



Presentation Newsline

Presentation Catholic School * 3100 Norris Ave * Sacramento * CA 95821

January 4, 2010

Living and nurturing Catholic values while achieving academic excellence

A moment of reflection from Father....

As we begin a new year, I found this prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola to be a good way to start.

"Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. You have given all to me. To You, O Lord, I return it all. All is Yours; dispose of it wholly according to Your Will. Give me Your love and Your grace, for these are sufficient for me. For with these I am rich enough and desire nothing more. Amen."

And one more from Ignatius:

"Few souls understand what God would accomplish in them if they were to abandon themselves unreservedly to Him and if they were to allow His grace to mold them accordingly."



Notes from the Office.....

Friday, January 8, 2010, is a minimum day with 12:15 P.M. dismissal. Extension will be open regular hours.

Please join the student body for **Mass** on Friday, January 8, 2010, at 8:15 A.M. All students need to be in full Mass uniform including sweaters.

A reminder — if you are driving/chaperoning on a field trip or helping out in the classroom, you need to have **TB clearance** on file in the school office.

Profit reports for fundraising (Entertainment Books, Sally Foster and Scrip) will be sent home with your oldest/only child by Friday, January 15, 2010.

Note from the Principal.....

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a great break, full of quality time with family and friends. I know we did, but we also missed you and are ready to get back to work! This month sees us preparing for our very big, very special Catholic Schools' Week. Of paramount importance is the kickoff event, our annual Presentation Crab Feed on Saturday, January 30. This event is great fun, service driven, and a major source of revenue for our school. **Please attend, and please bring friends and family!** Both tickets and information are available in the office. Also coming up is our Open House on Sunday, January 31. Come see what your students have been hard at work learning, building, studying for, and artistically creating. Refreshments will be available, and this day is also a great opportunity to see what your students have to look forward to next year! In addition, and back by popular demand, is Special Persons' Day on the following Friday, February 5. This is a minimum day; after first Friday Mass, students will be demonstrating projects and entertaining those special relatives or friends of the family. (May I suggest a trip to Leatherby's after the morning's festivities?) Lastly, please be attentive to requests from your room parents as regards class projects; these need to be completed this month for sale at our Crab Feed. I would like to send out thanks to the following parents who went above and beyond the call of duty in December: the Tsui family, Mr. Love, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Do donated one of their vacation weekends to paint the faculty workrooms; Mrs. Sutton for chairing the Book Fair and Mr. and Mrs. Emmett who ran the most profitable "Breakfast with Santa" the school has ever had! To these families, and the other families involved in these efforts, 40 service hours equals a jumping off point! Thank you parents for all you do for this school!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

ARCO Arena Concession Stand

Volunteers Needed

You can make 10 PIP Points and a free dinner for a fun night at a Kings Game. We need more people for the Tuesday, Jan 26th game. No experience needed. Feel free to invite friends and family to work with you. You get PIP points for their work. The other dates we are currently signing people up for are Tuesday, Feb 23, and Tuesday, Apr 6. Please email or call Bob Blake at bob.blake@sbcglobal.net or 944-7099.

Presentation Gym Bags and Polos Update

We are anxiously awaiting our gym bags and polos from the embroidery company. The company has made a small mistake in the gym bag printing, and we are waiting to hear what their solution will be. We apologize for the long wait and hope to have our goods soon. Thank you for your patience.

Teacher's Weekly Update

Preschool - Mrs. Murphy

Welcome back! We would like to thank all of you for your generous gifts during the Christmas season! Our greatest gift is being able to get to know all of you and your children. January brings Scientific Adventures to our preschool. This week we are focusing on weather. We will be making rain sticks, magic snow, erupting geysers, and spinning tornadoes. In phonics we will introduce the letter /K/ and Kayo Kangaroo. Religion brings us to The Presentation of Jesus at the temple. This month we will follow the lead of our elementary school and begin each day with a decade of the rosary. A big HELLO to our new student this month: Juliette Irwin!

Kindergarten - Mrs. Franklin

Welcome back. Wishing you a glorious year of happiness and joy through Jesus Christ our Lord! I hope you had a great holiday. This is a very exciting time of the school year because the children are beginning to break the code of learning how to read. Please have your child read to you or read to them as much as possible! Read words in the grocery store, in newspapers, and on street signs. This will help your children gain confidence in their abilities. Please don't forget to review the memory words. In Religion this week our chapter is called, "We Learn about God with Our Families." We will discuss how we shared the news of the birth of Christ with our families and the importance of this event in our lives. We will continue our unit called, "Stick to It" in language arts. The short vowel sound of /o/ will be introduced. We will also work on the writing process through story telling by learning about sequencing and problem resolution. Our unit about addition and subtraction concepts continues in math. We will continue to study animals in science. Have a great year!

First Grade - Mrs. Kretz

The first grade class will learn about Christmas time in the church. Also we will practice the Rosary each day. When we return from Christmas vacation the first grade will lead morning Rosary. In math we are finishing up unit 3. Subtraction and math facts are our focus. We will wrap up our "Neighborhood" language arts unit. There is no class Mass on Thursday. On Friday we will have a school Mass. Also on Friday we will celebrate the holiday season by making gingerbread houses. Please send in a clean, empty milk carton by Friday and 2 bags of candies for decorations. I will make the frosting for the gingerbread houses. All parents are welcome to help make our gingerbread houses on Friday, at 10:30 A.M.

Second Grade - Mrs. Bardin

I hope you felt the beauty and peace of Christmas and had a wonderful Christmas vacation. This Thursday is the community field trip. We will leave at about 11:10 A.M. and return close to 3:00 P.M. Please pack your child a lunch that day. We will eat before we leave. The story, "Grandpa's Corner Store," is about a mom and pop store compared to a supermarket. We will finish the curriculum we started, work on a community map, and write a research paper on a community helper. We will continue 2 digit subtractions in math. We are finishing our addition math facts. In Religion we will continue with Reconciliation.

Third Grade - Mrs. Foucek

Welcome back! We are jumping right back into our routine. In Religion we will learn that God class each of us to holiness. Remember it is first Friday this week, so please send your child in full Mass uniform on Friday. In math we will learn about lines, angles and shapes. To help us memorize the different shapes we will make 'Polygon Monsters.' Keeping with our "Money" unit we will read "Lemons and Lemonade." It is a story about running your own business. Remember that spelling homework, pretest, and test will be completed in cursive. In social studies we will continue to learn about Native Americans. Don't forget your child's Native American report is due Friday, January 29th. In science we are jumping towards the back of the book to learn about the sun and its family. Look for a moon journal assignment coming home within the next week or so. Have a great week!

Fourth Grade - Mrs. Baggett

Hello everyone! I hope all of you enjoyed your Christmas as much as my family did. In Religion we are learning about parts of the Mass, and we will have a test on chapter 12 on Thursday. In language arts we are reading "A Covered Wagon Girl", working with adverbs, spelling words with -sion, -tion, and en-, and beginning to read By the Great Horn Spoon. We will create a story quilt with this book and make vocabulary advertising brochures with the words in this book. In math we are multiplying two digit numbers by two and three digit numbers, and we will have our chapter 11 math test on Friday. In social studies we are learning about why pioneers came to California and how the United States took over California. In science we are learning about pulleys and simple machines. Thank you to Mrs. Beile for our pizza party. Friday we go to Mass and have a minimum day. The cereal box book report is due Wednesday. Have a beautiful week!

Fifth Grade - Mrs. Boyle

Happy New Year! Welcome back! This week in Religion we will study the five different forms of prayer. We are also preparing for our Mass on Friday. Please join us if you are able. In math we start a new chapter (8). Students will be adding mixed numbers. New spelling and vocabulary words will be sent home today. Students should study them every night. Book reports are due January 12. In literature we are reading "Shh... We're Writing the Constitution." The Middle Colonies is the social studies topic this week. We will also be learning about Benjamin Franklin and his role in the birth of our nation. In science we will study Earth's rocks and soil. Have a great week!

Teacher's Weekly Update Continued

Junior High Math and Science - Mrs. Donahue

Welcome back! I hope you had a great break! We come back ready to work, and we begin with 8th grade. This week we will complete our review science packet for chapters 1-8 and work on our math packet for the CHSPT. Both will be due on Friday of this week. For all levels we will quiz in math on Wednesday and begin chapter 9 in science. Get going on those DRW's and notes! 6th grade will begin their disaster projects due next week, finish up their crystallization projects, and 6th and 7th will work on their math survey spreadsheets. 6th grade also will take their test on the "Memorare" —we didn't quite get there before vacation, so it's review time. Also 6th needs to bring in the cost of our cool class project for the Crab Feed (\$12.00 per student). If you have questions on this, please contact either me or Victoria Fernandez. Yep, it's gonna be a busy week!

Junior High Social Studies and P.E. - Mr. Maestretti

7th grade Religion will begin our look at the Old Testament ideal of the Suffering Servant which was part of the prophecy of the coming of Jesus. Test on Thursday for chapter 7. In social studies, the 7th grade will finish our unit on Africa. We will have a quiz on week 14 for DOG. Unit 6 spelling and vocabulary tests will be this Friday.

6th grade will continue our study of the first ancient empires focusing on the Assyrians and the Babylonians. We will have a DOG quiz on Friday on week 14. Spelling and vocabulary quizzes will be on unit 6 on Friday.

8th grade social studies will study the westward expansion of our nation in the middle of the 19th century. We will also have a DOG quiz on week 14 on Friday. Unit 6 spelling and vocabulary quiz will also be on Friday.

6th, 7th, and 8th grade P.E. classes will continue our basketball unit focusing on passing.

All classes will be preparing for our school-wide geography bee sponsored by National Geographic Magazine, which will take place the week of January the 11th.

Go Panthers!!!

Junior High Language Arts - Mrs. Casagrande

Welcome back everyone, and Happy New Year. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your families. The students did a wonderful job on our Christmas Program this year. It was beautiful! Special thanks to Mrs. Poncini, Mrs. Mullens, Mrs. Donahue for their special talents. Also a big thank you to all of the teachers for their time and hard work to prepare their classes.

This Friday we will have mass at 8:15 A.M. At 10:00 Mrs. Mauro and Mrs. Jaime will work with the students on their crab feed projects. Please make sure to get the \$ and the recipes to Mrs. Mauro. I will send another e-mail with the attachment today, so please look for it.

RELIGION - 8th grade - We will finally finish chapter 5 in our Confirmation books. There are three more chapters in this book. We will be finishing our saint reports also in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Mr. Cull will finish "The Theology of the Body" this week.

6th, 7th, and 8th Grades Language Arts

In ENGLISH - We will do DOL week 14 this week, and the test will be on Thursday. The 6th and 7th grades will begin work on verbs in their textbooks. The 8th grade will work on the CHSPT material.

8th GRADE LITERATURE – *Huck Finn* - We will continue to read and finish this novel in the next week and finish the questions. When we finish this novel, they will have a final - so these chapter questions are very important. We will begin our work in the lab on the book reports. Once I see their notes and they begin this project on Criterion, then they can work on them from home. Thanks

7th GRADE LITERATURE - *Tom Sawyer* - We finished this novel, and the final will be tomorrow. We did a practice test and prepared for this before we left for Christmas break. We will begin our work in the lab on the book reports. Once I see their notes and they begin this project on Criterion, then they can work on them from home. Thanks

6th GRADE LITERATURE - *Dragonwings* - They will finish chapter 3 and begin chapters 4 and 5 this week. We will begin our work in the lab on the book reports. Once I see their notes and they begin this project on Criterion, then they can work on them from home. Thanks

We have mass this Friday. Have a great week and thank you for all you do.

Art Classes - Mrs. Whalen

We will be preparing for our ART SHOW that will be in the Art room at the end of January. If there are any parents that can assist me with the task of cleaning and set up please contact me at school. I will use that last week of January to work in my room. Thank you for your time. Dana Whalen

Student Council: Mrs. Donahue

There will be no meeting this week as we get back into the swing of school. We will meet again next Thursday to plan Catholic Schools' Week, our field trip to the Cathedral, and our student led Mass on Sunday, January 31.

GOT SCRIP??

Thank you to all Presentation families who support our scrip program. During the last week of school before break, we sold **\$45,025.00**. In the month of December, we sold a grand total of **\$103,864.00** in scrip!! That is an increase of almost \$18,000.00 from last year!!

A huge **THANK YOU** to the Leatherby Family Creamery for their special fundraising opportunity. During the period of Dec 9 to Dec 20, Leatherby's offered a 50% profit on all scrip sold at Presentation. Families stepped up and purchased **\$3,050.00** worth of scrip, profiting our school **\$1,525.00!**

NOW IN STOCK: In N Out Burger gift cards (\$25) and Whole Foods gift cards (\$50 and \$100).

SCRIP YEAR: The scrip year is fast coming to a close. Hurry in to make your last minute scrip purchases to earn profit towards your fundraising commitment, with the possibility of earning yourself a bit of credit towards next year's registration fee. Scrip fundraising year ends February 28. Reports will be sent home by Jan 15.



Little Dribbler's Basketball Schedule

Jan 9 @ Presentation vs. SEAS
Jan 16 @ Presentation vs. Sacred Heart
Jan 23 @ OLA
Jan 30 @ Holy Spirit
Feb 6 @ Presentation vs. SJ Vianney
Feb 13 @ St. Alban
Feb 13 @ St. Ignatius
Feb. 27 @ Presentation vs. John Paul II
March 6 NO GAME

The game times are as follows:

9:00	1 st Grade Girls
10:00	2 nd Grade Girls
11:00	3 rd & 4 th Grade Girls
12:00	3 rd & 4 th Grade Girls
1:00	1 st Grade Boys
2:00	2 nd Grade Boys
3:00	3 rd Grade Boys
4:00	4 th Grade Boys



PAL NEWS



Hello Sport Fans:

Looking forward to a great new year in sports! We have a Booster Club meeting this Tuesday at 6:00 in the 4th grade classroom. We will be working on our upcoming basketball tournament, so if you would like to help us plan this exciting event, please join us!

The practice schedule has changed for 8th girls who will have practice Wednesdays 7:15-8:30 & Thursdays from 4:15-6:15. 5th/6th grade girls will no longer have practice on Wednesdays from due to games. They will practice on Fridays from 3-4:30 P.M.

Games for all grades begin this week. Little Dribblers play this week at Presentation and Mrs. Van Meter, our Little Dribblers Coordinator, will email a request to each parent to work the snackbar. Each family is required to work at least 2 hours. Game times are as listed below, if there is a change, your coach will let you know. Basketball uniforms will be given out at practices this week.

Grades 5-8, please be sure to check the following PAL website for game changes periodically: boys website www.jhssac.org, go to admissions, go to PAL, go to basketball, & then to either varsity rec (7/8th boys), JV Rec. green (6th) & JV Rec. white (5th) & girls website www.girlspaleague.com, go to either Varsity Competitive for 8th girls or JV Competitive for 5/6th girls. Our Varsity Boys' tournament is around the corner; please let me know when you would like to work: January 23rd through January 25th. We need your help to make this successful! Our tournaments are great fundraisers as well as community builders.

Working the tournaments is fun! We need snackbar workers, scorers, gate workers, and raffle ticket sellers. All proceeds go to our Booster Club which provides uniforms and equipment for our athletes. Thank you so much for your support!



Happy Sweating,
Mrs. Kathleen Baggett