



# Principal's Wednesday Letter

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**Dear Parents and Guardians:**

## **Prayers and Acknowledgments**

We welcome our new maintenance person, Mr. John Copello and our new aide for second and third grade, Mrs. Patricia Thrapp. Mr. Copello was born and raised in the area and lives in Millbrae. His youngest son is a senior at Capuchino High School. Mr. Copello operated a machine shop for many years and has extensive experience in building maintenance. Mrs. Thrapp, an alumna of St. Dunstan, had two daughters graduate from St. Dunstan. Her youngest is a sophomore at Mercy High School. Mrs. Thrapp's mother is a past president of the St. Dunstan Women's Club. An artist by trade, Mrs. Thrapp spent many days in the classroom helping teachers when her daughters were enrolled. She is very excited to be here and loves working with children.

## **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.

## **Pasta Feed and Chocolate Sale Update**

The Pasta Feed netted \$8,954.43 and the Chocolate Sale netted \$9,396.00. Nichol A. won the iPod. Tao V. sold the most boxes and earned \$100.00. Julian C. and Katie C. tied for second and will split \$125.00. Thank you everyone for your spirit and your support. Funds raised contribute to our operating budget, keeps tuition rates down, and helps fund the curricular and extracurricular programs we offer at school.

## **Basketball Photo Schedule**

The photo schedule for basketball photographs is posted on the school website. All the information you need will be in the brochure and 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, February 29.
- Third quarter marking period ends Tuesday, April 8.
- Report cards will be sent home Friday April 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.

**Ice-cream (\$1.00) will be on sale after school on Wednesday. Starting next week we will sell ice cream on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.**

## 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, need to get an application from the school office. The application must be postmarked 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](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/default.htm). The application deadline for the 2008-09 school year is April 15, 2008.

## Transfer Testing Day 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 form and other 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** will be included in this week's communications. 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. An informational flier will be mailed home today.

## 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. 25, Mar. 3, 10, 17, and 31] and Fridays [Feb. 22, 29, Mar. 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 Friday, April 11, starting at 7:00 pm. Thank you to Mrs. Tracy Koehler for coordinating this event.



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**The Fifth Annual 2008 Strides for Life [Colon Cancer Foundation] Dinner Dance and Auction** will take place Saturday, March 1, 2008 at the Marriott San Francisco Airport. Information and registration forms can be downloaded from our school website. 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 our head track coach and 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.

## **6<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Also, coin boxes sponsored by the Holy Childhood Association will be going home today.

As we begin the third week of Lent the scripture (Luke 15:31) addresses the experience of "Meeting Expectations." As a parent of a teenage son, sometimes I am a little too hard on my son, and on other occasions a little too easy. We do the best we can and pray that we make the right decisions for our children and family. This reflection gives us a good perspective, as well as a reminder. Thanks for all you do.

Sincerely in Christ,

Dr. Bruce Colville, Principal