

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

"Together We Say YES to God"

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AN ADVENT PRAYER

Come, long-expected Jesus

Excite in me the wonder of your wisdom.

Come, long-expected Jesus

Excite in me a hunger for peace.

Come, long-expected Jesus

Excite in me a resounding joy.

Come, long-expected Jesus

Excite in me the power of Love.

Come, long-expected Jesus

Excite in me a gratitude for life.

Come, long-expected Jesus

Excite in me the presence of your Holy Spirit.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Advent is a holy season of patient waiting when we are invited to reflect on God's presence in our lives and the ways we are challenged to grow. In preparation for Christmas we have an opportunity to prepare our minds and hearts for the coming of Jesus by receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation. The parish is offering an evening where families can receive this sacrament together on Monday, December 7th at 7 PM in the Church. What a wonderful way to experience the sacredness of the Advent season as a family!

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.

PTG CHRISTMAS PARTY

Plans are underway for a fabulous **PTG Christmas party tomorrow 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 yramirez70@sbcglobal.net.

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.

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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Saturday, December 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our parish will be hosting an Intercultural Celebration at 5 PM followed by a reception in the gym. Our students are encouraged to dress in their cultural clothing and be part of the procession by carrying flowers that they will place before the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It's a beautiful way for us to celebrate the diversity of our parish community!

OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held on Thursday, December 17th, at 6:30pm, in the church. The children have been practicing hard to provide you a spirit filled concert guaranteed to get you ready for the holiday.

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

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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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

LUNCH SUPERVISION

Week of 12/4 - 12/10

F 12/4	Fabbri
M 12/7	VanProoyan
T 12/8	VanProoyan
W 12/9	VanProoyan
Th 12/10	VanProoyan

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 12/4 - 12/10

F 12/4	Mendoza
M 12/7	Mendoza
T 12/8	Mendoza
W 12/9	Mendoza
TH 12/10	Mendoza

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 Folklórico.

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

CHRISTMAS VACATION

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

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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 12/8 First, fourth, and seventh grade

Tues 12/15 Kindergarten, third, & sixth grade

Tues 1/5/2010! Second, fifth, and eighth grade

AUCTION 2010 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

We are looking for volunteers to help with this year's Auction which is on Saturday, March 20, 2010. After being involved with the Auction for almost 8 years, and the chairperson for the last 3 years, Sandy Cariel has decided to step down as the Auction Chairperson after this year. So we need a co-chair and volunteers to keep this wonderful event that has been a school tradition for more than 20 years going.

Please come to an auction planning meeting being held on Tuesday, December 8th at 6pm in the school library. Please join us to find out how you can help.

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.

OUR STUDENTS IN THE ARTS

Three All Saints students will be performing in Ballet Petit's 31st annual production of the Nutcracker. They are first graders Megan Amaro and Natalie Canchola and fifth grader Orianna Castillo. The Nutcracker ballet was first performed in 1892 at St. Petersburg, with music composed by Peter Tchaikovsky. It has become the most widely performed ballet in the world. Congratulations Megan, Natalie and Orianna!

On November 18 eighth grader Shaye Brennan traveled to Denver to compete in the Western U.S. Region Irish Dance Championships. The region covers ten states, including California, Colorado, Washington, Oregon, and Nevada, to name a few. Only champion-level dancers are eligible to participate in this competition. Shaye placed 13th out of 130 dancers in her age group and qualified to compete in the World Irish Dance Championships in Glasgow, Scotland, this coming April. Only the top 10% in each age group qualify to dance at Worlds so it is a huge accomplishment. This is Shaye's second time to qualify for the Worlds. Congratulations, Shaye, on your hard work and dedication! One day you might see her in Riverdance.

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.

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.

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.