



# Principal's Wednesday Letter

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**Dear Parents and Guardians:**

## **Prayers and Acknowledgments**

We ask your prayers for Dolly Beltrame, our classroom aide who will be out for four weeks with a planned medical procedure. May she have a full recovery. As we conclude the regular basketball season, we are grateful for our student-athletes, their basketball coaches, and our parents for another successful year. We wish our 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys teams good luck in the playoffs. Please check the school website for places, times, and teams.

Congratulations are in order for 8<sup>th</sup> grader Martin Borromeo. Martin came in 4<sup>th</sup> place in a national safety poster art contest sponsored by the American Society of Safety Engineers. Martin will receive a \$200.00 savings bond and his family will be invited to attend the poster contest award ceremony in Washington, D.C. The local San Francisco chapter of ASSE is planning a recognition ceremony for Martin's achievement.

## **2008-09 Re-registration March 3-14**

**Please be punctual in completing re-registration form.** There is a non-refundable fee of \$285.00 per child. After March 14, we will fill in roster slots in each of the classes. We expect and hope to see each and every child return. We have a wonderful community here, and we are making plans for another great year next year. We want you to be a part of it. Thank you. It continues to be a pleasure serving our St. Dunstan School and Parish community.

## **International Food Festival Notes**

**Raffle tickets** will be sent home with your children on Friday along with updated information on the food festival. Please review and volunteer! A **summary of the committees and contact numbers** was included in last week's communications and handed out in hard copy on Friday.

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 flyer will be mailed home today.

## **Important Reminders:**

- **Emergency card phone numbers** need to be updated if there are any changes.
- There are a lot of **non-uniform items** in lost and found. Unclaimed items will be donated over the Easter Break. Plus, we have a lot of unclaimed uniforms in the front office, which need to be claimed.
- **Extended Care Statements** have been sent out; if you did not receive yours, contact Extended Care to get a copy. Payments are due by March 16.



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- A hard copy of **Scrip Notes** will be sent home today with important updates and information. It will also be on the website.
- We need **lunchtime volunteers!** Easy service hours. Please consider helping us.
- We are still collecting **Campbell Soup Labels** [see updated flyer on the website]. We need to get 500 more points to purchase school related items.
- All **basketball uniforms** must be turned into coaches who will then return them to the uniform commissioner Mr. Welch. The schedule for returning the uniforms to Mr. Welch will be announced next week. If uniforms are not returned, students will not be able to participate in Track and Field, which begins March 10. Also, parents will be assessed a fee if uniforms are not returned or are damaged per current policy.
- Students may not change out of their uniforms at the end of the day in the front office bathrooms.

## **Kiss the Frog Contest**

Our annual kiss the frog contest begins March 6 and ends on March 14 and is sponsored by Student Council. All money raised will help purchase stamps for Madonna House, a homeless shelter for women. Teachers' frogs will be placed in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom at recess, lunch, and after school. The teacher with the most money will be "elected" to kiss the frog. Your principal is eligible as well.

## **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.

## **Talent Show: Calling all student talent! Not too late too participate!**

Let's get behind this event. Everyone has a talent. Students can perform with other students. Time to register is now. Practices will be Mondays [March, 10, 17, and 31] and Fridays [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 Friday, April 11, starting at 7:00 pm. Thank you to Mrs. Tracy Koehler for coordinating this event.



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## **St. Ignatius Summer Programs**

This summer, St. Ignatius Summer Programs offer academic programs for students entering the 7th, 8th and 9th grades as of fall 2008. They also have a wide selection of sports camps for children and students of all ages. This year, SI is introducing two sessions of their new Musical Theatre Camp in the afternoons. The printable registration form and details of the SI Summer Program offerings are available for viewing at [www.siprep.org/summer](http://www.siprep.org/summer). The summer program registration site opened on March 1, 2008.

## **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.

“I will never forget you,” the prophet Isaiah writes in today’s scripture reading. We all have been through times of pain and suffering. Today’s *Living Faith* reflection offers us hope during those times where we long for an answer or for comfort. Be open to the beauty and insight of Lent. Thanks for all you do. Each of you is a gift. Blessings to one and to all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Dr. Bruce Colville, Principal