

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Home of **COUGAR PRIDE**

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At a Glance:

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| Feb. 22 | Knights of Columbus Hot Dog Lunch |
| Mar. 4 | Strings Restaurant Fundraiser 15% |
| Mar. 6 | Academic Decathlon at Christian Brothers |
| Mar. 9 | Spring Picture Day! PC Board Mtg. 7:30 a.m. PC General Mtg. 7 pm in hall |
| Mar. 11 | First Reconciliation Prayer Service |
| Mar. 11 & 12 | Kindergarten Conferences |

A note from Mrs. Wordelman ...

The Lenten season is now upon us! Today the school prayed the Stations of the Cross as we will every Friday at 10:25 in church. Some classes are keeping a Lenten journal. All of our students will be invited to participate in the Garment of Suffering project at St. Teresa's. Students will be actively involved in the three pillars of Lent this season: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In addition to the service project coordinated by F.I.S.T. (personal items for the homeless), we are also participating in the Baby Bottle Project sponsored by the Sacramento Life Center. I encourage parents to challenge their students to performing extra chores or maybe giving up that candy bar and putting the proceeds in the bottle. I understand these are hard times, but even small donations are a great way for our students to learn generosity.

We received many positive comments regarding the last Cougar Pride and the write-up of the discipline policy. I would like to follow up this time with some comments on bullying types of behavior. As much as we (or any school) try, there will never be an environment (or school) that is completely free of bullying types of behavior. Part of our jobs as educators and parents is to teach our students to find and use their voice. We teach our students to use their voice to speak up for themselves.

It is important for our students to be able to tell another classmate to stop annoying or mean actions. When that is not enough, we teach our students to find an adult supervisor to help in the situation. It is so important that students find and use their voice not to just stand up for himself or herself, but to stand up for others too. Often, there are 3 persons involved in these situations: the one doing the bullying, the victim of the bullying, and the bystander. We try to reach all of these persons to make the right choices so that our school community is a safe, loving place to be and learn. Using your voice is so important! We want our students to have the self-confidence they need to ask for help when they need it.

Parents, you can help your student by encouraging him or her to speak to the teacher or adult supervisor

immediately when something happens, or at least the next day. It is much more difficult to deal with bullying behaviors after several days have elapsed, or after parents have gotten involved with each other. It is our job to help the community work together to get along.

Please be aware that the school has a new bookkeeper, Patty Lavagnino. She is an awesome lady who is very experienced in working with Catholic schools. Patty works only a few hours a week for the school. Please be advised that she will be helping me in collections of tuition, bounced checks, and other financial obligations. Should you have any questions for Patty, please leave a message with Debbie Williams, as most of Patty's work is done off-site.

The Finance Committee, Patty, and I are well into the budgeting process for the 2010-2011 school year. In order to make our projections as accurate as possible, we are asking to complete the attached re-enrollment survey and return it to the office no later than Friday, February 26. Your cooperation is most appreciated!

Remember to take some time on this Lenten journey to be with Christ!

In the Peace of Christ,
Mrs. Wordelman

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS ABOUT THE MILK PROGRAM: Unfortunately, we are continuing to have problems with the refrigerator that holds all the milk for our lunchtimes. Because of this, we are discontinuing the milk program for Trimester III. Please discard the milk order form that was emailed to you yesterday. I'm sorry for any confusion this change may cause.

TRIMESTER III HOT LUNCH FORMS: Order forms for the hot lunch programs were emailed to parents yesterday, Feb. 18th. Please try to have all forms turned in by the March 5th due date. Please make note that hot lunches end the last week in May.

HOURS COMMITMENT REPORTS: The reports have been printed and will come home with the oldest child in each family on Monday. Included on this report is the amount of scrip each family has purchased up through January 31, 2010.

REVIEW OF OFFICE EMAILS SENT TO PARENTS THIS WEEK:

- Baby Bottle Project-runs through March 24th benefiting the Sacramento Life Center.

- Student Store-parent volunteers needed on Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 10:30.
- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry-starting 2/19 and runs every Friday night through Lent; 5-7 pm in the parish hall.
- Creative Communication Poetry Contest-Kgn through 8th graders; poems due by March 31st.
- Trimester III Hot Lunch Forms

SERVICE CLUB REMINDER: F.I.S.T. meetings will now take place every Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. in the library due to popular demand!

KINDERGARTEN CONFERENCES: This year, Mrs. Rozowski will be setting up conferences with the parents of kindergarteners on Thursday and Friday, March 11 and 12. Mrs. Rozowski will be in contact with those parents shortly.

COOKIES 'N KINDERGATEN: We are inviting any interested parents and potential kindergarteners for the 2010-2011 school year to join us on the morning of Wednesday, March 24 to spend an hour with our current Kindergarten class. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining our great school, please pass this information on.

COUGAR SPORTS: The Sports Awards for basketball will be held on Monday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the hall. Spring sports will begin the first week in March for track and field, golf and boys volleyball. More information to follow.

STRINGS RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER FOR SJS: Strings is offering our school 15% of all meals sold on March 4 if you mention St. Joseph School. What a deal! Don't forget ... we also have Strings Scrip in \$25 denominations just for these occasions! Please pick up the coupon below, from the school office, and give it to your waiter/waitress so they can attach it to your receipt. Thank you!

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| <p style="text-align: center;">STRINGS RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER Benefiting St. Joseph Catholic School Thursday, March 4th 15% of your meal</p> |
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SPRING PICTURES: Spring Picture Day is Tuesday, March 9th. Lifetouch will be here first thing in the morning to take pictures. This is a "Non-Uniform Dress Day" so students should be dressed appropriately for both school and pictures. Picture order forms will come home with each student on Monday, February 22nd.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER EVENT: Saturday, March 13 is the Mother-Daughter Bowl-a-Thon. Don't forget to return your reservation forms. If you have any questions about this event, please call Julie Smith at (916) 663-3339.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation has been scheduled for Saturday, October 30, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Church. Please mark your calendars.

SCRIP, SCRIP, SCRIP, SCRIP AND MORE SCRIP: Thank you to EVERYONE for all the support you've given to the Scrip Program, it really shows ... \$\$\$\$\$. As you will see on your commitment reports that are coming home on Monday, MOST families have exceeded their yearly requirement. PLEASE continue purchasing scrip and make it a part of your spending habits. The more successful our scrip program becomes the less fundraising we will have to do.

SCRIP NEWS: To all the Raley's/Bel Air, Safeway, & Savemart shoppers ... Here are the totals for remembering to swipe your cards at the registers.

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| Raley's/Bel-Air | Jan. – Dec. 2009 -- | \$3,467.40 |
| eScrip (Safeway) | Jan. – Dec. 2009 -- | \$2,904.26 |
| Savemart | May. – Dec. 2009 -- | \$ 443.00 |
| | TOTAL | \$6,814.64 |

Thank you very much for supporting St Joseph Catholic School. If you are not signed up for eScrip.com (Safeway) or Raley's/Bel-Air, Savemart, please contact Jodi Barnes 530-889-2169.

READING ENRICHMENT/LEARNING SKILLS: Is school a struggle for your child? Learning problems, whether formally diagnosed or just mildly annoying, can cause students to feel unnecessary pain, frustration and embarrassment. Turning learning challenges into learning successes, Susan Smith, M.S., provides assessments and individual tutorials for students of all ages. (530) 878-8789.

SUTTER AUBURN FAITH HOSPITAL GUILD: Would you like to learn more about Auburn Faith Hospital? The Hospital Guild offers tours for anyone who is interested. The tours last approximately 45 minutes and are available by calling 888-4500, Ext. 5004.

THE AUBURN SYMPHONY Presents KinderKonzert ... A concert for the whole family ... Peter & the Wolf at Placer High School on Sat., Feb. 20th at 11:00 a.m. Tickets are \$7.00.