

St. Didacus School

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NEWSLETTER, Vol. 1, # 24

Dr. Joan Shoff - Principal

3/4/09

World Math Day

Dear Parents,

I can't believe that it is already March. Before we know it, June will be here and we will be seeing our Eighth Graders graduate. Third Quarter Progress Grades are in this week's envelope. Your student's Class Picture is also in the envelope.

The teachers and I have been discussing Penny Carnival. The date is still to be determined, but we want to put out the request for a variety of donations:

**Slightly Used, but Good or Excellent Condition and Clean
Toys, Games, Stuffed Animals**

Some parents may want to take the vacation time to clean out the toy boxes and donate the good treasures to the Penny Carnival. Please bring in your donations as soon as possible, no later than after Easter Vacation.

The Parent Advisor Board is working very hard to make this year's Casino and Auction Night another success. Save Saturday, April 24th to attend this huge fundraiser for the school. Please encourage your family members and friends to attend. **The PAB is looking for donations. Any certificate is appreciated – local cleaners, car wash, nail salons, florists, etc. Any donations can be turned into the school office.**

The Spring Coffee Sale is in progress. The coffee is wonderful. My family has enjoyed the coffee that I ordered before Christmas. The sale ends Friday, March 12th. This is a good time to order for Easter gifts.

Our Spring Book Faire has ended. I want to thank Julie Denham for her time and effort to organize, set up, and to place the orders. It is a good fundraiser, but we will **not be able to continue this fundraiser next year, without a parent volunteer**. Please let Jacque Gonzalez know if you can volunteer next year for this wonderful fundraiser. We have had the Book Faire twice a year in the past.

Reminder – Please turn in your Re-Registration Form and payment into the Parish Office. The deadline is **March 12th**.

Please keep the Eighth Graders in your prayers as they wait for their Acceptance Letters from the Catholic High Schools.

Dr. Joan Shoff

Friday, March 19th – NO SCHOOL - Faculty In-Service

SPRING COFFEE SALE – Mar. 3rd to 12th, 2010

Expected Delivery Date March 30, 2010

Forms sent home today.

- **RE-REGISTRATION FORMS** – Were due on Monday, March 1st. Please return your registration forms ASAP. Payment is due by Friday, March 12th. Please contact Mrs. Carr in the Parish Center Business Office if you have any questions.
- **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Congratulations Samantha Bray (1st Grade) won 1st place in 4-10 age bracket and Joseph Bray (7th Grade) took 3rd Place in the 11 to 17 age bracket at the Soryong Taekwondo All Valley Open Championships last weekend.
- **COACHES NEEDED FOR Boys’ “A & B” Volleyball:** Please contact Mrs. Gonzalez in the school office (367-5886) if you are interested in coaching no later then Wed. March 11, 2010.
- **Attention Girls’ & Boys’ “A”& “B” Basketball Parents** – Please have your son or daughters return their Basketball jerseys. Families will be assessed \$30.00 if they are not returned to the office. Thank you, Mrs. Gonzalez
- **NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION:** Applications are available in the school office during normal business hours. Forms must be filled in completely before taking them to the Parish Center Office along with fees and other required paper work. Registered parishioners are given first consideration. Families currently enrolled who list a NEW incoming student on their re-registration form, will have forms sent home in their newsletter envelope or they may pickup an application in the school office.
- **ARCHDIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS** for the 2010 - 2011 school year are available upon request from the School or Parish office during business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning today. Completed forms, along with income verification (2009 W-2 and 2008 Income Tax forms or completed 2009 Income Tax Forms), must be turned in to Mrs. Carr in the Parish Office **no later than 3/19/10** in order for the application to be processed and submitted to the Archdiocese by their deadline date. **Families who are currently receiving assistance for the 2009 – 2010 school year must reapply if they are once again seeking assistance.** Qualification is based on annual household income, and your 2009 W-2 and 2008 or 2009 Income Tax Forms. Forms **MUST ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION** in order to be granted consideration. The pastor and principal will review applications, and all information will remain confidential. Confidential paper work will be shredded once application process has been completed.

- **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Wednesday, March 3rd - Spring Coffee Sale Begins - Flyers sent home
- Friday, March 5th - First Grade First Friday Mass @ 8:30 a.m. & Continental Breakfast
- Tuesday, March 9th - Parent Advisory Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. in the School Office
- Friday, March 12th - Re-Registration Payment Due
- **Friday, March 12th - Spring Coffee Sale Ends - Orders and Payment Due**
- Wednesday, March 17th - Happy St. Patrick's Day
- **Friday, March 19th - Archdiocese Tuition Assistance Forms Due @ Parish Center Office**
- **Friday, March 19th - NO SCHOOL - FACULTY RETREAT - NO DAY CARE**
- Monday, March 29th - \$500 Monthly Drawing - tickets due by 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 31st - CESAR CHAVEZ DAY - **SCHOOL IN SESSION**
- Thursday, April 1st - Third Quarter Ends -
- Thursday, April 1st - NOON DISMISSAL - NO DAYCARE - Easter Vacation Begins
- Monday, April 12th - School Resumes
- Wednesday, April 21st - Report Card Distribution in the Office & Walk Up Conferences 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Classrooms

- **UMBRELLAS:** During the rainy season we are in need of donations of good condition umbrellas - Umbrellas will be used by students / classes when visiting the computer lab - reading lab - library - book fair etc. on rainy days. Please send umbrellas to the school office

- **TICKET/TUITION:** March Tuition due by the close of school on Monday, March 15th. Be sure your tickets are paid for and turned in no later than 10:00 a.m. on 3/29/10 in order to qualify for March drawing. A reminder that **ALL** families must be current in their tuition payments prior to re-registration in order for reacceptance to be considered.

- **DAY CARE:** - Friendly reminder March Day Care payment was due on Monday, March 1, 2010. Payments are to be paid in the Parish Center Office. April payment will be due by Thursday, April 1, 2010.

- **YARD DUTY for the week of:**

3/8/10 - # 213 Beas

3/15/10 - # 144 Gonzalez

3/22/10 -Volunteers are needed

3/29/10 - #92 Regaldo-Valdez, #39 Zamora

Parents must sign in the Service Hour Notebook in the office no later than 11:55 a.m. Lunch supervision ends at 12:45 p.m. We are always in need of additional help with our lunch time supervision. If you have a free afternoon, please consider helping us out. ONE service hour will be given for each day worked that is not part of your one assigned week.

- ATTENTION PARENTS who have a day or two to make up, you are asked to please try and make up your days in the coming weeks.
- If you volunteered to help with Rainy Day lunch time supervision or are available to help PLEASE JUST COME IN - we all ways need the assistance.
- We are always in need of extra recess yard duty coverage 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

This is a great way to earn a half hour Service Hour credit.

- **\$100.00 MEGA DRAWING TICKET**- Each family is responsible for one \$100.00 Drawing Ticket. 2010 Mega Tickets have already been paid for as part of your registration fee. The drawing will be held Saturday, April 24th. Additional tickets will be available in the school office. Anyone selling additional tickets will be given One service hour credit per ticket.
- **CASINO NIGHT**: We would like to invite any parents interested in participating on the Casino Night Committee to please contact Maria Garza @ (818) 364-2430 if you would like to volunteer and share your time & talents. **Next meeting March 11, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m. Class Basket / Heart String Project letter & envelope, Sponsor & Donations letters and Casino Night Flyers are enclosed today.**
- **MAUI HOUSE RAFFLE**: Eight Days and Seven Nights on Maui, Hawaii in Five Bedroom, Two Story House - just a few steps from the ocean. Only 100 Tickets @ \$50.00 each will be sold so odds of winning are 1 in 100! Winner need not be present. Drawing will take place at Casino Night - Saturday, April 24, 2010. Colored Information Flyers went home last week.
- **HOLY CHILDHOOD LENTEN COIN CARDS**: Please return them when your child has finished filling the card up.
- **CLASS PHOTOS**: Only those students who purchased a class picture in September received them today.

NEWSLETTER NOTES FROM THE CLASSROOM

Fourth Grade Reconciliation - Thursday, March 4th @ 8:30 a.m.

- **Kindergarten - 8th Grade PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN YOUR CHILD'S Progress Updates and Report Cards. ASAP! Thank you!**
- **KINDERGARTEN**: We reached our goal of reading all of the Dr. Seuss books. Our language arts theme this month is transportation. In mathematics we continue to work on graphs and coin value. ☺ Mrs. Susan Villafana
- **FIRST GRADE**: We are looking forward to seeing our families at our Mass this Friday. Please join us for Mass and Continental Breakfast in the Parish Hall. Be sure to have your picture taken with your child before you leave. **Friendly reminder to please send in your family pictures, we need them for our Class Mass.** ☺ Ms. Liliana Corona
- **SECOND GRADE**: Congratulations to our First Communicants on celebrating their Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday. Please encourage your child to practice and write in handwriting - cursive on their homework. Study spelling words for test on Friday. Also, 3 digit subtractions with no regrouping, Test on Friday. Please sign and return your child's report card and progress updates ASAP. ☺ Mrs. Martha Sanchez

- **THIRD GRADE:** Welcome back, Mrs. Robertson! We are so glad you are healthy once again. Third Grade students and parents, thank you for your dedication to education. It's been my pleasure! ☺ Mrs. Zeiger
- **FOURTH GRADE:** Dear Parents, We are now in the Process of completing our Fray Serra Reports. Please follow the Fray Serrra Report Guidelines. Your child must meet the deadlines. If you have questions please contact me. ☺ Ms. Kathryn Sweeney
- **FIFTH GRADE:** This week we have a Spelling Test on Friday. Monday, March 8, the 5th Graders are to turn in their Rough Draft for their report. This does not need to be typed. Please make sure that they bring it to school. Please continue to check your Snapgrades. Have a great week. ☺ Mrs. Yvette Guzman
- **SIXTH GRADE:** Parents please review multiplication and division facts with your child, as I am noticing that many students need review. Also Math Chapter Test on Thursday and Unit 21 Spelling Test on Friday. I have entered Sixth Grade in the Spelling Bee Contest so please practice the words with your child. ☺ Ms. Alma Salcedo
- **SEVENTH GRADE:** There will be a spelling unit 21 test Friday. Have a wonderful weekend! 8th L.A.-8th grade has started their presentations today we hope to finish by tomorrow Thursday or Friday. Have a wonderful weekend. ☺ Ms. Maria Cabanas
- **EIGHTH GRADE:** Please check Snapgrades all assignments and late work has been inputted for the 3rd quarter. Junior High Service Hours will go home next week. Remember 8th grade must complete 30 hours (10 hours of community service, 10 hours of school service, 10 hours of parish service) in order to participate in Graduation Activities. Students MUST bring in a signed Service Hour Verification Form in order to receive credit for the hours they have completed. ☺ Ms. Krishana Gonzalez
- **8th Grade Language Arts:** 8th grade has started their presentations today we hope to finish by tomorrow Thursday or Friday. ☺ Ms. Maria Cabanas
- **ALL HOMEWORK REQUEST FOR ABSENT STUDENTS MUST BE MADE BY CALLING THE SCHOOL OFFICE @ 367-5886 - NO LATER THAN 10 a.m. HOMEWORK WILL BE READY FOR PICKUP IN THE OFFICE AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY.**

Teachers,

**Bartolo School Photography – Class
Pictures are in your boxes. Please
follow instructions on the cover page
before passing out pictures.
Return any extras to the office.**

**Thank you,
Jacque**