

Monday, December 8, 2008

Upcoming Events

December 8

-Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 9

Blessed Juan Diego

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,

I would like to thank the students, staff, and faculty, especially Mrs. Miraflor and Mrs. O'Keefe and the 8th grade class, for making this year's Christmas production, The Christmas County Spelling Bee a huge success. It certainly put me into the Christmas spirit as I hope it did you.

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the solemn dogma defined by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1854. As Our Lady Immaculately Conceived is the patroness of the United States of America, this is a holy day of obligation in the United States. Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed on December 8, 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." — *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Conferences are this Thursday and Friday. Conference time confirmations were sent out last Monday in the Family envelopes. For K-5 please make sure that you are on time for your conference and adhere to the 15-minute time limit out of courtesy to those before and after you. If more time is needed, please feel free to set another time to meet with the teacher. For grades 7-8, please refer to the letter sent out to you last Monday. 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 other 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.



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

Talent Show News

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

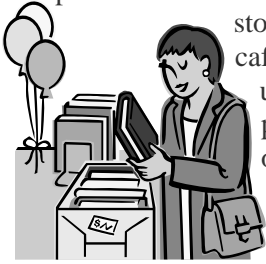
Mon., December 15-- 3rd, 4th, 5th grade
Wed., December 17--6th, 7th, and 8th grades



Note from the library

Please don't forget to sign up for our Scholastic book fair to be held in January during Catholic Schools Week. We'd like to get a schedule together before Christmas. Volunteers must have completed the fingerprinting process. You can find an application on the school website, or call Lisa Bartholemy at the Library 714-637-6822 x208

Also, we are holding the 2nd annual library fundraiser at Barnes & Noble on Main Street across from the MainPlace (791 S. Main St.) through Thursday, December 11. 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.



Main Place Shopping Mall

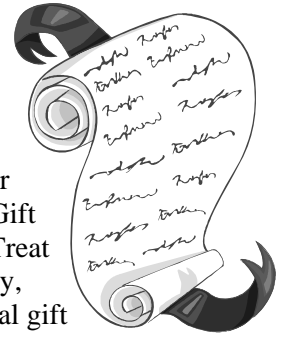
Remember to save your receipts from Main Place Mall in Santa Ana and send them into the school office to help us win money for the school. For every dollar spent at Main Place Mall, we earn 5 points, and those points will come back to us as cash in May! All receipts from September 1 to May 15, 2009 are eligible. (Sept. receipts can be turned into the office in May.) Receipts can also be logged at the Customer Service Booth in the center of the mall. Just tell them to credit St. Norbert Parish School. Tell your family, friends and co-workers also! Going to the Santa Ana Zoo or the Science Discovery Center this vacation? Save your ticket stubs and we will earn 500 points for each ticket!

God sends children for another purpose than to merely keep the race—to enlarge our hearts and to make us unselfish and full of kindly sympathies and affections.

—Mary Howitt, *English poet, 19th century*

14 Scrip Shopping Days Left!

Don't let shopping frazzle you. Relax! Download a copy of the scrip list from our school website then sit down with your gift list and get your shopping done quickly and easily! Gift cards are the ideal gift for anyone. Treat them to Old Navy, iTunes, Best Buy, Carl's Jr. or gas cards. Need a special gift for that wonderful man in your life? Home Depot, Big 5, Macy's, Chipotle, Barns & Noble, Marie Callender's or Chili's will be a hit! Any girl young or young at heart will enjoy Bath & Body Works, and you'll get an 18% scrip profit until Dec. 20! Kohl's, J.C. Penny, See's Candy, Honey Baked Ham are also popular. Need a teacher gift? Buy Starbuck's, Jamba Juice, Panera or Blockbuster giftcards for just \$10 each. The American Express card can make shopping easier too; use them everywhere, Costco, Target, etc. If you need help, contact Christine, 714 685-9874.



Aloha & Mahalo !

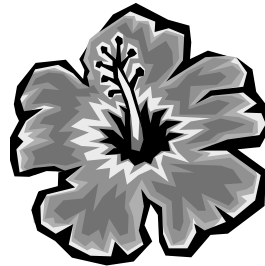
Don't miss out on these upcoming events:

- **Snowball Raffle: 2:00p.m., Thurs., Dec. 18**

Reserve your golf balls for this exciting event! Volunteers wanting to help with reservations after the December 13 and 14 after the Saturday and Sunday masses should contact Kate Hogate 714-457-4311.

- **Regular Auction Meeting: 7:00 p.m., Wed., Dec. 17** Join us in the school library.
- **Auction Donation Drawing: 8:10 a.m., Wed., Dec. 17**

Entries are based on a per item basis and, depending on the value, up to four entries per item. Entries will be accepted up to the time of the drawing. Again, the monthly prize: **1 Ticket to the Auction!** Since we recognize some items will not be available for delivery until just prior to the auction, we will accept drawing forms for commitments to donating items as well! Donation and drawing tickets are in the school office.



A belated THANKS to those for who came to our last auction planning meeting. Nice to have some new faces!

Alyssa O'Hara Connie Fabela Sara Brand
Stephanie Rezac Maggie Mora Anabel Duran
Katie Wilson Valerie Murgia Becky Saltzman
Sheri Gomez Karen Tonetti Robin Babiak

