

Monday, October 27, 2008

Upcoming Events

October 28

Feast, St. Simon & Jude

October 30

Trunk or Treat, 6:00 pm

October 31

All Hallow's Eve

November 1

All Saints Day

November 2

All Souls Day
Daylight Savings Ends

Dear Parents,

Red Ribbon Week has passed and we are moving on to the end of the October (where did it go?). Halloween events will begin Thursday, October 30, with our first annual Trunk or Treat. Matt Murguia promises this will be a "fun-raising" event. It's not too late to join the fun with your decorated car trunk. Call Matt for all the details. We also ask if you could donate a bag of candy or other ghoulish treats to assure that all the goblins get treats and not have to resort to tricks. I am looking forward to this event along with a high level of participation and attendance.

Of course, Friday October 31, is Halloween. The past five years we have allowed students to wear costumes for Halloween. I must commend the children for staying within the guidelines and keeping their costumes appropriate. Once again, I've approved the tradition this year. Costumes must be tasteful, modest and non-gory. **NO COSTUME ACCESSORIES** (i.e. masks, weapons of any kind, wands, etc.) will be allowed. Students must be able to move and sit freely and safely in their costumes. Any students wearing a costume deemed inappropriate by the faculty and/or administration will be asked to call their parents to bring their school uniform to change. This day is intended to be an enjoyable one for everyone, including myself. Please use good judgment in selecting costumes.

This November we'll see the election of a new president as well as the adoption of several state and national ballot measures. The Catholic Church is providing a lot of good information through the Sunday bulletins and Orange County Catholic, the official newspaper of our diocese. Please use these resource to inform yourself on the issues and, most important of all, vote!

We are now past the mid-point of our first trimester. Kindergarten through second grades are in the process of, or have already sent out, progress reports. For grades three through eight, Gradelink is the most accurate and expedient way of checking your child's progress. You all have access and should be checking this site daily. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

Lastly, don't forget to set your clocks back when daylight savings ends on November 2, (this coming Sunday). You don't want to miss church, school and that hour of sleep you lost last spring

Have a blessed week,



Important Reminder:

Please remember our school policy on free dress. Students are required to wear neat, simple attire appropriate for school. School shoes and socks must be worn on Free Dress days. Shorts' length must be no more than five inches above the knee. Skirt/dress length must not be more than two inches above the knee. The school reserves the right to determine the appropriateness based on this dress code. Please read the more specific details of this policy on page 25 of our school handbook posted on our website at www.stnorbertchurch.org/school.

Mission Models Displayed

To celebrate its founding 232 years ago, Mission San Juan Capistrano will host a Mission model exhibit on Saturday, November 1, from 10 a.m. to noon. Children from Catholic and public schools are invited to submit their Mission models, both new and old, for the exhibit. Prizes will be awarded. The morning will include the reading of the founding Mission document, ringing of the historic Mission bells, Living History characters, lemonade and birthday cake. Go to <http://www.missionsjc.com/founders.html>.

Masters in Art Program

Masters in Art needs magazines for our next art project. Please send them in to the school office. Thanks for your. Please contact Nancy Tornell with questions, 714/366-1416.

In-N-Out Burger Day!

Thanks to everyone who supported the eighth grade's In-N-Out Burger fundraiser. Not only did you help our kids raise money to tour our nation's capitol, but you also helped the In-N-Out Foundation's efforts to help abused children. Thanks!



Box Tops 4 Education

Remember to spread the word to family and friends, **we need box tops!** Our BAT RACE is well under way with the First Grade in the lead. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, 10/28 as the last day to turn in box tops for credit in our class competition. In addition to the class winners, we will still have six individual winners to award through our Monday morning drawings--you must have a claim form turned in to be eligible to win. Turn in your claim forms now!



Target Education

Last week, SNPS received a check for \$398.94 from Target! This money came from the Target Education Program, thanks to all the folks who have simply enrolled in the program and named SNPS on their accounts. If you have a Target REDcard, please do the same. You can enroll in the program by calling 1-800-316-6142 or visiting www.target.com/tcoe. When you use your REDcard, 1% of your total purchases will be donated to SNPS!



Canned Food Drive

Mark your calendars! From November 5 to 21 SNPS will hold a canned food drive for our Christian Service Program to help families in need. We need all the help we can get! Canned foods such as soup, vegetables, tuna, etc. will be collected, as well as dry goods, such as boxed potatoes, rice, cake mix, macaroni and cheese, etc. Thanks for your participation!

Get Shopping

When you shop at the MainPlace, stop by the Concierge desk in the mall and show your receipts. Our school will earn points from your purchases and in May we will win a cash prize!

Trunk-Or-Treat

Join the inaugural Trunk-or-Treat! On Oct. 30, at 6:00 p.m., all St. Norbert students are invited to this event. Come in costume and trunk-or-treat in our church parking lot. Parents pull up your cars, open the trunk and let the fun begin. You can decorate as elaborately as you want or you can just pop open the trunk, sit in a chair to pass out candy. **So far we have 30 cars**, with room for plenty more. Participation with a car is NOT mandatory, and you don't have to decorate. Just bring the kids and have fun. Please provide your own power source (generator or power inverter for the car). RSVP to Matt Murguia by email: mattmurguia@earthlink.net



St. Michael's Prep

St. Michael's Preparatory School is a Roman Catholic, boys' boarding, college preparatory school run by the Norbertine Fathers of St. Michael's Abbey.

- Open House--3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the following dates: Oct. 26; Nov. 15; Nov. 16; Dec. 7; April 19.
- High school entrance test--Sat., Jan. 31, 2009.
- Visit <http://stmichaelsprep.org/>.

Santa Margarita Catholic High School.

SMCHS will hold its Open House on Sunday, October 19th, from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Freshman Information Night is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13th 7:00 p.m.

Rosary High School News

- Open House—Sat., Nov. 22, from noon to 3p.m.
- Student visitation day—Wed., Dec. 3.
- Info Night—Mon., Jan. 12 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- High School Placement Test—Sat., Jan. 31, 2009.
- For additional information please call 714 879-8204

Cornelia Connelly High School News

- Open House—Sun., Dec. 7, 2008, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- High School Entrance Exam—Sat., Jan. 17
- To shadow for a day, please call 714/776-1717, ext. 234.

Scrip News

Earn scrip credit while you grocery shop! Albertson's (4%) and Vons (3%) gift cards can earn Escript credit every time you swipe your club card. If you shop at Stater Bros. and spend about \$100 a week there, your scrip profit would be about \$300 with groceries alone. Register your Ralph's Club Card at www.Ralphs.com; your Escript/Von's card at www.escrip.com; and your Albertson's Card at www.albertsons.com. If the last name is different than the school family name, please send that information to the scrip office. Questions? Call Christine, 685-9874.