

Nov 26, 2007

**Upcoming Events**

**November 27**

Hot Lunch  
Chicken Races

**November 28**

12:20 Dismissal  
WASC  
AR Cutoff  
Trimester End

**November 29**

Jeans for Jesus  
Hot Lunch

**December 6**

Christmas Program 1:00 & 7:00

**December 7**

First Friday Mass  
12:20 Dismissal  
Report Cards Go Home

**December 12**

12:20 Dismissal  
Parent/Teacher Conferences

**December 13**

Jeans For Jesus  
12:20 Dismissal  
Parent/Teacher Conferences

**December 14**

12:20 Dismissal  
Parent/Teacher Conferences

**December 20**

Jeans For Jesus  
12:20 Dismissal

**Dec. 21 – Jan 4**

Christmas Vacation

Dear Parent,

With Thanksgiving coming this Thursday, I have a couple of thank yous to express. Thanks to God for allowing me lead a school with such wonderful students, parents, teachers, staff and priests. Having worked in both the public and parochial schools over the past 33 years, I can tell you that we are all fortunate to have St. Norbert Parish School available to us.

Thanks also to Michael Silva and his mom, Casey, who at our last Monday morning assembly, introduced the student body to Operation Gratitude. This effort supports our troops by sending them care packages and greeting cards. The Silvas have provided Christmas cards and a collection bucket to gather small gifts for men and women serving our country overseas. This is a great way to continue to celebrate Veterans Day and remember all the men and women of our military, both past and present.

The end of the first trimester is Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that this will be a half-day of school, allowing the staff to continue preparations for our upcoming WASC/WCEA accreditation in the spring of 2009. Advent starts December 3<sup>rd</sup>. However, Jeans for Jesus will begin on Thursday, November the 29<sup>th</sup> so that we can enjoy this casual dress for 4 weeks. Remember, the dress code for Jeans for Jesus is long jeans with school polo shirts or spirit shirts. A donation of 50 cents will be collected from those participating. Our Christmas Program is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> with performances at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place December 12, 13, and 14. These will be half days of school, with dismissal taking place at 12:20 pm, and conferences beginning at 1:00 pm. Since each of you has only a short time with the teacher, here are some suggestions to make the conference a meaningful one.

DO:

- Be prepared, write down what you want to discuss
- Maintain a sense of humor
- Be accepting of yourself and others
- Demonstrate warmth and respect
- Be positive
- Be sincere
- Listen
- Communicate so that others will understand

DON'T

- Attempt to have all the answers
- Make premature judgments
- Be overly critical
- Threaten, ridicule or blame
- Argue
- Make promises you can't keep
- Patronize
- Minimize what the teacher has to say


Have a great Holiday,

John

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*If you have any information to be added to the weekly newsletter please send it to Tami Rowe*  
[tami@maldonadoprinting.com](mailto:tami@maldonadoprinting.com)

## SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for Poker Night which will be held on Friday, January, 18, 2008 at the Perez home. All profits from this event will go to underwriting a portion of the expense of this year's auction.  Black Jack has been added this year, and both men and women are welcome. Details will follow in future Monday newsletters.

## CARL'S JR COUPON BOOKS

The 8th grade students are selling Carl's Jr. discount coupon books for \$5.00 to help fund their trip to Washington D.C. They make great **STOCKING STUFFERS**. If you would like to purchase books, please contact any 8th grader or Casey Silva at 714-771-0588. Thank you for your support of the 8th grade class!

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

### "The Late Great Potentate"

Dress Code for the Christmas Program:

**No denim, jeans, mini skirts**

**Boys:** Dress slacks (navy or black), Long sleeve white shirt or Christmas sweater and a tie.

**Girls:** White blouse with sleeves, or Christmas sweater, skirt (Christmas colors, black or navy) clean shoes.




## HOLIDAY "SCRIP" SHOPPING



Need shoes and a skirt for the school play? Kohl's, Payless Shoes, J.C. Penny, TJ Maxx or Macy's can help. Teenagers will be easy to please with Old Navy, Starbuck's, Arco Gas or Jamba Juice. Need ideas for that special guy, Home Depot or Sears would be a perfect gift card. Check out the scrip listing for all your shopping and gift giving ideas. Place your special orders now. contact Christine, 685-9874.

## SNPS COMMUNITY

Do you know of a business that would be interested in supporting Catholic education and St. Norbert Parish School? Our giving program, Companions on the Journey, is up and running and we'd like to share this giving opportunity with those in the greater community. Currently, we have two classrooms awaiting sponsors (\$500 donation per classroom), and a tuition assistance fund we want to build up. Please let Patty Bornhop know of any companies or people who might like to become our newest Companions, and she'll explain our program and assist them through the giving process. Call or email Patty at 714/637-6822 x204, [pbornhop@stnorbertchurch.org](mailto:pbornhop@stnorbertchurch.org). 

## SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS

Earn SNS some Christmas points at The Village at Orange. Our school receives five points for every dollar spent at any store, restaurant, eatery or vendor cart at The Village at Orange, including stores and restaurants located on Tustin Avenue in the parking lot. Don't forget that we receive 50 POINTS per dollar spent on Santa photo receipts logged in November and December! Receipts can be turned in to the school office or logged at Customer Service in the mall.

## A NOTE FROM THE SNS

### LIBRARY

St. Norbert School Library has a wonderful new fund raiser. Will you be purchasing books at Barnes & Noble for Christmas? We'll be able to get credit for the gifts you purchase, as long as you purchase your items **Thursday, December 6th through Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**. (Save this date) All items (except for the purchase of gift cards or B&N memberships and the Starbucks café) count as credit. Either bring in a voucher or **TELL** the cashier that you are from SNS before they ring up your order. This offer is only available at the Barnes and Noble across from the Main Place Mall. You may use the Barnes and Noble gift cards that we sell for SNS. We will send vouchers home in the school envelope and you may pick them up at the scrip table. You can use the B&N scrip that we sell. Tell your friends and family to shop these dates and support the SNS Library. Thanks in advance for your support any questions call Lisa Bartholemy in Library 637-6822ext 208.

### THANK YOU

*From Casey and Michael Silva*

Michael and I were absolutely overwhelmed by the magnitude of the donations for the military personnel. I believe we collected something for every single item on the wish list! Your generosity is humbling. The person leading this program at my office was also astounded. Thank you very much for supporting our troops! We hope to be back next year.  
Casey and Michael Silva

*From the library*

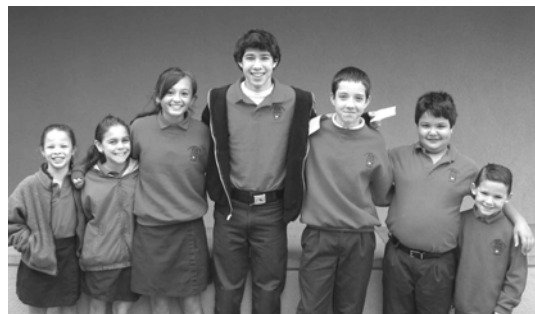
Thanks to all the parents and students that shared their Halloween candy with the library. We appreciate your donation because we go through quite a bit each week for Accelerated Reader Quizzes.

### WAL-MART SCRIP

Effective immediately, Wal-Mart gift cards are available in \$25 and \$100 at a 2% discount. Also accepted at Sam's Club! Get ready to holiday shop and all year long and earn scrip profit. Stop by the scrip table after school, after 9am Mass or save time, send in your scrip order to the school office and your order will be sent home with your student.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*Congratulations to our Students of the week!!*



Sabrina Cunningham (2<sup>nd</sup>), Makenna Downing (4<sup>th</sup>), Taylor Chavez (7<sup>th</sup>), Alex Carnovale (8<sup>th</sup>), Brian Conley (6<sup>th</sup>), Michael Crocker (3<sup>rd</sup>), Andrew Chorbajian (K)