

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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### At a Glance:

Oct. 17	School Facilities Work Day <b>8 a.m. to Noon</b>
Oct. 19-21	Gr. 7 at Headlands
Oct. 25	Confirmation Retreat in hall 2:30 to 5:30
Oct. 30	All Saints Day Celebration 1:15 to 2:30

### A Note from Mrs. Wordelman ...

It has been a pleasure these last several weeks to just sit back and observe the happenings at school. The thing that strikes me most is the passion I have witnessed in so many people around campus: the dad who painstakingly marks out the boundaries on the soccer field; the mom who tirelessly collected stuffed animals and guides our service club, volunteers who take care in balancing the scrip box; teachers and staff who stayed until 5:00 assisting the parish in stuffing envelopes. At Mass on the past Wednesday, we presented a basket of vegetables grown in our garden. The basket is a symbol of what happens when we live out our passion and let God take care of the rest. What a blessing that God created all of us with different gifts and different passions, so the world can become a reflection of God! My prayer is that the education the children at our school empowers students to find their passion and become what God is calling them to be.

This year, one of the primary goals of the school is to improve communication. Beginning this week, parents are able to access student information (including grades) on the internet. This will replace the paper grade reports that parents have been accustomed to receiving bi-weekly. Thank you to the many parents who have been so positive in their response to the new system. I offer the following:

- This family envelope is being sent both via email and paper (in the regular family envelope). Beginning Thursday, November 5, the family envelope will be sent electronically only. Families who do not have email will receive the family envelope the usual way.
- If you have not received a password from MyStudentsProgress.com yet, please call the office. The software company will be mass-emailing all parents with a password over the coming weeks.
- Enclosed is a letter that was emailed to parents last weekend. Please keep it for reference in the coming weeks as you begin to explore the new web site.
- If you have any suggestions or comments, do not hesitate to email me.

Our scrip program is picking up!! You will find a summary report that totals the amount of scrip you have purchased, along with the amount of money that the school has earned on that amount between April 1 and September 30 (six months) of this year. For most parents this amount should represent about half of their annual commitment. It's not too late to make it up! We have MANY families who have met and exceeded their obligation for the year: KUDOS to you! A very big THANK YOU to all of you in taking the extra budgeting and effort to help our school!

Take advantage of the Halloween activity sponsored by the St. Teresa Religious Education on Friday, October 30! It's a community-builder and sounds like fun for the whole family. See the enclosed flyer.

May the days leading up to heart of fall find your family warm, dry, and in the peace of Christ!

Mrs. Wordelman

**Gala News:** GET YOU RAFFLE TICKETS IN BY TOMORROW, October 16 for a "Non-uniform" pass! Plans for the gala are coming together nicely. We have many new sponsors supporting this amazing event and a complete listing of our sponsors is enclosed. Don't forget that raffle tickets need to be turned into the office by 3:00 p.m. on Friday so students can receive a "Non-Uniform" Dress Day! See the reminder flyer which is enclosed.

**Yard Duty Responsibilities:** Parents ... we cannot overemphasize the importance of showing up for your scheduled yard duty days. This past week we had one rainy day when only one parent showed up to help with the lunchtime supervision. This year we need your help more than ever since we no longer have the teacher aides to assist with supervision. Teachers need to be relieved for their lunches. Remember, if you signed up, you are expected to show up or find a parent substitute. Please remember the days that you have selected. You cannot change days after you have scheduled them as a courtesy to other parents who could have scheduled their time on the day you scheduled for yourself and then missed. Missed yard duty billings will be sent out each month.

**Attention 7<sup>th</sup> Graders: Save the date!!!** In preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the fall of 2010, our seventh grade class will be attending the Confirmation Conference from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Christian Brothers High School on Saturday, January 30. This workshop is another step in our students' commitment and preparation towards Confirmation.

**St. Joseph School Annual GALA**  
**The Greatest Generation-The Fabulous 40's ... Our major fundraiser benefiting our school kids ... Mark your calendars for November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. ... Entertainment provided by SWING SISTER ... Enjoy the Live and Silent Auction. Hors d'oeuvres and Dinner - \$70 per person.**

**Sports News:** Basketball season starts on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. All sports packets need to be turned in prior to the start of the season.

**Scrip News:** Scrip envelopes are enclosed in this family envelope for those families who have requested an envelope. Please email Mrs. Williams if you decide you want to use the envelope system at [Debbie\\_williams@auburncatholic.com](mailto:Debbie_williams@auburncatholic.com). Scrip purchase reports are also enclosed in this family envelope showing family Scrip purchases from April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009. We are asking each and every family to put on their "Scrip Rally Caps" and continue to purchase Scrip diligently this year even though you may be approaching your commitment for the year. The financial benefit that the Scrip Program provides to our school cannot be overstated. Please remember ... Scrip is a Win-Win ... for our Families, for our School and for our Community. Thank you for your continued support as our Scrip Program grows. **JUST IN ... Papa Murphy's \$40 value cards for ONLY \$5 at the Scrip table!!!**

**LOYALTY CARD UPDATE:** Those families who turned in their forms before September 30 have been mailed their online registration instructions. All other families will be receiving these instructions shortly.

**KCRA 3 Kids Can! Food Drive:** As in the past, St. Joseph School students are supporting the KCRA 3 Kids Can! Food Drive running from October 12<sup>th</sup> through November 20<sup>th</sup>. There are boxes in each classroom and in the front office for your donations of canned and non-perishable food items. Thank you for your continued support of this program helping our community.

**Picture Make-Up Day:** Next Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> is make-up day for fall pictures. The order forms are in the office. Please remember to bring your original packet of pictures with you to return to the photographer. If you missed having your pictures taken in September, this is a reminder that checks are due on picture day, payable to Lifetouch. If you have questions about pictures, please call Lifetouch at (916) 535-7799.

**Student Absences:** Call the office to report your child's absence ... send a note to the teacher when the child returns. Calling the office to report an absence assists in the accuracy of student attendance records. Thank you!

**Student Service Club:** The first Fellowship in Service Together (FIST) project is scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Students needing Christian service hours or wanting to join FIST should call Karen Sotelo at 268-7755.

**Dear St. Joseph Catholic School Families:** WOW!! Jade and I would sincerely like to thank you so very much for your generous contributions to our Stuffed Animal Drive to benefit Placer County kids. We were simply taken aback by the number of donations!! Please know how much these little stuffed animals help ease the pain of the difficult situations that face these little children. Thank you all again so much and God Bless, Karen and Jade Sotelo and the rest of the FIST crew.

**Commitment Report:** The Family Commitment Report showing your completed hours for gala, PEP, yard duty and parent club meeting attendance is enclosed in this family envelope. If there is a discrepancy in your report, please call Mrs. Williams. Reminder: PLEASE try to turn in your Gala/PEP forms throughout the school year instead of waiting until the end of the year. This is also a reminder for event coordinators and chairpersons to ensure that forms are filled out and turned in for all parent volunteers. All forms for the block party and golf tournament should have already been turned in.

**St. Teresa of Avila Tailgating Trick or Treat:** St. Teresa of Avila is sponsoring a "tailgating trick or treat" on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7 pm in the upper parking lot facing Atwood Road. Please refer to the enclosed flyer or call Judy Jones at 823-7122 if you have any questions.

**A Safe and Happy Trick or Treat:** The Downtown Business Association is once again sponsoring a safe and happy trick or treat in downtown Auburn. The event is scheduled for Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 5 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Lee (Lee Photo) at 530-885-4312.

**Lost and Found:** Please remember to label all clothing and to check the lost and found regularly for lost items; especially sweatshirts and hoodies. Unclaimed and unidentified clothing that remains in the lost and found for extended periods of time will be sent to the Used Uniform Sale and the St. Joseph Thrift Store.

**Miscellaneous Flyers:** To assist in our effort to send more and more information to parents electronically and for ease in posting information to the school website, we are asking event coordinators and chairpersons to please email important flyers, hot lunch order forms, etc. as attachments to Mrs. Williams at [Debbie\\_williams@auburncatholic.com](mailto:Debbie_williams@auburncatholic.com). Thank you.

#### **Kevan's Project Korner**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers that made painting the EDP building such a success!! First and foremost, our leader of the pack, STEPHAN SMITH!!! This guy had it down! He brought all of his know how and equipment, sprayer, ladders, tape, plastic, everything we needed to complete the job. Thank you so much for your hard work. A special thank you to Kyle Madison, Joe Poggi, Joey Poggi, Joe and Lisa Phillips, and Stephan Woo. You all did an amazing job; this could not have been done without your help!

If you have not been down to see the "New" EDP building, you really should take the time to go take a look.

**DON'T FORGET THE WEED WHACKING ON THE 8<sup>th</sup>  
GRADE HILL SATURDAY 10/17/09, 8A.M. TO NOON!**

Bring your rakes, hoes, loppers, etc.

We will not work in the rain.

Thank you, Mr. Cole