

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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### At a Glance:

Sept. 19	Block Party (10:00 to 8:00)
Week of Sept. 21	Milk/Hot Lunch Programs Begin
Sept. 24	Student Council
Speeches/Elections	
Sept. 28-Oct. 2	ITBS Testing Week
Oct. 6-8	Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences
Oct. 10-11	Confirmation Retreat
Oct. 12	Kindergarten Field Trip
Oct. 13-15	Gr. 6 at Great Basin
Oct. 19-21	Gr. 7 at Headlands

### A Note from Father Mike ...

Dear Parents,

Thank you for choosing a Catholic education for your children! We know and appreciate the sacrifices you are making for all of our school families. Not too long ago, I visited with some dads who were working on our grounds. As I was thanking them for their work, they in turn thanked us for our leadership for the special miracle their children are becoming. The miracle they were referring to was the way our students take on the responsibility of welcoming young and old to our campus and the church. The students take on leadership roles at the Sunday Mass and at the Wednesday school Masses too. They do it because they feel an ownership for their church.

The Gospel-based message our church sends sets an example for all of us to follow. Our students, parents, and staff set a terrific example for all of us. My request to all is that we make our faith and church attendance a top priority. I know that not all of our families are Catholic, but I do believe that all families are making sacrifices and at the same time exposing their children to the Gospel values. We are sharing blessings with each other and I am extending an invitation to each of you to grow in your love of God.

Share a prayer with your family, come to church, or join a church community to help you celebrate the fullness of life that God is offering to everyone. Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program begins this Monday evening with dinner at St. Teresa's at 6:30 p.m. This rite of Adult Initiation is a journey towards Easter and full communion at the table of the Lord. Please call me about joining the Catholic church or about questions on your faith.

Yours in Christ,

Father Michael A. Carroll

Priest Administrator

cell# 530.401.0232

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

Our Block Party is here! Parents, take advantage of the opportunity to kick back and relax while our students have some fun playing games! A special invitation goes out to new families to our school. This event is a great way to meet other families and watch your children enjoy each other's company. The Block Party starts at 10:00 this Saturday in the quad. Stay for dinner, too, as the Knights have generously offered to cook tri-tip steak sandwiches. You'll be sorry if you miss it!

Thank you to all the parents for a wonderful start to the school year. Students and teachers are well into the swing of things. Standardized testing will begin the week of September 28. Be sure students are rested and comfortably fed. Parent/Teacher conferences are upon us. This is an important time for our teachers and parents to help "cement" the partnerships we share in educating our children.

Please continue to keep our 8<sup>th</sup> graders in your prayers as they finalize their preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Everyone is welcome to celebrate Mass and Confirmation on Saturday, November 7 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Teresa's Church. The primary celebrant will be Bishop Soto. It will be a great opportunity to welcome the new Bishop.

One of the ways we are strengthening the school is through the Catholic School Development Program. This year, our focus is communication. A special thanks to Mark Champlin, Angela Lanterman, Bridget Piziali, Elizabeth Sands, and Melissa Thurman who have generously volunteered their time to serve on this committee. If you have any suggestions or comments in this area, I encourage you to contact one of us.

We are busy completing the conversion to our new student information system. If you have not returned your emergency card information, please do so as soon as possible. We cannot complete the conversion without that information.

Our hearts go out to the victims of the Auburn fire last month, which includes our own Deacon Dave Ford, and our parish secretary, Barbara Freuler. There are 2 fundraisers coming up to help those victims. On Tuesday September 22, Strings Restaurant will be donating a portion of their dinner hour proceeds (4:00 to 9:00 p.m.) to the victims. On Saturday, September 26 the Knights of Columbus are hosting a spaghetti feed in the parish hall. Though our community has been shaken by the fire, the spirit awakened in our small town has been inspiring. May the peace of Christ be with you and your families in these waning days of summer!

Mrs. Wordelman

**THANK YOU CONNIE WATSON!** Connie was instrumental in arranging two booths for the school that was entered in the Gold Country Fair last weekend. Both the school and the preschool won first prize in their respective categories. It is always a pleasure to work with Connie. Her support of the school is awesome!

**Gala News:** Invitations are enclosed. More to follow.

**Spanish Club:** Mrs. Yandolino is starting a Spanish Club on Wednesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. and is open to students in grades 1 through 5. The cost is \$25.00 per student per semester. Please see the flyer that came home this week.

**Student Emergency Cards/Forms:** We are still missing a few student emergency cards and emergency information forms. If you find these in your family envelope, we need them returned tomorrow, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you parents.

**ITBS Testing:** Fall standardized testing will begin the week of September 28. We are asking, in advance, for parent assistance by not scheduling family vacations/personal days or student medical/personal appointments during this week if at all possible. To help students do their best during the testing period, please encourage plenty of rest and a nutritious breakfast.

**Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences:** The conference sign-up form is included in this family envelope. Please mark your date and time preferences and return the form to the office as soon as possible. Notification of conference times will be mailed home the week of Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Confirmation:** Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Please keep the weekend of October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> open for our overnight retreat at the Marelllo Center in Loomis. There will be another retreat for students and parents on October 25. All confirmandi are expected to attend. Reminder ... all confirmandi receiving Confirmation at St. Teresa's must call the parish office at 889-2254 to schedule an appointment before November 1st.

**Office Drop Box for Scrip Orders:** We now have a safe and secure drop box in the school office for scrip orders. Just drop in your order and we will fill orders on the days that scrip is sold (Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday). We are using the drop box in an effort to keep our sale dates as noted above. Thank you for your understanding.

**Attention Safeway shoppers!** St Joseph School can earn 10% of purchases when you buy participating products at stores **August 12th through September 15th, 2009**. It's Easy! Look for participating products

marked with the yellow school bus at the store. Over 2,000 participating products to choose from in this fabulous promotion: from beverages, breakfast, lunch, dinner and snack items, to household/cleaning, personal care and pet care products! Be sure use to use your Safeway Club Card when you make purchases. If you are already registered with eScrip, a 10% contribution will be automatically donated to St Joseph School. If for some reason you are not registered with eScrip, they you can still participate by dropping off your Receipt Tape from **September 18th through October 9th, 2009** with a redemption code. Just place your receipt in the eScrip box at the school office no later than October 12th. Any questions contact Jodi Barnes, eScrip.com coordinator at 530-889-2169.

**Sports News:** There will be a mandatory parent meeting for all volleyball and football parents **this** Tues., Sept. 22nd at 5:30 in the school library. The meeting will last approximately 30 minutes.

**Loyalty Card Fundraiser:** Packets are still available in the school office. The forms are due September 23. Please call Alice Ursano if you have any questions.

### KEVAN'S PROJECTS

As announced at the Parent Club meeting last Thursday, periodically we will be having "Special Projects" going on at the school. The first one is coming up on Saturday, September 26. We will be scraping and repainting the EDP building. If you are able to lend us some supplies, we are in need of scrapers, drop cloths, and a couple of trim painters. I am really looking forward to this project as the EDP building is in desperate need of a paint job! We have another project coming up on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. We will be attacking and wacking the weeds on the hill behind the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at approximately 2:00 p.m. Don't forget your water bottles. If you have any questions, please contact Kevan Cole at 823-9047. Thank you,  
Kevan

regarding our renewed garden program thanks to some very dedicated parents. The ballot box for all your votes is in the office.

**EDP News: We need everyone's help ... if a student is NOT picked up at 3:15 after school they MUST sign into EDP. This will keep all of our students SAFE and the EDP staff informed of which students are remaining on campus.**