



Presentation Newsline

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Living and nurturing Catholic values while achieving academic excellence

A moment of reflection from Father....



This week the Church celebrates the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, when we recall that Mary was preserved in her conception from all stain of original sin. God kept her free from sin so that, through her "yes," she could become the Mother of His Son.

One of the great theologian's of the last century said of Mary's "yes" at the moment of the Annunciation: It is "not just a simple acceptance and, even less, a resignation. It is rather a joyous desire to collaborate with what God foresees for her. It is the joy of a total abandonment to the good will of God."

In this Advent Season, may we renew our "yes" to God. Let us ask Him for the grace of "total abandonment" to His will for our lives.

Notes from the Office.....

Congratulations to Tiyana Dorsey for coming first in the Spelling Bee. Way to go!

Make-Up Picture Day will be on Friday, December 11, 2009. Please make sure you student is in full Mass uniform.

The Santa Breakfast and Craft Fair will be held on Sunday, December 13, 2009, from 8:00—4:00 P.M.

Thank you to Bob Blake and all the volunteers who gave up their Sunday evening to work at ARCO. The Presentation Spirit was very much alive last night! Although the Kings lost, Presentation definitely won!!

Note from the Principal.....



Principal's Message

Better watch out, better not cry! Better not pout, I'm tellin' you why! Only two more weeks until families can take that collective breath and say, "Ahhh, Christmas Break!" We all have a lot to do before then, but we will try to keep you informed and help you and your students stay on top of your busy schedule. Here is a list you might want to check twice! First, our charity drive has begun. 8th graders are putting together backpacks for Mustard Seed school children, and the rest of the student body are gathering and stuffing their stockings for the St. Vincent de Paul ministry—this was such a welcome addition to the ministry last year that we have been asked to renew our efforts for this Christmas. Our list is enclosed with this newsletter, and whatever your family can provide is much appreciated. Second, on Monday we will celebrate the feast day of St. Nicholas; whether we've been naughty or nice, our custom is to place our shoes outside our classroom doors (running around shoe-less is in itself fun enough for most of us) to wait for a surprise from St. Nicholas. Be sure to ask the little ones about this when you pick them up from school Monday afternoon! Third, on Tuesday we will celebrate Mass together on the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception; 4th grade will assist in worship, and **full Mass uniform is required**. Also on the subject of uniform, picture make-ups will be Friday of this week. Fourth, we will begin our practices this week for our Christmas Pageant which will take place on Thursday, December 17th, at 6:30 P.M. Fifth, 6th grade will assist in worship at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, Dec. 20th; please join us then. Sixth, Mrs. Sutton is hard at work preparing for our annual Book Faire—mark the week of December 13-18 on your calendar for this great event which is also a fundraiser for our school. Finally, speaking of books, thanks go to our new librarian, Mrs. Lee, who has been working with her generous husband to spruce up our library; she will begin overseeing our new library schedule in January. PHEW! May God bless your families, and bless our school,
Carrie Donahue

Christmas Pageant 2009

Thursday, December 17, 2009, at 6:30 P.M. in the Church. Doors open at 6:00 P.M.
Students need to be in full mass uniform including sweater.

Dress rehearsal on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 — students need to be in full mass uniform

Thursday, December 7, 2009, all grades have free dress

Teacher's Weekly Update

Kindergarten Readiness—Mrs. Murphy

Brrrr, it's cold out there! I hope everyone enjoyed their weekend. Preschool is having fun this Advent Season. Last week we made the Angel Gabriel and Advent Wreaths. This week in art we are making a stable out of wood sticks along with handprint wreaths and a countdown to Christmas Calendar. In phonics we will introduce Bubba Bear and the letter B. Our Little Chefs will be making butter in a bottle, there will be a whole lot of shakin' goin' on. In Religion we will read a story about The Visitation. We will be sequencing the life of Mary beginning with her visit from the Angel Gabriel and leading up to the Birth of Jesus. Our Memory Verse for the month: "Glory to our God above who so loved everyone, He gave the world a gift of love— Jesus Christ, His son! Glory to our God of love this joyous Christmas morn, and Happy Birthday, Jesus, on this day that You were born!" Great Job to all the Busy Bees who turned in their homework on Friday. It's never too late to turn it in and go in the prize box! The Christmas Pageant is on Thursday, December 17th, starting at 6:30. Heads up to those new families; seating goes quickly, so arrive early to get a spot. Happy Holidays! Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Tsui & Mrs. Lee

Kindergarten - Mrs. Franklin

Attention Parents: Every year each class makes a project to donate to the Crab Feed auction. We are also responsible for providing a Faith Family lunch for the teachers in May. At this time I am requesting \$30.00 cash from each student to pay for these obligations. The Crab Feed is just around the corner, and we need to get started on the project. Please turn the money to me, in an envelope, marked with your child's name. Thank you very much! Thursday, December 17th, is our Christmas Pageant. The kindergarten class will be singing a song. Please bring your child to the church at 6:15. We will be sitting together as a class. You will pick them up at the end of the Pageant. Please have them wear their full Mass uniform. This is a big event for the children. If you are unable to attend, please let me know as soon as possible. This week in Religion we will be reading a student book about the birth of Jesus. In language arts the sound of short /i/ will be introduced. We will be reading and writing using all of the letters we have had so far. We will be finishing our unit, "By the Sea." We will be reading a story called, "Hello Ocean." In math we will be learning about more or less, and we will be making graphs. We will be learning about the properties of water in science, and we will be learning about animals that fly. Book orders are due on Friday. Have a great week!

First Grade - Mrs. Kretz

Religion will focus on Advent this week. We will also learn about St. Nicholas. The first grade is collecting money for the Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center. Please bring in your loose change or cash and fill up our baby bottles. All money will be donated by the first grade class in honor of Jesus' birthday. Math will continue to focus on addition and subtraction facts. In language arts we will continue to learn about neighborhoods. Please send clean, half gallon size or smaller milk cartons to school. We will use the milk cartons to make gingerbread houses at our Christmas celebration. Please note that we have art class on Tuesday afternoons. The paint used is not washable. If you want, you may send an art smock or shirt to protect clothing. Mass this week will be at 8:15 A.M. on Tuesday. Remember to dress in Mass uniform. The first grade class is in need of the following items: snacks {nothing with peanut butter please}, big glue sticks; old magazines; stamp pads; empty, clean cans; paper plates; and milk cartons. Thank you for all your help.

Second Grade - Mrs. Bardin

This week the story, "Out and About City Hall," shows and describes local government. We will also read about and discuss laws and enact a mock legislature. We will finish our advent activities and continue looking deeper at the commandments. The children are working on preparing for Jesus this Advent season by being kinder to their friends and family. Please encourage them at home with this inner work they are doing. We continue doing double digit addition in math with chapter 10. Continue to practice the math facts + 0-7. The students will take notes and write a descriptive paragraph on a community helper.

Third Grade - Mrs. Foucek

This week in third grade we will be learning about the parish as a Catholic community and the various ways people serve in their parish. In math we are starting a measurement unit. We will continue to study our multiplication facts daily. Please continue to study them at home. We will be reading "the Go-Around Dollar" in reading this week and working on identifying adjectives. The spelling test this week will be written in cursive along with all of their spelling homework. In social studies we will finish our chapter on the Cheyenne and have a test on Friday. Last week we got a bit behind in science, so this week we will finish the chapter and have a test on Wednesday. Have a wonderful week.

Fourth Grade - Mrs. Baggett

Hello everyone! We are learning about the third commandment and preparing for our Mass that is tomorrow, Tuesday, Dec. 8th. We invite you to attend mass with us tomorrow! In L.A. we are reading "Striking it Rich", learning about adjectives, prepositional phrases, and the suffix -er and Greek root "nat". We will have our comprehension, vocabulary, English, and spelling test on Friday. We are learning about multiplying by greater numbers and zero. We will have our chapter 10 test on Friday or Monday and will have two quizzes this week. In science we are learning the importance of soil. We will have a science quiz on Thursday. Have a wonderful week!

Fifth Grade - Mrs. Boyle

We are down to the last two weeks before Christmas break, and there is so much to squeeze in!! Because of time needed for practicing for the pageant, our literature/spelling/vocab lesson will be spread out over two weeks. This means no vocab or spelling test

Teacher's Weekly Update Continued

until next week. This gives students extra time to study, so I'm hoping to see some great results! In Religion we are finishing up our study of the Eucharist. We will have a special guest come speak on this topic. Thank you Fr. Leatherby! Our test will be on Friday. In math we are adding and subtracting fractions with like and unlike denominators. In social studies we finish up with New England and the Puritans. Test will be on Friday. Minerals, their properties and how they form are the topics in science this week. Have a wonderful week!

Junior High Math and Science - Mrs. Donahue

This week finds us beginning a new chapter (8) in science at all levels; look for your student's DRW to come home today. **The pace for the next two weeks** will be as follows: Monday through Thursday, DRW's, reading, and note-taking; Friday, notes and DRW check; Tuesday of next week, KTQ's; Thursday of next week will be our chapter 8 tests. In addition each level will have a lab beginning this week, with write-ups due on Friday. Also 8th grade will receive a packet to review all eight chapters thus far; this packet will be invaluable for finals study. It will not be due until the Friday after we return from Christmas break. In math all levels will have daily homework with quizzes on Wednesday of this week and Tuesday of next week. 6th grade Religion will continue with our Exodus study and our Advent preparations; our next test, covering chapter 8, our Bible readings, and our Adventure, will be on Tuesday. Our next prayer test will be on the "Memorare" and will begin on Thursday of this week. Let's keep 'em focused!

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

7th grade Religion will have a test on the Transfiguration of Jesus. We will then take a closer look at Jesus Christ the Son of God. In social studies we will study the influence of Europeans on the African civilizations.

6th grade social studies will finish our unit on the first developing civilizations and begin to study some of the first empires.

8th grade will begin studying the development of our nation through the antebellum period that shaped the conditions for our Civil War.

6th-8th grade will finish unit 6 in spelling and vocabulary and have tests on Friday

7th and 8th will work on week 12 DOG, and 6th will finish week 11.

6th-8th P.E. will begin our unit on basketball.

7th graders please bring your Christmas stocking items in ASAP. Thanks

Go Panthers!!

Junior High Language Arts - Mrs. Casagrande

We will have Mass tomorrow morning at 8:15 for the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Please make sure that your child is in full Mass uniform.

Mustardseed projects must be in the classroom and ready to wrap by Friday, December 11, 2009. I would like to thank so many parents for all of their donations. I have never had such an outpouring of generosity.

Thursday we will go to Walnut House to visit with the elderly, participate in the Communion Service, and say the Rosary with them.

RELIGION - 8th grade - We will try to finish chapter 5 in our Confirmation Book. They will have a test on this chapter on Friday, December 11, 2009, if everything goes well this week. Understand that I will not give them the test unless they are ready for it. Mr. Cull will continue with "The Theology of the Body" each Monday morning. The 8th grade will continue to practice for the Christmas Program this week. They received their parts last week and a copy of the script. Please encourage them to know their parts well and the words to the songs.

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

In ENGLISH - There will be no DOL test this week. The 6th and 7th grades will work on Week 13 in our notebooks and correct it on Friday. I will count this as a quiz to make sure it is completed, corrected, and turned in to me. The 8th grade will work on the CHSPT material. They will have words to memorize for the Christmas Program and will have a tests on these words by Thursday of this week.

8th GRADE LITERATURE - *Huck Finn* - We will continue to read and work with questions for chapters 33-35. They will work on questions, but they will not have any more chapter tests. When this novel is finished they will have a final— so these chapter questions are very important. Please remember that the books for the book reports must be completed when we return from Christmas break. Thanks

7th GRADE LITERATURE - *Tom Sawyer* - We will finish this novel this week. This Friday they will have a vocabulary test for words 26 – 50. They will work in the computer lab on each section of their book reports on Criterion. Please remember that the books for the book reports must be completed when we return from Christmas break. Thanks.

6th GRADE LITERATURE - *Dragonwings* - They will continue to work on chapters 2 and 3 and answer questions. Please remember that the books for the book reports must be completed when we return from Christmas break. Thanks

Thank you for all you do. Have a great week!

Art Classes - Mrs. Whalen

This week in art Kindergarten and first grade will work with line design. Second grade will hear a story and create a character from the story. Third grade will continue with their "Sea Picture." Fourth through eighth grades will be working on their stained-glass designs for the art contest that is in January.

Student Council: Mrs. Donahue

We will have a lunch meeting this week to go over finances, stocking drive, and next year's calendar. We will also discuss attending the Right to Life Rally at the Cathedral. Who has snack?

Math Lab

Math lab will continue this week at our regular hours, and **next week will be offered only on Monday and Wednesday.**



PAL NEWS



Hello Sports Fans:

We are off to a great start for our basketball season! All teams have practice this week!

All basketball coaches (1-8), please be sure to turn in a copy of your PCA card, and make sure all students go where they need to go after practice.

Happy Sweating,
Mrs. Kathleen Baggett



Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Advent Tree

**Benefits WIND,
(youth on the streets)
St. Vincent De Paul and
Wellspring Women's Center.**

Please take a tag from the tree in the school office or Church Vestibule, purchase the gift, and bring it back to the school office or church unwrapped with the tag attached.



**Congratulations to
Scotty Baggett and
Mrs. Baggett
who both ran in The
California International
Marathon.
Way to go!!**

Las Posadas

The Presentation Latin American Committee invites Presentation parishioners, children and youth to participate in **Las Posadas**, a reenactment of Mary and Joseph's search for shelter on the road to Bethlehem.

Las Posadas will be on Friday, December 18th, beginning at the Church at 7:00 PM. We will continue the celebration in the school cafeteria with music, piñata, and refreshments.

Join us for this centuries old reenactment of pray, faith, singing, and joy.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will start on Sunday, December 13, 2009, and run through Friday, December 18, 2009. Each grade will have an opportunity to visit the book fair during the day as well as during morning and lunch recess. The book fair will also be open after school until 3:30 P.M. If you would like service points and can volunteer please contact

Mrs. Sutton at (916) 806-0359.

Santa Breakfast and Craft Fair

This is the last week that you can buy Santa Breakfast tickets after school.

Individual tickets - \$4.00
Family of four - \$16.00

COMING SOON! *In-N-Out Burger* (\$10, **20% profit!!**) and *Whole Foods* (\$50, 4% profit).

IN STOCK FOR THE HOLIDAYS: Starbucks \$10.00 gift cards; Barnes & Noble and Borders \$25.00 gift cards; Claires \$10.00 gift cards

VISA/AMERICAN EXPRESS: Visa & American Express gift cards are the ideal gift for any age or gender. And not just for gifts!! Keep one handy in your purse/wallet for most any situation. Visa is carried in stock in \$25 and \$100 denominations-- special orders of \$50 cards is available. American Express is carried in stock in \$100 denominations--- special orders of \$25 or \$200 cards are available.

GROCERY OUTLET: At this time we are no longer carrying Grocery Outlet scrip. We will keep you posted if they return to the program.

HOLIDAY SCRIP SCHEDULE:

Orders placed by Monday, 12/14, before 9A.M., will be ready for pick up before the start of Christmas break. Orders placed by Monday, 12/21, before 9A.M., will be ready for pick up by Wednesday, 12/23— contact Diana Jimenez @ [dijimenez@prodigy.net](mailto:djimenez@prodigy.net) to make arrangements.

PIP POINTS: The end of the PIP year is coming up fast (February 28, 2010). Contact Lainie Anderson @ lainieanderson@sbcglobal.net to sign up as a weekend seller for Scrip. Selling Scrip after all Masses (Sat- 5:30; Sun- 8:30, 10:30, 4:30) earns you 15 PIP points!

As always, Thank You for supporting Presentation's Scrip Program and helping to benefit our children.