

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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At a Glance:

Oct. 24	Picture Make-Up Day
10/27-10/31	Red Ribbon & Respect Week
Oct. 28	Gr. 8 Parent Info Night 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	Gr. 3 Parent Info Night 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	Daylight Saving Time Ends ... fall back!
Nov. 4	Parent Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 6	Sports Awards 6:30 p.m. in the hall
Nov. 8	Religion Decathlon

A Note from Mrs. Wordelman ...

One of the greatest responsibilities parents, teachers and church leaders have is to bring our children to God. Last Monday night, our 8th graders and 46 other young persons from the parish received the graces of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament Confirmation, much the same way as the twelve apostles received that same grace on Pentecost. We congratulate them on their faith commitment and remind them that this is a beginning, not an end. Now, they are strengthened to fulfill their baptismal promises to bring Christ to others. Many thanks go to parents, sponsors, teachers, and extended family who have shared their faith to bring our young people to this point.

Respect Week/Red Ribbon Week, to be celebrated next week, is a special way we help our students gain the courage and the strength to respect themselves, their neighbors, and the adult leaders that God has placed in their lives. It's a great time to talk with your children about drugs, alcohol, smoking, and promote healthy lifestyle choices. We will be doing the same at school. Be sure to ask your students about the following activities:

Monday:	Wear red socks
Tuesday:	Decorate the school in red
Wednesday:	Wear red shirt
Thursday:	Literacy assembly at 2:00 in the hall
Friday:	All Saints' Carnival (see details below)

November is upon us. We have enclosed a small index card so that during the month, we can remember to pray for the family members, friends, and neighbors who have died. In grades 5 through 8 Mrs. Yandolino will be asking students to bring in pictures, mementos, etc. so that each class can set up sacred space to remember those persons. This is a great time to talk about grandmas, grandpas, aunts, and uncles who have gone on before us. We trust that they are with God and it gives us hope that we will be one day, too.

The gala is around the corner! Be sure to check out the enclosed flyers with ways to help sponsor this big event

for our school. Three very special ladies are coordinating this event: Jaime Anderson, Nina Ashford, and Brigit Piziali. Don't forget to complete your fundraising hours and turn in your forms!

Please see Father Mike's note below on BONES.

In the peace of Christ,
Mrs. Wordelman

A Note from Fr. Mike:

Every Christian is sent by Christ into the world as a messenger of hope and love. The world means where we live, where we work, where we go to school and where we travel. "The whole Church is missionary and the work of evangelization is the basic duty of the people of God" Decree on Missionary Activity—Vatican II.

Christ said, "The harvest is great, but the laborers are few." Hence what is needed:

- More to approve, fewer to disapprove.
- More doers, fewer talkers.
- More to say, "It can be done", fewer to say, "It cannot."
- More to inspire others with confidence, fewer to throw cold water on everything.
- More to get into the thick of things, fewer to sit on the sidelines.
- More to point out what is right, fewer to keep harping on what is wrong.
- More to light a candle, fewer to curse the darkness.

The laborers are few; but please, God, growing in number are those who are willing to put themselves out to bring Christ's healing, welcome, and love to others. According to a friend of mine, there are four kinds of bones and four types of people:

- Wish Bones: wishing someone else would do the work
- Jaw Bones: all talk, but no action
- Knuckle bones: knocking everything
- Back Bones: get under the load and push!

God Bless,
Fr. Mike

Fall Picture Make-Up Day: Picture Make-Up Day is tomorrow, October 24th. They will start taking pictures first thing in the morning at 8:30 a.m.. If you are having your child's picture retaken or they

missed picture day in September, you can pick up an order form in the office.

“School of Rock” Literacy Project: Attention 6th, 7th and 8th graders! Don’t forget to turn in your reading verification forms that are due no later than 8:15 a.m. on Monday, October 27th. The Rock Band “all-school” Assembly will be Thursday, October 30th.

ALL SAINTS DAY CARNIVAL: The food & drink order forms for the All Saint’s Day Carnival came home with each child within the past week. The forms are due next Tuesday, October 28th. The carnival will close out “Red Ribbon Week/Respect Week”. Don’t forget that it’s a **DRESS DOWN DAY** for everyone. Students who choose to bring a “school appropriate” costume for the carnival will change at 1:00 p.m. There will be FREE games sponsored by Student Council. All parents are welcome to join us!

Family Commitment Report: The first hours report for PC Meetings, Yard Duty days, PEP and Gala hours is enclosed. All hours completed and turned in through October 15th are reflected on this report. Please remember to submit your hours regularly. If there is an error on your report, please contact the office.

GALA News: The latest volume of the GALA News is enclosed. WOW! Thank you to all the families, businesses and individuals who have donated an auction item this year. A list of all the auction items and donors is enclosed.

Sports Awards: The awards for fall sports will be handed out Thursday evening, November 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the hall. Don’t forget to mark your calendars.

The girl’s volleyball teams are headed to the TOC. GO COUGARS! Next up ... Basketball Season!

Sports News: There will be a basketball skills clinic Nov. 3rd-11th. Watch for a flyer coming out soon.

HELP! We need more basketball coaches for 5th grade boys and girls, 6th grade girls and boys Varsity. Parents, if you have a talent for coaching basketball, please consider helping our students. We have many students who want to play for the school. Basketball season opens November 10th.

KCRA 3 Kids Can! Food Drive: The KCRA 3 Kids Can! Food Drive runs through November 7th.

Students are being asked to bring canned or non-perishable food hungry in our local community. All food collected will be given to the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet. Students can also bring a canned food item with them to mass for the Food Closet.

Christmas Craft Faire News

Can you believe it’s almost time for the annual Christmas Craft Faire? This year our event will be held over three days ... Dec. 5th, 6th and 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in helping (to earn those PEP hours), please call Michelle Whalley at (530) 885-3101 or email her at michellewhalley3@sbcglobal.net.

Mrs. Claus’ Attic: Don’t forget to save those gently used toys, books and Christmas decorations for Mrs. Claus’ Attic. It’s a great time to get that fall cleaning done and make room for all the new toys the kids will get for Christmas. Please remember to donate toys that are clean, with all the parts intact. The drop off day for donations will be Thursday, Dec. 4th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. See the enclosed flyer with more details.

Wreath Orders: It’s time again to order wreaths for your holiday decorating. These wreaths are perfect gifts for those relatives and friends who have everything! The brochure and order forms are enclosed. Be sure to look at the beautiful direct-delivery items that can be shipped to far away places (remember ... addresses need to be printed clearly or typed to ensure proper delivery). Wreaths will be available for pick up during the Faire if you ordered for those who live local. If you have any questions about the wreaths, please call Michelle at 885-3101.

See Candy: We will be selling See’s Candy again this year. Watch for order forms in mid-November!

See You At The Faire!

Placer County Sheriff’s Department, in conjunction with Strikes Family Entertainment, is having a fundraiser to fight drug abuse. Order forms with all the important information are enclosed and should be returned to the address listed on the form ... please don’t return them to the school office.

OPEN STUDIO: Mrs. Dong is once again part of the Autumn Arts Studios Tour taking place November 7th, 8th and 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All are invited to visit her in her “natural habitat” at 460 Old Airport Road in Auburn.