

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER

February 24, 2010



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

Special thanks to...

any of our parents who attended the Fiesta meeting last Thursday. We are still in need of more parents to work on this great event.

all who were able to join us for Stations of the Cross on Friday.

Please keep in your prayers...

Lois Merchant, mother of Ann McGinnis, our parish Director of Religious Education, who died last week.

Congratulations to...



Ben Lampe (8th grade) who was honored at the close of Mass this morning when Mike Deely (principal) and Margaret Mauro (assistant principal) of Cathedral Catholic High School presented him with a certificate stating that he had the highest score of the over 500 students who took the placement test to enter Cathedral Catholic High School this September. He was also awarded a \$5,000.00 scholarship for his freshman year and another \$5,000.00 for his sophomore year. Books and uniforms are part of the award too. *Great job, Ben! We are all proud of you..*

alumna **Micaela Gallanosa '07** who was recently named to the honor roll for the Academy of Our Lady of Peace.

our students whose Science Fair projects were selected to go on to the Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair in March:

EIGHTH GRADE

Celeste Erlander
Kaylee Fitzgerald
Ken Gourley
Tyler Ingel
David Lester



SEVENTH GRADE

Lia Generales
Hannah Labrie-Smith
Ray Smith
Sam Sphire

Announcements...



PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports for grades K-2 will be sent home Friday. For grades 3-8, you will receive a login code and password in the mail. You will be able to access your progress reports by going onto our website homepage and connecting to the HomeLogic link. Then just follow the directions. Progress report grades will be available for your viewing on Friday. We will let you know in the future when grades will be updated for your viewing.



HOT CHOCOLATE SALE

We still have a few weeks of Thursday morning hot chocolate sales sponsored by Student Council. If your children are buying hot chocolate, please get them to school early. We have very disappointed children when they arrive at 7:45 and find there is no more hot chocolate being sold. Hot chocolate is sold from 7:20 until 7:40. We have to stop sales at 7:40 so the children have time to finish their hot chocolate before classes begin.

SAFETY IN PARKING LOT

Please be sure you do not leave purses or other valuables in your cars when you visit the school or church. Last Sunday, a woman's purse was stolen from her car while she was at Mass. Let's be careful.

REGISTRATION FOR 2010-2011



It hardly seems possible that registration time is here again. Registration packets will be going home on March 10 and are due back by March 26. If you are signing up as parishioners of Saint John Parish, please be sure you follow the instructions and include a copy of the tax form which was sent to you by the parish last week. If you do not include that form, you will automatically be signed up for non-parishioner rate.

SEE'S CANDY

Be sure you see the See's candy flyer so you can do your Easter shopping from the convenience of home.

MATT MAHER CONCERT

You may have seen invitations to some of the concerts which Matt Maher, a popular Catholic musician and motivational speaker, is giving in San Diego this weekend. Your children in 4th through 8th grades are fortunate to have Matt Maher and Paul George join us at Saint John School on Monday, March 1 before they leave town for their next appearances. They will be giving a mini-concert for us. How blessed we are to have Matt Maher with us! His hit singles include "Just Like You" and "Your Grace is Enough."

SPEAKER AT CCHS

Jason Evert, an internationally known speaker, will be at Cathedral Catholic this Friday speaking on "Raising Chaste Teens." This presentation is for parents only and begins at 7:00P.M. in the Guadalupe Center Theater. You are welcome to hear this speaker who is humorous and shares many interesting statistics. Cathedral has been waiting three years to have him speak.



FROM COACH BALELO

The NCPL track meet at Cathedral Catholic High School is scheduled for Saturday March 27 at 8:00 am. This event is open to all St. John students grades Kindergarten through Eighth grade. 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. Track practices for grades K – 5 will take place during their P.E. classes throughout March. For grades 6 – 8 they too will be practicing in P.E. class, but will also have additional practices after school from 3:00 to 4:30 on Thursday March 11, 18 and 25 led by Jim Linglebach.

FRIDAY FISH FRY

The Friday Fish fry is a great family event. If you go, please keep your children with you. Last Friday, children were running around outside totally unsupervised. Some came down to the school. Some were dropped off to meet other friends and everyone was unsupervised. This really is not safe and we do not want any accidents to happen. So please supervise children at all times.



PENNY WARS

You may have already heard about the peaceful penny wars which began today at school. The 5th grade is sponsoring this fun activity and all proceeds will go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The object of the penny wars is to finish with your grade having the most points. You earn points for your grade by putting pennies in your grade's bucket. You can take points away from other grades by putting any silver coins or dollars into their buckets. Putting a nickel in another grade's bucket takes away 5 points, a dollar takes away 100 points, etc. Preschool and kindergarten will be collecting money in buckets in their classrooms, but will not be participating in the competition. The competition will take place each Wednesday during Lent at the lunch tables. Students may also write letters or cards to the patients or staff at St. Jude's and put them in the bin provided.

BATHROOM GRAFFITI

Please talk with your children about the importance of taking care of our school. We have been having daily occurrences of graffiti in our boys' bathrooms. We have talked with the children and would appreciate you doing the same. This is a very serious offense. If your child knows anything about it, please notify us. Any student involved in this type of behavior will have to come before the Discipline Board.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

Help construct raised-bed gardens for our students to grow and harvest food for our St. John's Food Pantry. We need families who can donate materials to accomplish this! Please contact amfeyl@aol.com. Remember that donations count toward volunteer hours.

Here are a few extra ways that we as St. John's school community will give throughout this season of Lent. Click on www.freerice.com, play educational games for all ages, and give while you learn! Each time you get a correct answer, rice is donated through the United Nations World Food Program to help end world hunger.

Secondly, save your change for the "Penny Wars" beginning this Wednesday at school with all proceeds benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Please cut out this reminder and tape to your computer:
Lenten "to do" list:

1. Click on www.freerice.com. Play as often as you can and give while you learn!
2. Save change for St. John's Penny Wars. Participate in a peaceful war!

***"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."
-Mother Teresa***



GALA IN THE GARDEN



St. John School—A Place to Learn, Grow and Play
Annual Auction Dinner & Dance—Friday, April 23, 2010

Auction: Be sure to get your tickets to this year's Auction! Early price of \$110 ends March 30th, after that prices go up to \$125 each. Don't miss it! Price includes open bar from 5:00pm-7:30pm. Auction Committee still needs baskets (new or gently used), volunteers and donations of ALL kinds!!! Contact cathyhall@mac.com to help!

Project PLAY

Project PLAY: Haven't seen the thermometer move in awhile? That's because the next big thing for Project PLAY is the Fund-A-Need at the Auction. We are currently at \$52,000, with a goal of \$140,000. However, \$140,000 is our "ideal" number (poured play surface, shade, and HUGE) -- if we get to at least \$100,000 we are putting in *something* (possibly no shade, no poured play surface, a little smaller). We can make it happen!! Questions? Cathyhall@mac.com

Project PLAY: Christmas DVDs from Preschool through 5th are done and should have been sent home this week. Forgot to order yours? We have a handful of extra copies in all grades. Details? Cathyhall@mac.com

SCRIP UPDATE



The next Special Scrip Delivery is scheduled for this Friday.

If you have a special scrip order, please contact Clare Erlander at leucadia@pacbell.net.

The Scrip Committee is looking for new committee members. Some requirements are: 1-2 hour commitment to inventory scrip and pick up special scrip orders every other week at school, order and keep a record of scrip orders on the computer on your own time at home. The scrip committee divides the work load and the time to do inventory can be worked out between committee members. The busiest time of the year for the scrip committee is before/during the beginning of the year and before/during Christmas time. You can receive as many or as little volunteer family hours as you need through this committee. Flexibility is available, some computer skills are necessary, but you will be trained.

If you are interested, please contact Yoli McGalliard at yoli34@sbcglobal.net.

Please stop by the school office and check out the wide variety of gift cards available through the scrip school box. Besides the usual grocery and gas cards available, there are a wide variety of retailers. There is something available for the whole family.

Finally, do not forget you can purchase scrip through the school scrip box using cash or check. Also for any purchases over \$100.00 you can use MC or VISA as well.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Thursday, February 25

7:20-7:40 Hot Chocolate Sale \$1.00

8:00A.M. Eagle Group Meeting

3:30 Meet and Greet our 5th grade long-term substitute Ms. Amy Pool

6:30 First Reconciliation

Friday, February 26

Progress Reports

1:45 School Stations of the Cross

5:30 Fish Fry

6:00 Parish Stations of the Cross

Sunday, February 28

Second Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 1

New Lunch Schedule begins for grades 1-5

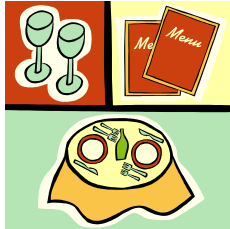
Wednesday, March 3

Reconciliation for grades 3-8

Dine-Out Event – Pat and Oscar's (Palomar Airport Road)

PAT and OSCAR'S
Wednesday, March 3

Mark your calendars!
Be sure to bring
attached flyer.



EAGLE GROUP MEETING
8:00A.M.

Thursday, February 26
Come one, come all!



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

You can reach us at...
p. (760) 944-8227
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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.