

# ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

*"Together We Say YES to God"*

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"Thank you Lord for the world full of your love and kindness."

- Gabe, grade 6

"Thank you Lord for all the people who care about me. Thank you for my friends and family for taking care of me. Thank you for sheltering me and giving me food."

- Nicholas, grade 6

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

God continues to bless our lives with an abundance of gifts, and it is important to thank our good and gracious God for all that we have. Yet there are also those in our society and community that because of life's circumstances do not have their share in this abundance. These disenfranchised are at the mercy of the rest of us and depend on the generosity of others for survival. We are invited each day to answer the call to say "YES" to helping our brothers and sisters in need through prayer, generous acts of kindness, and the ways in which we live the Gospel message with those around us.

Here are some of the opportunities for outreach:

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul has asked that we help collect food for their Christmas drive. We have placed a receptacle in the school's hallway, near the office, for donations of non-perishable food items. Please send in with your children, canned goods, rice, pasta and other things you feel will spread some Christmas joy to those who otherwise might not have anything. Thank you.

All Saints Parish Justice and Peace committee is holding their annual blanket drive on November 14 and 15th, and again on November 21st and November 22nd. Please bring your new or gently used clean blankets, sleeping bags and warm socks to mass on the dates indicated or leave your donations in the church entrance. If you prefer, cash donations are welcome and used to purchase more blankets.

## GIRL SCOUT NUT SALE

It is nut time again. Girl Scout Junior Troop 31031 and Daisy Troop 32384 will be selling nuts after school on Friday, November 13, 2009. Please contact Sandi Mello, 754-6952, if you have any questions. Thank you for supporting our Troops.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS FREE DRESS

Tomorrow, Friday, November 13th, is free dress for all who celebrate their birthday in November. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

## FIESTA HOURS BILLING

The Fiesta Committee has tallied Parent Participation Forms and submitted them to the school office. Letters have been sent home this week to families who have not sent in their Fiesta Hours Form or who have not completed their hours. These letters serve as a reminder that per your Parent Participation Contract, hours not completed or forms not submitted will result in a charge of \$75 per hour which will be added automatically to your monthly FACTS payment .

## 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 life . . . yes to God.

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Each week three of our classes bring an extra lunch to school on Tuesday and we give it to folks that feed the hungry at the First United Methodist Church on B Street. Students from our Jr. High then help serve a breakfast there and pass out the lunch bags. This is a great opportunity for service and a poignant learning experience.

Please keep Mrs. Brunetti, Mrs. Schott, our high school alums, and especially our eighth graders in prayer as they prepare to go on their three-day retreat next week. May the Spirit grace them with moments of prayer, reflection, fellowship, and fun as they witness God's presence within themselves and one another.

## **CYO MASS AND PICTURES**

The *CYO* Mass and Picture Day for boys basketball and girls volleyball will be on Sunday, December 13th. Players should attend the 9:00 a.m. mass in uniform and should sit with their coach and team. Pictures and refreshments will be in the gym after mass. Team picture times will be announced on the day of pictures. Questions should be directed to Carole Adami at 581-6247.

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Just as a reminder, the school calendar is available on our website in pdf form. If you need an additional copy please download one from the school site. Refer to the calendar for important information such as minimum days, holidays and the like.

## **SHOPWITHSCRIP NOW FOR CHRISTMAS**

Remember, you can place orders anytime with ShopwithScrip.com but orders are only processed on the dates listed so please be sure to check the due dates and pick up dates in the scrip section of the website. Printed orders (with payment if you are not paying online) must be in the office no later than 3pm on the due date listed in order to be available for pick up the following week. 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. Special order forms are no longer being printed. Scrip will continue to be sold from a limited inventory on-hand after school in the auditorium every day. Registration instructions for ShopwithScrip.com are also on the school website under the link for Scrip.

### **GET STARTED WITH THESE EASY-STEPS:**

1. **Register with Shopwithscrip.com**
2. **Place your order online any time (being mindful of due dates/pick up dates)**
3. **Print your order and send it to the office no later than 3pm on the due date (with payment if not paying online)**
4. **Pick up your order on the availability date**

## **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.

## LUNCH SUPERVISION

Week of 11/13 - 11/19

F 11/13	Fabbri/Ledezma
M 11/16	Stein/VanProoyan
T 11/17	Stein/VanProoyan
W 11/18	Milay
Th 11/19	Aquino

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

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

## TRAFFIC DUTY

Week of 11/13 - 11/19

F 11/13	Mendoza
M 11/16	Mendoza
T 11/17	Mendoza
W 11/18	Mendoza
TH 11/19	Mendoza

## COOKIE DOUGH SALE HELP NEEDED!

PTG is holding their annual holiday cookie dough/pie sale beginning Tuesday, November 3rd through November 13th. Flyers with order forms were sent home last week. Extras are available in the school office. Please note that Pumpkin Pies, although not listed on the form or catalog, are available for purchase for \$15.00. If you wish to order a pumpkin pie, simply write your order in on the form and include payment. New this year!! - for every 10 items sold you will receive 1 item free (cheesecakes not included).

**Distribution will be on Monday, November 23rd after school. Help is needed to pick up the orders and distribute them that day.**

Please note that we do not have storage space for items not picked up. These items are frozen Please contact MaryKate Lathrop at 258-9738 with any questions or if you can assist with distribution. Thank you for your support.

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

**November 13th:** November birthdays free dress

**November 18th - 20th:** 8th grade Retreat

**November 23rd - 24th:** Minimum Days - 12 noon dismissal; Parent/Teacher Conferences; Kids Klub will be available

**November 25th - 27th:** Thanksgiving Vacation - NO SCHOOL

**December 2nd - Minimum day, 12 noon dismissal, Kids Klub will be available**

**December 4th - PTG Christmas Party, 7pm**

**December 8th - Immaculate Conception Mass and Peacemakers, 9:00am**

**December 17th - December birthday free dress; Christmas Program**

**December 18th - Advent Prayer Service; Minimum Day, 12 noon dismissal; NO KIDS KLUB**

**December 21st - January 1st: Christmas Vacation**

## 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 11/17 First, fourth, and seventh grade

Tues 11/24 Kindergarten, third, & sixth grade

Tues 12/1 Second, fifth, and eighth grade

## MINIMUM DAYS

November 23rd and 24th are minimum days. School will be dismissed at 12noon. Kids Klub will be available. Parent/Teacher Conferences are being held these two days.

Wednesday, December 2nd, is a minimum day. School is dismissed at 12noon. Kids Klub will be available.

## PTG CHRISTMAS PARTY

Plans are underway for a fabulous **PTG Christmas party** on **Friday night, December 4th at 7:00 p.m.** This is the only strictly social PTG event of the year. There will be plenty of yummy hors d'oeuvres and desserts, good company, a "winter wonderland" atmosphere and, perhaps, even a bit of Christmas caroling.

If you are interested in helping with the coordination and/or decorations for this event, please contact Yvette Ramirez at 510-785-5197 or [yramirez@sbcglobal.net](mailto:yramirez@sbcglobal.net).

From Yvette Ramirez:

Preparations for this event is in the works but your ideas and help is valued. As always an event can't be successful without your help. If you can help in any way please contact me at [yramirez70@sbcglobal.net](mailto:yramirez70@sbcglobal.net) . Last year was fun, I would like it to be fun again this year with more parents. So lets get the word out!! Here are a couple of areas that you may be able to help:

- Bring a food dish
- Bring dessert
- Set up and/or clean up

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Space permitted, we are happy to include an article or flyer for an upcoming event in the school newsletter. Flyers are posted online with the newsletter. The deadline to submit an article or flyer is the end of the school day on Monday of the week you wish to include it.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Many of our families have not completed their Safe Environment training. Please remember that without this training and certificate you will not be able complete your required parent volunteer hours at the school such as Yard Duty, Traffic Duty, field trips, etc. To access the training log on to [www.shieldthevulnerable.org](http://www.shieldthevulnerable.org), complete the training, print your certificate and submit it to the school with \$5 (per person).

## CHESS CLUB

Berkeley Chess School will be offering chess instruction once again at All Saints. Classes will be held during lunch time and will start the first week in December. The class size minimum is 10 and maximum is 20. Cost is \$58 for the 8 week session. Please see the flyer/registration form posted this week in the newsletter section of the school website for details. Please direct all inquiries, registration forms and payments to The Berkeley Chess School.

## SVDP FOOD DRIVE

During the Christmas season, we try as a school to participate more in parish outreach programs. The St. Vincent de Paul Society has asked us once again to contribute to the holiday food baskets they will be preparing for needy families in our community. They are requesting that students in grades K-8 bring in any canned goods/non-perishable foods. A number of families will have a happier holiday season because of your generous contributions. All contributions should be brought in by Friday December 11th.

## THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS

**THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th.** School will also be closed on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday.