

Dec. 10, 2007

Upcoming Events

December 10

Baseball Camp Drawing

December 12

12:20 Dismissal

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 13

Jeans for Jesus

Reconciliation Service

12:20 Dismissal

Parent/Teacher Conferences

December 14

12:20 Dismissal

Parent/Teacher Conferences

7th & 8th Grade Christmas Dance

December 20

Jeans for Jesus

12:20 Dismissal

Dec. 21 – Jan 4

Christmas Vacation

Dear Parent,

I would like to thank the students, staff, and faculty, especially Mrs. Miraflor, Mrs. O'Keefe, and the 8th grade class for making this year's Christmas production, "The Great Late Potentate" a huge success. It certainly put me into the Christmas spirit as I hope it did you. As a reminder, thanks goes to Rick Purpura for video taping and editing skills of the Christmas video, we do have DVDs of the program for sale. Proceeds go towards the 8th grade Washington D. C. trip. Order forms went home before the performance. Enclosed please find another flyer to order the DVD for your viewing pleasure.

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. For K-6 please make sure that you are on time for your conference and adhere to the time 15 minute time limit out of courtesy to those before and after you. If more time is need please feel free to set another time to meet with the teacher. Junior High conferences will be the same as last year except held upstairs in the Ministry Center; we will be using the Dorothy Day, Mother Teresa and Oscar Romero rooms. Conference's will begin at 1:30 for our Jr. High program and will run until 5:15 on Tuesday and Wednesday, please call office to check Friday's schedule. Jr. High conferences are drop in conferences so no appointment is needed. Report cards will be given out at the conferences.

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

We hope to see you all later this week.

Until then, may God continue to bless your days.

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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

IMPORTANT PARENT

NOTICE

Parents **please** use the Hot Lunch Forms to **pre-order** lunches for your children. Cash purchase on the day of is for Emergencies only! The Hot Lunch team can't predict food quantities without the order forms and have been running short. Forms are in the school office. Thank You

Alumni Continue Toward Excellence!

Congratulations to our SNPS alumni who continue to strive for excellence in their high school work:



At Servite High School, students were recently recognized for their achievements in the spring of 2006-07. We are pleased to learn that the following SNPS grads have achieved **Principal's Honor Roll**: Ben Chavez (2004), Daniel Valenzuela (2004), Anthony DeNicola, Ryan Doran (2005) and Christopher Urell (2005). Additionally, the following young men achieved **High Honors**: Joshua Gaston (2005), David Howard (2006) and Mark Schiller (2006).

At Rosary High School, SNPS grads are stepping into leadership roles with Alex Collell (2007) being elected freshman class treasurer, and Ellen Faley (2007) elected freshman class president.

At Cornelia Connelly High School, Andrea Pavlick (2004) was awarded first honors (GPA of 3.75-4).

If you have an SNPS grad in your family and want to share their successes, please send a message to Patty Bornhop in the school office!

CAUTION: New Google Feature

Google has implemented a new feature which enables you to type a telephone number into the search bar and hit enter and you will be given the person's name and address. If you then hit Map, you will get a map to the person's house. It's a nationwide reverse telephone book. If a child gives out his/her phone number, someone can now look it up to find out where he/she lives. The safety issues are obvious, and alarming.

Note that you can have your phone number removed or blocked. In order to test whether your phone number is mapped, go to Google, <http://www.google.com/> Type your phone number in the search bar (i.e. 555-555-1212) and hit enter. If you want to BLOCK Google from divulging your private information, simply click on your telephone number and then click on the Removal Form. Removal takes 48-hours.

An excellent website on Internet safety for kids, teens, parents and educators is www.NetSmartz.org.

PIZZA PARTY

Congratulations to the 7th Grade Class for turning in all their classroom fees. They will celebrate with a pizza party before Christmas Vacation. Room moms will keep them posted as to what date.



HELP WANTED

**The Auction Committee is looking for someone creative who could volunteer to spruce up the Amore Jewelry Case for this year's Key Drawing. Contact Tracy in the school office or Tradlinger@stnorbertchurch.org

A NOTE FROM THE SNS LIBRARY

Remember to participate in the Barnes & Noble fundraiser **Thursday, December 6th through Thursday, December 13th**. All items (except for the purchase of gift cards or B&N memberships and the Starbucks café) count as credit. Bring in a voucher or **TELL** the cashier that you are from SNS before they ring up your

order. Only available at the Barnes and Noble across from the Main Place Mall.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Good news! The uniform exchange is back, our new chairperson: Sheri Gomez has volunteered to keep the program up and running. If you have gently worn uniforms or are interested in finding something for your child, please contact Mrs. Gomez. at sgomez21@socall.rr.com or call 279-9460.

BOOK FAIR NEWS

The Book Fair is coming soon!!!! The date is January 27th for our Open House starting after the 9:00 am Mass. We will need volunteers for a variety of positions. There is something for everyone and we can't do it without you. Its great fun and a very worthwhile fundraiser for the SNS Library. If interested please call Lisa Bartholemy in the library at 637-6822 Ext 208. We'd like to get our schedule going before we close for Christmas.



END-OF-YEAR GIFTS

As December 31 approaches, St. Norbert Parish School welcomes year-end gifts of cash or stock to bolster two very important areas of need:



1. SNPS Tuition Assistance Fund: Donors may label their gift in their own name, in honor of someone special, in memory of a loved one who's passed away, or as anonymous. The price of educating a child at our parish school is about \$5,000, but gifts of any amount are wonderful.

2. SNPS Endowment Fund: Working toward stabilizing our financial future, our parish school endeavors to build a healthy endowment fund and is accepting gifts of any size toward this end.

If you would like to support our parish school in this way, please contact Patty Bornhop in the school office (714/637-6822 or pbornhop@stnorbertchurch.org) and she will assist you in the giving process.

15 SCRIP SHOPPING DAYS

Check your shopping list, and get "scrip shopping." Gift cards can be used to purchase a gift or given as a gift. Check out the scrip profit specials listed below then stop by the scrip table or send in your scrip order to the school office and your order can be sent home with your student. Be ready to grocery shop with your gift cards from Von's (4%), Albertson's (4%), Smart/ Final (3%) or Stater Bros (6%), your profit will add up weekly!

New: Wal-Mart, \$25.00 and \$100.00 cards, this is one to keep in your wallet for holiday shopping and all year long!

Bath & Body Works	- 5% bonus, now 18% profit 12/14
Walgreens	- 2% bonus, now 4% until 12/24
Linens N Things	- 2% bonus, now 10% until 12/24
Lowe's	- 2% bonus, now 6% until 12/14
Game Stop	- 1% bonus, now 4% until 12/24
Staples	- 3% bonus, now 8% until 12/21
Borders	- 2% bonus, now 11% until 12/14
Claim Jumper	- 2% bonus, now 10% until 12/25

SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS

Your holiday shopping helps our school earn \$\$\$! Shop at The Village at Orange and participate in the Tools 4 Schools program to help our school earn \$250 to \$2500 in mall-wide gift cards. We receive TRIPLE POINTS for these stores if you log your receipts now thru 12/31: Coconut Plus, Joseph's collection, Hoppin' Poppin' Kettle Corn, Hickory Farms & Personalized by Santa.