



Principal's Wednesday Letter

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Prayers and Acknowledgments

Our school community will have a well-deserved mid-winter break starting this Friday, 2/15. School resumes Tuesday, 2/19. Thank you again for the service you have provided to our school in recent weeks, particularly with the Pasta Feed and Chocolate Sale. Preliminary results indicate that both fundraisers did very well. We will announce the final numbers next week. Fundraising helps keep tuition down, supports the many curricular and extra curricular activities in our school, and is part of our operating budget. Your continued support in areas of school service and fundraising is greatly appreciated. I admire the spirit and commitment that our parents, faculty and staff freely give to our school and parish community. I am humbled by the dedication, effort and *esprit de corps* of our school and parish family. Keep up the great work!

Flu Season Reminder

Influenza has arrived in the San Francisco Bay Area. Many people are getting sick with high fever, headache, sore throat, cough and muscle aches. If your child is sick with these symptoms, please let them stay home, rest, and take plenty of fluids. Children with a fever should not come to school because they are considered contagious. **Please don't send students to school ill as they may infect other classmates. Students must be fever free for 24 hours prior to returning to school.** Please call the school office before 9:00 am if your child will be absent.

Chocolate Sale Funds

All monies need to be turned into the office by tomorrow, Thursday 2/14. No partial boxes can be returned. Thank you for your support and efforts during the chocolate sale. Your timely return of money/checks to school is appreciated.

Basketball Photo Schedule

The photo schedule for basketball photographs is posted on the Athletics main page. Today at school, photo order brochures will be distributed to basketball players from 4th to 8th grade, boys and girls. Be sure to ask your child today about the photo brochures. All the information you need will be in the brochure and schedule on the website. We will keep a limited amount of brochures in the front office.

Calendar Reminders and Updates

- Progress reports for the third period will be mailed home Friday, 2/ 29.
- Third quarter marking period ends Tuesday, 4/8.
- Report cards will be sent home Friday, 4/11.



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Re-registration 2008-09 School Year

Registration for the 2008-09 school year will be in the first two weeks of March.

Financial Aid [Archdiocesan Family Grants, Basic Fund and Guardsmen Scholarships]

Families, who have previously received financial aid from the Archdiocese or wish to do so for the upcoming school year, will need to get an application from the school office. The application must be post marked no later than April 15, 2008. *Basic Fund* renewal forms for 2008-09 must be completed and/or updated for families wishing to renew their status. The renewal form for the Basic Scholarship will be mailed to families. Please contact Mrs. Cordova, assistant bookkeeper, if you have any questions. Also, families of students entering grades K-6 may pick up an application for a *Guardsmen Scholarship* from Mrs. Cordova. Current income criteria can be found at www.fns.usda.gov/fns/default.htm. The application deadline for the 2008-09 school year is April 15, 2008.

Transfer Testing Monday, March 3

Remind any families/students you might know wishing to transfer to St. Dunstan School for the 2008-09 school year about this date, and to call the school for an appointment. Application materials can be downloaded from the school website.

International Food Festival Notes

Plans are well on the way for our Annual International Food Festival. A **summary of the committees and contact numbers** is now available. We need volunteers! Also, if anyone has personal contacts with local businesses, or if parents would like to **donate to this year's IFF silent auction**, please have them contact Katia Mendoza @ 650-342-4951.

Talent Show: Calling all student talent!

Let's get behind this event. Everyone has a talent. Students can perform with other students. Time to register is now. There is a change in practice schedule as originally announced. Practices will be Mondays [Feb. 4, 11, 25, March 3, 10, 17, and 31] and Fridays [Feb. 8, 22, 29, March 7, 14, and April 4] from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm in the Parish Center. Dress rehearsals will be Monday, April 7 and Wednesday, April 9 with time TBA. The Talent Show will be April 11, starting at 7:00 pm. Thank you to Mrs. Tracy Koehler for coordinating this event.



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The Fifth Annual Strides for Life [Colon Cancer Foundation] Dinner Dance and Auction will take place Saturday, March 1, 2008 at the Marriott San Francisco Airport. This organization is an outcome of the untimely death of 1992 St. Dunstan graduate Dylan Cappel. Dylan, a 1996 graduate of Serra and a 2000 graduate of Wisconsin-Madison, died of colon cancer at the age of 23. He is the son of Larry and Barbara Cappel, long time parishioners and supporters of our school. Larry is the Track Commissioner and Head Coach and a former Chairperson of our School Advisory Board. The *Strides for Life Organization* is dedicated to Dylan's memory and is committed to decreasing the amount of pain and suffering this hideous disease wreaks on society.

6th Grade Environmental Education Program Update

The CYO program is scheduled for May 12-16. Students will meet with CYO Camp organizers April 8 at 2:15 pm, and they (CYO Camp organizers) will meet with parents at 6:30 pm the same day. Please mark your calendars.

Student Council Lenten Project

Our hardworking Student Council will be collecting deodorant and toothpaste for SVDP as a Lenten Project. Please turn in items to the 4th grade.

As we begin second week Lent receive scripture (Psalm 51:19) reminds us that our "Sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit." See the reflection included in today's communication. Thanks for all you do. Enjoy a restful break.

Sincerely in Christ,

Dr. Bruce Colville, Principal