



Principal's Wednesday Letter

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

PRAYERS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Prayers:

We pray for Steve Abrams, who lost a close childhood and longtime friend Bob Berke. Mr. Burke died unexpectedly last weekend. May he rest in peace.

Acknowledgements:

Thank you to **Baseball Commissioner Bob Garrison** for coordinating the gift of used baseball equipment, for a needy program in Central America. We were able to work with Mr. John Auchbach, a teacher at Archbishop Riordan High School who helps collect used baseball equipment to be sent to needy programs overseas.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Reminders and Announcements

- I've asked our school counselor, Steve Abrams to compose a "**Counselor's Corner**" for our parent community addressing relevant points of interest impacting our parents and families. Today's comments have to do with a healthy approach to eating as we enter the Holiday Season. It is part of today's Wednesday's Communication. Thank you Mr. Abrams.
- **Extended Care Statements** are being sent home this week and are due by Dec. 15th.
- **Basketball practice in the Parish Center** may not begin before 6:00pm. Students will not be allowed in the Parish Center until a coach is present. This is standard policy. Thank you for respecting this policy. Please do not interrupt the dismissal routine and procedures of Extended Care. Please do not leave children off and unsupervised. Parents must stay with their children
- This year's **Christmas Concert** is set for **Thursday, December 17** at 7:00pm in the Church. All students are expected to participate, arriving to their respective classrooms by 6:45 p.m. and properly attired. This is a very special event for everyone involved, so please mark your calendars.



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- St. Dunstan Parish will have a **4:30pm Christmas Eve Mass** on Dec. 24. **Children's Choir Director Karen Bettucchi** (650) 697-7702 is seeking children ages 5-12 to sing. A flyer is included in today's communication with rehearsal schedule and registration flyer.
- On Sat. Dec. 5, our ***From the Heart Music Program*** students will perform at Hillsdale Mall at Nordstrom Court from 10:00am to 1:30am.
- **SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO ST. DUNSTAN. SAVE THE DATE ~ DECEMBER 12, 2009 ~ MEMBERS OUR PARENT GUILD PROUDLY PRESENT "BREAKFAST WITH SANTA"**. Everyone is invited to celebrate the start of the holiday season by attending "Breakfast with Santa" from **10:00am to 12:00pm**. Enjoy a special breakfast with family, sing songs with friends, capture a portrait with Santa, pick up sweets at Mrs. Claus' booth, and make a beautiful keepsake to take home. This year's raffle prize will be an iPod Touch. We really need 7th and 8th grade helpers, holiday bakers and team members to make this the most magical event ever. If you need service hours, please help! Contact Cissy Sherr at sherr.family@yahoo.com or Linda Piriya at vil4fun@yahoo.com.
- **SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG PERFORMANCE**
A flyer went home today with the students. Leta Lapson (650) 678-9362 and Pauline Sanchez (650) 869-5610 are organizing students for Christmas Caroling performance at Tanforan and Breakfast with Santa. Practices will be on Tuesdays (Dec. 1 and Dec. 8 from 3:00 to 3:30 in the Parish Center with each family given a CD of Christmas Songs that they will be practicing. The students and families will be singing Fri. Dec. 11th at Tanforan Mall and Sat. Dec. 12th at the Breakfast with Santa in the Parish Center.
- **Fine Arts Production Scheduled for February 4, 2009** An information flyer/registration form went home to parents yesterday describing this event where student participants will have an opportunity to showcase their talents during Catholic School's Week. The purpose of the event is to celebrate the special gifts God has bestowed on our students. Any student with special talents (e.g. ability to play an instrument, sing, dance, perform a routine, or demonstrate skills in martial arts or gymnastics) is encouraged to participate. In addition, we will be showcasing the artistic talent of our students by displaying art. For more information, please see flyer on website.

MY SCHOOL'S COOL (MSC)

We're starting a new quarter and with Christmas right around the corner, be sure to submit all your receipts!!! Remember, ANY receipt from Tanforan Shopping Center dated Sept. 1, 2009 until the end of the school year counts!



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Here are other ways we can help our school earn more points:

- **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY @ TANFORAN:** The Mall is also looking for volunteers to work the Customer Service booth. Each volunteer will receive 500 points for one hour of service (You'll also get an hour of service from our school). If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Jessica Ancheta at (650) 392-1631. By the way, if you get to Tanforan early, they're giving away Holiday Mistle-Totes filled with a Martha Stewart Living Kitchen spatula, recipe cards and retailer offers. Spend \$100 before noon and get a \$10 mall gift card!

There's a lot more information regarding the MSC program. Be sure to check-out our school's website for more information!

FROM THE ATHLETIC BOARD

Please check the Athletics Home Page for important updates regarding Basketball Practices and upcoming Tournaments.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Men's Club Meeting: The next Men's Club Meeting is **December 14, 2009**. As it is the holiday dinner, a special meal is being prepared. There are still squares available in the Super Bowl Pool and information about the Chili Cookoff in January will be discussed. Please see flyer on website for more information.

T.E.R.E.S.A. Committee ~ Christmas Giving Trees: This weekend the T.E.R.E.S.A. Committee members will be setting up the annual Christmas Giving Trees in the Church. Parents and Parishioners are invited to take an ornament from these trees labeled with a gift item, purchase the item, and return it to school, or at Sat./Sun Masses. Gift items shall be given to St. Vincent De Paul Society and Home and Hope (Interfaith Hospitality Network) families in need. Please see the flyer on the website for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ~ ANNUAL CRAB CIOPPINO DINNER~ Saturday, December 5, 2009 ~ St. Dunstan Parish Center ~ No Host Cocktails 6:00 PM ~ Dinner 7:30 PM, Dancing following dinner Featuring Johnny Midnight ~ \$40 per person (Chicken dinner available instead of crab) ~ For tickets and info call Sam: 650/692-0471 or see me in the school office or email me your request.

Thanks for all you do!

Sincerely in Christ,



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