

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL



PARENT NEWSLETTER

February 17, 2010

Be Responsible Be Respectful Be Kind
Be Honest Be Your Best!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Today your children celebrated Ash Wednesday at either the 8:00 Mass or the 10:30 Mass. They received ashes in the form of a cross on their foreheads. These ashes remind us to "turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel." Let us go through this Lenten season remembering to try, with God's help, to become better people.

Special thanks to...

all of you who were able to join us for Ash Wednesday Mass today.

Please keep in your prayers...

JD (5th grade) and Kiki (4th grade) Carney's grandpa who died last week.

Annabelle (3rd grade) and Josie (1st grade) Walsh's grandpa who died last week.

Kasey (4th grade) and Billy (3rd grade) Cowan's uncle, Mark Wirkus, who died recently.

Michael Colucci's (2nd grade) grandma who is seriously ill.

Congratulations to...

our alumni who were named as athlete scholars
by the Union Tribune:

from Cathedral Catholic High School:



Brandon Hood '06
Ray Krickel '06
Derek Thomas '06
Hugh Yoder '07

from Saint Augustine High School:

Jack Corrao '07

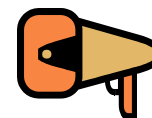


from La Costa Canyon High School:



Ryan Gray '07
Garrett Krstich '07
Gregory O'Neill '07

Announcements...



SCHOOL START TIME

Please remember that school begins at 7:45 for grades 6-8 and at 7:50 for grades K-5. This means the children are in their classrooms ready to begin the day at these times. If the children are just getting out of the car at these times, they will be marked tardy. We are having very few tardies, so please keep up the good work.

PICKING UP HOMEWORK FOR ABSENT STUDENTS

If you have requested homework for absent students, please be sure to pick it up in the office before 3:30 since that is when the office closes.

NEW LUNCH PROTOCOL

Effective March 1, grades 1-5 will have a new lunch protocol. In the past, they have eaten lunch first and then had time to play. We are going to try playing first and then eating lunch. This has been very effective in other schools with children not rushing to eat and get out to play. We hope to have them more relaxed to eat their lunches and then return to class. You might want to read an interesting article that was in the New York Times regarding scheduling lunch after play. <http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/01/25/play-then-eat-shift-may-bring-gains-at-school/?em>



**Play, Then Eat: Shift May
Bring Gains at School**

HEAD CHECKS

Please continue to check your children’s heads for lice. We want to prevent the spread of these little nuisances!

FROM COACH BALELO

The North County Parochial League track meet at Cathedral Catholic High School is on Saturday March 27 at 8:00 am. This event is open to all St. John students grades Kindergarten through Eight. If your child is interested in participating, please email Coach Balelo at abalelo@saintjohnschool.com with your child(ren)’s name(s) and their grades. More information regarding practice times and dates will be coming soon.



WELCOME

We welcome Father Joseph Freeman as our new associate pastor at Saint John the Evangelist. He comes to us from Good Shepherd Parish in Mira Mesa.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

We are very excited to announce that we will be constructing a few raised-bed gardens for our students to grow and harvest vegetables for the needy. We are looking for a parent volunteer(s) who feels passionate about gardening to help out. We're also looking for families who may be able to donate the wood, chicken wire and soil needed to build the gardens. Finally, if any of you have experience constructing raised bed gardens or are in a related business that can contribute, we would love your help! Please contact Anne Eyl at amfeyl@aol.com if you are interested. Remember time and money count toward volunteer hours!



"You will find, as you look back upon your life, that the moments that stand out are the moments when you have done things for others."

-Henry Drummond





FIESTA MEETING

 Join in the fun!

 Lots of help is needed.

THURSDAY, February 18

7:00P.M. Hall



GALA IN THE GARDEN

St. John School—A Place to Learn, Grow and Play

Annual Auction Dinner & Dance—Friday, April 23, 2010

Don't forget to purchase your tickets!

Look for the new edition of the Garden Gazette!

Fund-a-need to benefit **Project P.L.A.Y**



SCRIP UPDATE



The next special scrip order is due this Friday, February 19th. Please download special scrip order forms from the St. John School website and turn in by Friday.
Contact Clare Erlander at leucadia@pacbell.net with any questions.

The Scrip Committee is looking for new committee members to help with this fundraising effort, which helps to keep school tuition affordable.

Please contact Yoli McGalliard at yoli34@sbcglobal.net if interested.

The Easter season will soon be upon us. If you are planning large family gatherings, consider gift certificates or cards from Honey Baked Ham (select few available in office currently.), Harry and David or any local grocery store gift card available at the school office. Michael's, Walmart and Hall-mark gift cards are great to purchase decorations and much more. Planning an Easter break vacation, take a look at the special order form for hotels and airline gift cards.

Remember to order ahead for these.

Finally if your class basket is still needing more items, consider a scrip gift card to add to the mix. There is a wide variety to purchase from the school office or by special order.



DATES TO REMEMBER



Thursday, February 18



Hot Chocolate Sale \$1.00
7:00P.M. School Board
7:00P.M. Fiesta Meeting

Friday, February 19

Day of Abstinence – no meat
1:45 School Stations of the Cross
5:30-9:00 Fish Fry
6:00 Parish Stations of the Cross

Sunday, February 21

First Sunday of Lent

Wednesday, February 24

See's Candy Sale begins

Thursday, February 25

8:00A.M. Eagle Group Meeting
6:30P.M. First Reconciliation



LENTEN SUGGESTION

Spend some time as a family each day doing something special:
reading scripture
planning an activity for the needy
talking about family goals
sharing good thoughts about each other



Saint John Parish FISH FRY
every Friday of Lent—beginning February 19
5:30 p.m. in the hall
All you can eat!
Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.00
Join the fun!



*We are the Body of Christ.
Our life is mission.*

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MISSION STATEMENT

St. John School, a Christ-centered environment, empowers our children to gain a thorough understanding of the Catholic faith, achieve their highest academic potential, and share Christ's love through Christian action.



School Wide Learning Expectations (SLEs)

A graduate of St. John School will be a spiritual and well-rounded

CHRIST-CENTERED PERSON who:

Follows the teachings of Jesus to love God and others.
Respects and protects everything that God has created.
Prays any time, any place.

Learns and understands the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church.
Takes part in the Mass, other liturgies, and sacraments.
Demonstrates thankfulness for the gift of faith.

ACTIVE, LIFE-LONG LEARNER who:

Always tries to do his or her best.
Is excited to learn as much as possible.
Is a polite and careful listener and communicator.
Thinks carefully to plan and make decisions.
Learns from both mistakes and successes.

RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN who:

Accepts responsibility and consequences for actions.
Shares time and talent with others.
Respects self and others.
Makes healthy choices.
Is helpful and courteous.
Demonstrates good sportsmanship.

