

# ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

*"Together We Say YES to God"*

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## A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

IF IN YOUR HEART YOU MAKE  
A MANGER FOR HIS BIRTH,  
THEN GOD WILL ONCE AGAIN  
BECOME A CHILD ON EARTH.

IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOU.

-Angelus Silesius

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming, may we see the world with new eyes of hope and compassion, forgiveness and mercy, joy and peace. In this way, the birth of Christ will inspire us to live justly, love fully, and give generously to those in need.

On behalf of our faculty and staff we extend to you our warmest wishes for a **BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON FILLED WITH JOY AND HAPPINESS.**



We keep in our prayers Mrs. Fralick who will undergo surgery for her arm on January 5<sup>th</sup> and take an extended leave of absence to recover. We pray for God's grace and healing touch to surround her during this time of preparation and recovery.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Mark your calendars: The annual All Saints Catholic School Christmas Concert will be held Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Students should be in their classrooms by 6:00pm dressed in their Sunday/Holiday best.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT PICTURES

Pictures from the Christmas Concert will be available on CD for the bargain price of \$10. Order forms are available in the Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> Newsletter insert.

## CHRISTMAS VACATION

Christmas vacation will begin tomorrow, Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Dismissal is at 12:00 noon. **KIDS KLUB WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IN THE AFTERNOON.** The school will be closed at 12:15 p.m. so that faculty and staff may attend their annual staff Christmas luncheon. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.

## 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, 4-5:30 PM in the church - choose parts, discuss costumes, and begin practicing

Friday, December 18th, 4-5:30 PM in the church - dress rehearsal

Tuesday, December 22nd, 4-5:30 PM 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.

## POSADA

All Saints Parish invites you to participate in a community Posada. A Hispanic cultural tradition centered on the hope for the birth of Jesus, the parish Posada will include a Pastorela, a small play that projects the message of love and hope associated with Christmas. Part of the service will be in Spanish and part will be in English. Please bring your children dressed as shepherds or angels. Refreshments will be served.

**WHEN:** Sunday, December 20, 2009

**WHERE:** All Saints Gymnasium

**TIME:** Following the 9 AM mass

For more information, contact the Parish Office at (510) 581-2570.

## PARENT HOURS

Parent participation hours will be collected when we return from Christmas break. Please make sure you have filled out the hours you worked for each month from June through December 2009 and total them. Unless you have completed your service hours, your form will be returned to you once the hours have been logged so that you may continue recording your service hours. Forms will be collected again in May for a final tally. If you need a form, they can be found on the schools website under the Quicklinks drop down menu at the center of the page.

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

December 17th - Christmas Program, 6:30pm

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

December 21st - January 1st: Christmas Vacation

January 4th - School resumes

January 9th - High School Placement Test

January 14th - Kinder Information Night at 6:30 PM

January 18th - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday; NO school

January 20th to January 21st - Science Fair

January 22nd - Graduation pictures (8th grade ONLY)

January 31st - Catholic Schools Week Mass (9:00 a.m.)

followed by Open House

February 4th - Annual VIP Day and Mass

## HELPING THE HOMELESS AND HUNGRY (3H)

Tues 1/5 Second, fifth, and eighth grade

Tues 1/12 First, fourth, and seventh grade

Tues 1/19 Kindergarten, third, & sixth grade

## LUNCH SUPERVISION

Week of 1/4 - 1/7

M 1/4 Need Volunteer

T 1/5 Need Volunteer

W 1/6 Need Volunteer

Th 1/7 Need Volunteer

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 1/4 - 1/7

M 1/4 Mendoza

T 1/5 Mendoza

W 1/6 Mendoza

TH 1/7 Mendoza

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Please note effective January 1, 2010, the fee to take the Safe Environment course will increase from \$5.00 to \$8.00. If you haven't already taken your course, you may want to consider doing so prior to the increase. Without completing a course you cannot participate in volunteer activities at the school.