

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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At a Glance:

March 21	First Communion Retreat 11:45 a.m.
March 24	Cookies 'n Kindergarten 8:45 a.m.
April 1	HOLY THURSDAY All School Retreat
April 2	No School – GOOD FRIDAY
April 5-9	Easter Vacation
April 12	Nature Bowl
April 12-14	Kindergarten Screening
April 15	FIST Free Dress
April 16	Kindergarten - Pages and PJ's 6:00 p.m.

A note from Mrs. Wordelman ...

A new era has dawned upon St. Joseph Catholic School! On February 23, 2009, the school kicked off its first "St. Joseph Catholic School Alumni and Friends Annual Fund"! This milestone is a pivotal turning point for the school in securing the financial stability for our school in the future.

As parents, we bear the brunt of financial responsibility for the school. Both of the parishes of St. Teresa and St. Joseph help with a subsidy totaling \$66,000 annually. Additionally, both of the parishes help struggling families in the form of tuition assistance. This school year, 35 students are able to attend our school because of this tuition assistance. The Annual Fund will allow the school to approach alumni, friends, and supporters of the school to help parents and administration carry on the legacy of our great school!

St. Joseph School opened in 1943 under the guidance and direction of the Sisters of Mercy. During the decades that have ensued, more than a thousand students have graduated, went on to local high schools, many went on to college, and many still work, live, and pray with us in the Auburn area. We look to them to help us in the stewardship of the school. With their help, we will see to it that the grandchildren of our current students will be able to attend St. Joseph School when we are long gone.

Your financial help is greatly appreciated, even in small amounts. However, we know that economic times are difficult for so many of our families, and so I encourage those families to pray for the school. This is still considered participation! We are striving for 100% participation from our parent body so that when we approach the parishioners, alumni, and other donors, those persons will see how strongly we believe in our school. We already have 100% participation from the staff! Also, as we begin to apply for more grants, what a powerful statement it would be to say that we have 100% participation from our staff, school board, and parent

bodies! Please consider a donation in any amount you feel comfortable.

The Lenten season is wrapping up quickly. Please refer to your church bulletin for the dates and times of services during Holy Week and Easter. The communal penance service is great way to prepare ourselves for the coming of the risen Lord. The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday is one of the most beautiful traditions in our faith. We celebrate the institution of the priesthood, and we remember that each of us is called to our own "priesthood" by our baptism. Good Friday services help our students remember what it was really like on the fateful Friday afternoon in Jerusalem 2000 years ago. Finally, we welcome new members into our church at the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday.

Our school will be celebrating Holy Thursday and the Triduum with an all-school retreat on Thursday, April 1. Parents are welcome to join us.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, our best wishes to you your family for a blessed conclusion to the Lenten season and a peace-filled Easter season!

In the Peace of Christ,
Mrs. Wordelman

REVIEW OF OFFICE EMAILS SENT TO PARENTS THIS MONTH:

- Commitment Tuesday Letter
- Connor Coen Prayer Service
- Father-Daughter Dance Invitation
- 8th Grade Payment Reminder
- First Communion Gowns at the Thrift Store
- 8th Grade Graduation Letter
- Placer Jr. Hillmen Cheer Info
- Recycling News from Trimester II

THANK YOU STUDENTS: Thank you to our student body, parents and teachers for our celebration today of the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. The school campus looks great after all the hard work today.

COMMITMENT TUESDAY: Bridget Piziali will be out in the school parking lot this coming Tuesday, March 23 during morning drop off and afternoon pick up. She will be collecting the parent annual fund cards that were passed out, with a letter to all parents, at the last parent club meeting. Parents who missed that meeting had their cards and letters sent home this week with their oldest child.

COOKIES 'N KINDERGARTEN: 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 from 8:45 to 9:45, 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.

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING: Please pass the word along if you know of any families who may be interested in enrolling their youngsters in Kindergarten for the coming school year. Screenings are planned for the week we return from Easter break. Appointments can be scheduled by contacting Mrs. Williams.

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES: Mrs. Jones delivered the eighth graders Confirmation certificates to us yesterday. To help prevent them from being damaged by accident in student backpacks, we are asking parents to please pick them up in the school office. Certificates that remain in the office after Easter vacation will be sent home with students. Thank you.

FIST THANK YOU:

Dear Students:

The FIST (Fellowship in Service Together) Club would like to thank you all for your participation in Project Helping Hand. We had a tremendous amount of donations! All of the items collected will be donated to and graciously received by some of the homeless in our area. This was a great reflection of our school's generosity. Congratulations cougars on all of your outstanding work!

**Sincerely,
The FIST Club**

FREE DRESS FOR STUDENTS FOR PARTICIAPTING

IN F.I.S.T. SERVICE PROJECT: Because all of our classes met the challenge of bringing in 52 items per grade for the homeless. Students may come in free dress on THURSDAY, APRIL 15. Nice job students and families!

BABY BOTTLE PROJECT: So many baby bottles have been returned full of change! Thank you students! Just a reminder ... all baby bottles are due back by Wednesday, March 24. All proceeds go to the Sacramento Life Center to help moms with crisis pregnancies.

RESERVED PARKING: Please remember to acknowledge parking signs around our campus. Several of them are actually parking spots that have been paid for as a fundraiser to the school. Other spots are reserved for clergy, disabled, etc.

STUDENT STARS: Abrianna Keller's entry into the "Young at Art" contest held at St. Francis High School was awarded a FIRST PLACE ribbon! She submitted an acrylic painting of an unnamed planet in space. Great job, Abrianna Keller!!

LOST AND FOUND: Oh my gosh ... the lost and found bin outside the library door is overflowing with clothes! From now until Easter vacation we will have tables set up outside the front office with clothing items that need to be rescued. ☺

TOTALLY CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Date: June 21st – 25th Explore the Mighty Love of God on a High Seas Exploration; Children will experience unforgettable Bible Stories, Ship Rec Games, Lip Smacking Snacks, Incredible Music and build lasting relationships with others and Jesus. Keep watching, registration will begin in April.

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.