

Monday, December 1, 2008

Upcoming Events

December 4

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

December 5

- 12:20 Dismissal
- Deadline to report your service hours

December 6

- Feast of St. Nicholas

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

December 15

- Talent Show Tryouts

December 17

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Dear Parents,

With the beginning of Advent, let me be the first to wish you a Happy New Year as we enter in to a new church year. Christmas will be upon us shortly. Please take the time to not only prepare yourself and home physically but also spiritually as we move through the season. To this end, the students will be preparing themselves by attending Mass at noon on December 8, for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Lunch times will be adjusted to accommodate this time. Lunch will begin at 11:00 a.m.

This week everyone will be involved in preparing for the Christmas Program on December 4. I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at either the 1:00 p.m. matinee or the 7:00 p.m. evening performance.

As a reminder, Friday, December 5, is a half day and dismissal is at 12:20 p.m. We will not have an all-school Mass due to attending the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Also, December 11 and 12 are Parent/Teacher conference days. Because of the conferences, students will be released at 12:20 p.m. on December 11, and there will be no school on December 12. Reports cards and ITBS results will be given out at conferences.

Other upcoming events include: the December Box Top Drive, Auction Snowball Drop, Student Council Service Projects, and probably something else that I am forgetting. Please read the materials in your envelope for more details.

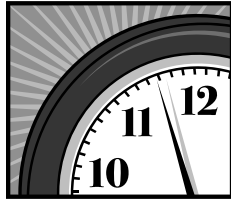
Until next week.....

May God's blessing be upon you all.

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

Reminder from the Office

The first trimester has ended and we are reconciling service hours. If you completed service hours and DID NOT log them on our website or report them to the school office, please do so **by December 5**. On that date any accounts with balances (remaining hours) will be charged accordingly. Thank you.



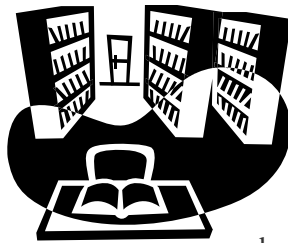
Book Fair News



The St. Norbert Scholastic Book Fair is coming on January 25, at our Open House after the 9:00 am Mass. We need volunteers for set up/closing, previewing, sales, publicity and open house volunteers. There is something for everyone. You can work as little or as much as you want—we can't do it without you. It's fun and a very worthwhile fundraiser for our Library. If interested, you'll find a volunteer application in your Monday folder or in your email. Please respond ASAP or call Lisa Bartholemey in the library at 714-637-6822 Ext 208. We'd like to get our schedule going before we close for Christmas vacation. Thanks for supporting SNS Library.

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.



Christmas Program

The dress code for the Christmas Program is as follows:

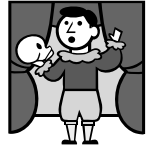
- Boys: White long-sleeved collared dress shirt, Christmassy tie, black or navy pants (no jeans), Christmas sweater optional.
- Girls: White long-sleeved blouse or sweater; Christmas green, red, navy blue, or black (skirt or dress) anything "Christmassy" is acceptable; no mini skirts, no bare midriffs,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



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



21 Scrip Shopping Days Left!

Check your shopping list, and go scrip shopping. Give the gift of entertainment, Regal, Century and AMC movie cards are available in \$25 amounts. Need an outfit for the Christmas program? Macy's, JC Penny, Kohl's, TJ Maxx and Old Navy are ready to help. Looking for a gift exchange or stocking stuffer idea? Jamba Juice, Chipotle, Starbucks, Bath & Body Works and Carl's Jr. are perfect. Do you want to relax after a long day? Chili's, Red Robin, Acapulco, Marie Callender's or Olive Garden is the perfect gift to give or use for yourself. Don't forget Wal-Mart cards can be used at Sam's Club. Need help? Stop by the scrip table after school or contact Christine, 714 685-9874.

St. Michael's Prep School

St. Michael's is a college prep boarding school for young men. If you haven't yet decided upon a high school for your eighth grade son, join us at St. Michael's Prep School for our Open House and Campus Tour. Discover the uniqueness of what St. Michael's offers its students spiritually, morally, and educationally, and why we have been ranked one of the top 50 Catholic High Schools in the United States by The Acton Institute. Our Open House will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 7. The high school entrance exam will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 31, 2009 and registration is required. St. Michael's is located at 19292 El Toro Road, Silverado, CA 92676. Visit us on the web at www.stmichaelsprep.org or call Mrs. Christian at (949) 858-0222 x237.

An Advent Prayer

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places his servants in charge,

each with his own work,

and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore;

you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming,

whether in the evening, or at midnight,

or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" (Mark 13:33-37)

