



Welcome Back

Welcome back! On behalf of the faculty and staff, we hope you had a joyful Christmas and wish you a healthy and peace-filled New Year. The faculty and staff would also like to thank you for all the cards, gifts, and good wishes for the Holiday Season. We look forward to a great 2012.

Peacemaker of the Year

This year we will celebrate our Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Peacemaker of the Year Liturgy Wednesday, January 11. During this week teachers will focus their attention on the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to America, and the message of liberty, justice, equality, and peace. Each classroom (as well as the faculty) will choose the person who they believe lives out the Gospel call to be Peacemakers. We will award these individuals the 2012 Martin Luther King, Jr. Peacemaker of the Year Award. We invite all parents to attend our celebration on Wednesday, at 9:15 AM, January 11.

Devices at School

Following Christmas, we have noticed that a number of students received I Pads or Kindle Fire's as a gift. We know these are quite expensive. I caution parents on having your son/daughter bring these items to school. Please consider, should something happen, the school will not replace nor repair these devices. Further, since we are configured for wireless Internet access, this must be disabled on student devices.

Oratory Tournament Preparation Begins

Each student in Grades K-8 will participate in our Annual Oratory Tournament. Students in grades K-6 select poems at the direction of their teachers. Students in grades 7&8 select a speech, with the approval of their language arts teacher. Practice rounds will be held in the classroom January 17-20. Classroom elimination rounds will be Friday, January 20. Three finalists from each grade will compete January 26, and the winner from each grade will present at the Grandparents' Day Reception on February 1 after the 9:15 am Liturgy. Look for more information from your classroom teachers.

Registration for 2011-12...

It is time to begin the registration process for the 2012-13 school year. We will host our first Kindergarten Open House on January 19, at 6:30 PM in the kindergarten room. So, remember, if you have a child who will be entering kindergarten in the fall, plan to join us. In your envelope you will find, a re-registration form. Please complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible. The nonrefundable registration fee of \$175 per family is due now through February 29.

You may feel that the re-registration seems early. What we discovered last year, starting in January was a significant factor in improving our overall enrollment this school year. We want to continue to do everything we can to keep our enrollment moving in a positive direction.

Important Immunization Information

If your child will be entering 7th or 8th grade or be turning 10 years old next year, he or she will be required to have proof of a Tdap booster before starting school next Fall. Please refer to the flyer enclosed for more information.

Fresh & Easy Receipts

If you have any Fresh & Easy receipts from September through December 31, please turn them in to the school office ASAP. We have a deadline of February 1 to submit the receipts to Fresh & Easy. For every \$20 spent we will receive \$1 cash back. Thanks you for supporting this fund-raiser. Last year we were presented with a check for \$1,320.73 for our school.

Box Tops

The flyer for January's Box Top contest is in your family envelope today. December's winners will be announced in next week's bulletin. Keep sending in those Box Tops! During December the school received a check in the amount of \$1312.40 for Box Tops sent in this past year. Thank you to Mrs. Kristi Toscano who has tirelessly coordinated the program these past years.

Kindergarten Information Night, Thursday, January 19, 6:30 pm.

Irish Sports

This Saturday the Irish Varsity will begin their basketball season, 7:00 AM at Mater Dei Catholic High School. Their first opponent is Santa Sophia on Court A. The team will then take a two-week down time and the next game is not until Saturday, January 28. The Irish JV will start on January 28.

Our Pee Wee Soccer continues into the New Year ! The schedule for this weekend is as follows:

Kinder :10:00 AM v O.L. Mt. Carmel @ St. John's Episcopal
 Gr. 1/2: 11:00 AM v St. John's @ **Santa Sophia**
 Gr. 3/4: 11:00 AM v St. Rose White @ Santa Sophia

Round 4 Augustinian Tutoring

The next round of after-school tutoring with our Augustinian Interns will begin this coming Monday, January 9 and continue every Monday, Wednesday or Thursday until February 16. The cost for five 45-minute Monday sessions is \$35. The cost for six 45-minute Wednesday or Thursday sessions in \$42. If you would like to sign up your child call Mrs. Laughter (619-297-1314) today---space is limited!

Sacramental Preparation

If you have a child in grade 3 or above who you would like to receive sacramental preparation, please contact the school office.

Prayers Requested

Please keep in your prayers the Guzman/Padilla family. Mr. Angel Fajardo, grandfather of Leonardo, grade 7 and Anahí, kindergarten passed away in early December.

High School Entrance Exams

All Catholic high schools will hold their placement exam for incoming 9th grade students on Saturday, January 21. It is important for all eighth graders who are planning to attend a Catholic high school to have registered for this test by now! If you have not registered, you need to do so! Registration for Catholic schools may be accomplished by contacting the appropriate school office at the following numbers:

St. Augustine High School	282-2184
Academy of Our Lady of Peace	297-2266
Cathedral High School	858-523-4000
Mater Dei Catholic High School	423-2121

See's Candy Bars

Your next Tuition Credit Sale Opportunity, See's Candy Bars, will begin soon! If you would like to earn some much desired Tuition Credit selling these delicious confections then refer to the enclosed flyer. Be sure to fill it out and send it back to school by next Friday, January 13 because only those families who place a pre-order will receive candy bars. There will only be one more Tuition Credit Sale Opportunity for this school year, what will it be?....Butter Braids in time for Easter!

Sports Uniforms

First semester sports are over but not all the uniforms have been returned. Please return your child's football, softball or soccer uniforms by January 13 to receive the \$5 uniform credit, the \$45 sports fee needs to have been paid. Any uniforms not returned will result in a \$25 replacement fee being charged to your account.

Parent Involvement Program (PIP)

Every family needs to complete 40 volunteer hours by June 2012 to fulfill your PIP obligations for next year. Your 2011-2012 PIP record sheet is available on-line or in the office. Please use this sheet to keep track of your hours, ensuring proper credit for your family. Your first semester PIP Report was sent home before Christmas break and any undone hours will be billed mid-month. The first semester requirement is 20 hours or \$200. If you feel your PIP report was missing hours you have done, please submit your corrections **NOW!**

Earn Dollars for Our School with eScrip

Log onto www.escrip.com to renew your escrip membership NOW. If not already enrolled use our school ID #137137818 to set up your membership. This is an easy way to earn money for your school while shopping at Von's

After-School Activities Offered

Before the Christmas break flyers were sent home regarding information about two after-school programs starting this month. (Chess Program and Life Lessons (Karate). It is not too late to sign up. The Chess Program begins next Wednesday and the Karate class begins today. If you are interested, more flyers are available in the school office. Both of the agencies offering these classes are nonprofit corporations.