

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

"Together We Say YES to God"

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Thanksgiving Prayer For Family Gatherings

Jesus, thank you for loving us;
and providing food, shelter, and each other.
Every moment of our lives is a gift;
and we appreciate all the time You have given us.
Thank you for all our good fortune.

Amen.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Conferences:

This Friday marks the end of our first trimester. Next week parents and teachers have an opportunity to work in partnership to discuss student progress and identify future goals. This is a great time to evaluate steps necessary for growth in achievement and conduct. Families must work together to establish expectations, foster disciplined study habits, and monitor assignments. Our EDLINE web site provides great tools for the latter. If you have not utilized this program, I suggest you make it part of your program of home support.

In this time of giving thanks, our parish youth ministry group is hosting a **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** to serve up to 200 people in need. Food (salad, dressings, dinner rolls, pumpkin pies, drinks, cranberry sauce) and cash donations can be dropped off at the gym on Wednesday, November 25 after 6 pm. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendars for our annual **PTG Christmas Party**. It is on Friday, December 4th at 7pm. It's a perfect time to gather as a faith community to celebrate this joyous season with plenty of food, fellowship, and fun. We hope to see you there!

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.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Mrs. Pierre-Antoine, the faculty, and the staff would like to send warm wishes to all our families for a very happy Thanksgiving! Please know that we are grateful for everything you do for the school and the children.

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no newsletter next week. The newsletter will return on Thursday, December 3rd.

M ISSION 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.

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. Refer to the calendar for important information such as minimum days and holidays.

LUNCHES

We would like to remind our families that students should bring their lunch to school in the morning. We understand that sometimes in the hectic morning rush lunches may be forgotten, but this should be the exception, not the rule as it has been recently. Your assistance in correcting this growing problem is greatly appreciated.

REPORTING OF eSCRIP

As you know, each family is responsible to print and submit their own e-scrip totals twice annually because only 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—is available to answer questions. Don't forget you'll need your password for eScrip.com to access your account records. If you have misplaced it, please contact eScrip at their website for assistance.

The first collection of eScrip totals will be due December 4th. We are reminding you now so you have ample time to resolve any password/access issues. You may turn in scrip reports at any time during the year. Remember, eScrip reports are 3 months behind so at this time you will only be able to access reports from June through October.

NOTE: Please write your **TOTAL PURCHASES AMOUNT** at the top of your report. The scrip committee is not responsible for totaling your reports. Thank you!

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.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE

Please join us for our Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Tuesday, November 24th at 9am in the church. This prayer service will be led by the 5th grade students. Please note all students should be in formal uniform.

LUNCH SUPERVISION

Week of 11/20 - 11/27

F 11/20	Fabbri/Ledezma
M 11/23	Minimum Day
T 11/24	Minimum Day
W 11/25	NO SCHOOL
Th 11/26	NO SCHOOL
Fr 11/27	NO SCHOOL

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 11/20 - 11/26

F 11/20	Mendoza
M 11/23	Mendoza
T 11/24	Mendoza
W 11/25	NO SCHOOL
TH 11/26	NO SCHOOL
Fr 11/27	NO SCHOOL

COOKIE DOUGH SALE HELP NEEDED!

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

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.

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.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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 11/24 Kindergarten, third, & sixth grade

Tues 12/1 Second, fifth, and eighth grade

Tues 12/8 First, fourth, and seventh grade

DECEMBER SCHOOL MASS

The December school mass is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8th. Mass will be at 9:00am. Peacemaker awards will follow. Please remember that all students must be in formal dress.

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.

From Yvette Ramirez:

Preparations for this event is in the works but your ideas and help are 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. 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

CHESS CLUB

Berkeley Chess School will be offering chess instruction once again at All Saints. Classes will be held during lunchtime 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.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - DECEMBER 12

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which commemorates Mary's appearances to St. Juan Diego, is **Saturday, December 12th**. The day will begin with Las Mañanitas, at 6:00 a.m. followed by traditional Mexican pastries and Mexican Hot Chocolate in the Senior Center. At 5:00 PM there will be an All Saints Intercultural Mass featuring the Festival Choir, the World Band, a reenactment of the apparitions of our Lady of Guadalupe and much, much more. After the Mass, everyone is invited to join the procession to the gym for food, music and entertainment by the Ballet Folklorico.

There will be no 7:00pm Spanish Mass on that day.

ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY LITURGY

The Christmas Eve Family Mass is specifically aimed at bringing the good news of Jesus' birth to our families. One of the major ways to do this is through the Gospel Pageant, an interactive Christmas play acted out by the children during the Gospel.

All children, K-8, are welcome to participate. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, December 17th, 10am in the church - choose parts, discuss costumes, and begin practicing
- Friday, December 18th, 10am in the church - dress rehearsal
- Tuesday, December 22nd, 10am in the church - dress rehearsal

The Christmas Eve family liturgy will take place at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 24, 2009. If you have any questions, please call Elena in the parish office at 581-2570, ext. 121.