

Monday, November 24, 2008

Upcoming Events

November 27 & 28

Thanksgiving Holiday

November 30

-Advent begins
-Feast of St. Andrew

December 4

-Jeans for Jesus
-Christmas Program at
1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

December 5

12:20 Dismissal

December 8

Noon Mass-Feast of the
Immaculate Conception

December 11

-12:20 Dismissal
-Conferences

December 12

-No school-conferences
-Feast of Our Lady of
Guadalupe

Dear Parents,

Thanksgiving is this Thursday, and I would like to express a couple of things for which I am very thankful. Thank you God for letting me lead such wonderful a school. Thank you to the students, parents, teachers, staff and priests for all of their wonderful dedication and support in making St. Norbert Parish School a great place to learn and grow in our minds, bodies and spirit. Having worked in both the public and private schools over the past 34 years, I can tell you that we are all fortunate to have St. Norbert Parish School available to us.

A special thank you goes to Mikki Hansen, as well as those who worked to organize a very successful auction underwriter fundraiser at Islands last evening. The event raised \$862.95! According to Islands, this was the most successful fundraisers they have held over the past five years. Thank you to everyone who participated. We all look forward to more events like this in the near future.

As I mentioned above, Thanksgiving is Thursday. We will not have an all-school Mass on Wednesday, November 26, but an all-school Thanksgiving Prayer Service to thank God for all the wonderful blessing He has bestowed upon us. We strongly encourage all families to attend Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

Looking to next month, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is Monday, December 8—a holy day of obligation—and our school will all attend Mass at noon on that day. Students' lunchtime will begin at 11:00 a.m. While we will not have mass on First Friday this month, school will still be dismissed at 12:20 on Friday, December 5.

Advent begins on November 30, and our first Jeans for Jesus will be on Thursday, December 4. Remember the dress code for Jeans for Jesus is long jeans with a school polo shirt or spirit shirt. A donation of 50 cents will be collected from those participating. Our Christmas Program is also scheduled for December 4; with performances at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Students may wear jeans to school and then change into their performance outfits. Parent/Teacher Conferences will occur December 11 and 12, with a change in schedule this year. School will be dismissed on Thursday, December 11; at 12:20 p.m. Conferences will begin at 1:00 p.m. and continue to 8:00 p.m. On Friday, we have no school and conferences will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at noon. You will receive your scheduled conference time next week.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving, enjoy your family and friends and pray for one another.

Please submit announcements for this newsletter to Hsshia@stnorbertchurch.org by 3:00 p.m. each Wednesday for the following Monday newsletter.

What a Success!

Wow! SNPS families showed up BIG at the Islands fundraiser last week. As a result, the restaurant will write a check to our school for \$862.95! This was the most successful fundraiser the Islands manager has seen in five years! That's because we have such supportive and enthusiastic families here. Many thanks to Mikki Hansen and her crew for organizing such a fun and successful event.



We Gather Together



Please join the students, faculty and staff as we gather in prayers of thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 26, at 9:30 in the church.

Talent Show News

Our annual talent show has been rescheduled for February 27! Try-outs will be held as follows:

- Mon., December 15-- 3rd, 4th, 5th grade
- Wed., December 17--6th, 7th, and 8th grades

Further details will come home in the next few weeks.

Basketball Tryouts

All boys and girls in grades fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth are invited to tryout for our A and B teams today and tomorrow, November 24 and 25 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. You never know if you can play unless you give it a try! Questions? Call our Athletic Director Joe Tonetti at 714/728-8017.



News from the Library

SNPS and **Barnes & Noble** are holding the 2nd annual library fundraiser. Visit the B&N store on Main Street across from the MainPlace (791 S. Main St.) from Thursday, December 4, through Thursday, December 11, and our library will receive a percentage of what you purchase. This offer includes all merchandise in the store except memberships and the cafe. Buy B&N scrip from SNPS and use it at this sale for a double opportunity! Show the to the cashier, or just tell them you're from SNPS. Tell family and friends as well, and thanks for supporting your school library.

And the winner is...

Robin Babiak! Congratulations to Robin who won a free ticket to this year's auction, "Meet Me in Maui!" Each month, we will draw a name from among those who have donated items to the auction, and the winner will receive a free ticket to our event set in a tropical paradise. So get your donations and fill out your chance to win a ticket too!



Just 28 Scrip Shopping Days Left!

Get ready for the holidays at the scrip table after school. Better yet, save time and send in your order the office so it can be sent home with your student. Holiday bonuses:

<u>Through Dec. 5</u>	<u>Usual</u>	<u>Now</u>
Macy's	2%	12%
Bath/Body Works	5%	18%
Old Navy	2%	11%
Staples	5%	10%
JC Penny	1%	6%



<u>Through Dec. 19</u>	<u>Usual</u>	<u>Now</u>
Sears	6%	10%
Shutterfly	5%	14%
Shell Gas	1%	2.5%
Claim Jumper	3%	11%
Buca Di Beppo	5%	13%
Barnes & Noble	1%	10%
Lands End	2%	19%



New scrip available:

American Express, \$100, 1.25% scrip profit
 Hollywood Video/Game Crazy, \$10, 16%
 Hallmark, \$25, 4% scrip profit
 Overstock.com, \$25, 8% scrip profit
 Questions? Contact Christine, 714/685-9874.

Christmas Program

The dress code for the Christmas Program is as follows:

- ❖ Boys: White long-sleeved collared dress shirt, Christmassy tie, black or navy pants (no jeans), Christmas sweater optional.
- ❖ Girls: White long-sleeved blouse or sweater; Christmas green, red, navy blue, or black (skirt or dress) anything "Christmassy" is acceptable; no mini skirts, no bare midriffs, no pants.
- ❖ All: Clean shoes, socks, tights (plain or "Christmassy" is acceptable).



Bat Race Results

Congratulations to the kindergarten class for their big win in the Box Tops for Education Bat Race! With 650 box tops collected, this class definitely earned their free ice cream! Thank you to all students who participated in this competition. Together we raised **over \$300** by simply clipping box tops.



This class competition was such a success that we are doing it AGAIN! Enclosed in this envelope you will find a claim sheet for each of your students. Spread the word at your Thanksgiving gathering that you are collecting Box Tops for St. Norbert Parish School. **Our goal:** Another \$300 by Christmas!