26 - 11/1

F 10/26 NEED VOLUNTEER
M 10/29 NEED VOLUNTEER
T 10/30 Burns/Cassaro
W 10/31 MINIMUM DAY
Th 11/01 NEED VOLUNTEER

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

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