

February 23, 2009

Upcoming Events

February 24

1st grade to L.A. Zoo

February 25

Ash Wednesday
Kdgt. field trip to Albertsons

February 26

Jeans for Jesus

February 27

Talent Show
Lenten Soup Supper
Last Day for Pennies

February 28

Pasta Dinner

Dear Parents,

Last week was a tough one due to a lot of illness. Students, faculty, staff, and parents have all been victims. Let's all pray that God will bless us all with speedy recoveries.

The end of the second trimester is March 6. I would like to remind you, that in grades 3-8, you do not need to wait until report cards come out to view your child's academic performance. Gradelink is available to you on a 24-hour/7-day-a-week basis. If you need your login information, or if by chance you were locked out of your account, please let the school office know.

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 25. Students in grades 3-8 will attend Mass at 12:00 noon and will receive ashes at Mass. Kindergarten through second grade will receive ashes in their classroom from Fr. Joseph and Fr. Benedict. Thursday is our first Jeans for Jesus. and Friday the Talent Show. This will complete February.

Lots of other activities are just around the corner with the beginning of March. Student Council will begin their March outreach, which will benefit Operation Gratitude, on March 3. The Academic Decathlon and Auction are on March 7. March 14, will be our Go Green Recycling Day, when you get an opportunity to dispose of all of your unwanted electronic equipment for free. Please see the flyer enclosed in your packet for more information.

I hope all of you have a great week. Stay healthy.



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

Library Receives Grant

SNPS has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities/American Library Association. This "Picturing America" award brings masterpieces of American art into our school with 40 images mounted on twenty double-sided posters for display and classroom use. Many thanks to our librarian, Mrs. Bartholemey, for taking the time and effort to secure such wonderful resources for our school!



Operation Gratitude



Our Student Council has chosen Operation Gratitude for our service project for March. During these hard economic times, no sacrifice is too much for those men and women who put their lives on the line for us, ensuring something we hold most dear: our freedom. This is a great opportunity to carry out this year's theme of serving others. For more information, go to www.opgratitude.com.

Mangia! Pasta Dinner

Our Pasta Dinner is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 28, when a delicious Italian meal will be served at our Ministry Center Hall. This is a fundraiser for the 8th graders' Washington DC Trip. Enjoy a fabulous pasta dinner and wonderful company. Guests are welcome to place orders to go as well. See any eighth grader to buy tickets (\$5 each), or send in your order to the school office.



Aloha & Mahalo!

Please send in your donations for the Meet Me in Maui auction. Donation forms are available in the school office and we'll gratefully accept donations up to March 4. The catalog is already in the printing process, so we cannot include donations in the catalog from this point on.



Help Wanted...In Maui!

Want to experience the auction and bid on silent auction items? Volunteer to work the night of the event! This is a great way to see what it's all about. For details, contact Kate Hogate at 714/457-4311 or Sara Gould at 714/313-4237.

Miles of Change

Friday, February 27, is the last day we're collecting pennies for the Miles for Change outreach. The competition among classes is terrific—keep bringing in those coins!

Scrip News

Want scrip credit when you shop at Costco, Target, Trader Joe's, Party City and McDonald's? The American Express card can help; no fees and you can use it all over town and earn scrip credit! Stop by the scrip table after school or send in your order and payment and it will be sent home with your student.

Earn bonus profit with the following gift cards currently in stock. After the current supply is sold the profit % will return to normal:

Bath & Body Works	18%
Old Navy/Gap	13%
AMC Movie	9%
Coffee Bean	11%
Hollywood Video/Game Crazy	18%
Regal Movie	10%
T.J. Maxx	9%

If you need ideas to help reach your scrip obligation, contact Christine, 714 685-9874.

Attention Albertsons Shoppers

It's time to re-register your Albertson's card to continue to receive scrip credit each time you shop at Albertson's. To continue to receive uninterrupted scrip credit re-register by February 28, 2009. It is quick and easy, log into www.albertsons.com. Click on "In the Community" and follow the Community Partners link. Enter your Albertson's card number and the St. Norbert Parish School ID#, 49000102329. Questions, contact Christine, 714 685-9874. Finally, don't forget about the "Earning 4 Learning" opportunities at the MainPlace Mall.

SNPS Track & Field

Mark the date: This year's Foundation Games will be held on April 17 and 18. Athletes born in the years 1994 through 2002 are eligible to compete. Go to www.communityfoundationoforange.org/ for information. Registration forms will be sent home in the near future.



Men's Group of Faith

Join St. Norbert Church men on the second Friday of the month, from 7 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., for support, fellowship, and meaningful discussion about challenges men face today. This is a group of lay men who wish to grow in their faith as Catholic men, husbands and fathers. For more information, please feel free to contact Ray Weaver at (949) 939-5112, ray.weaver@sbcglobal.net, or Matt Terrones at (714) 904- 5822, mterones@aol.com.

