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--WEDNESDAY ,OCTOBER 13 2009 MEMO--

TARGET DATES:

Friday, October 16	12 Noon Dismissal, Root Share Day for Teachers Free Dress w/purchased pass
Sunday, October 18	Nigerian Yam Festival
Monday, October 19	8th Grade visit to Saint Mary's High School 10am – 1pm
Wednesday, October 21	Fall School Pictures 8:30 am
Tuesday, October 27	8th Grade to visit Salesians High School 8:30 am – 12pm
Friday, October 30	Halloween Parade 2:00 pm Free Dress for October Birthdays or Earned Pass
Tuesday, November 3	PTG Meeting 6pm
Wednesday, November 4	2pm Dismissal, Free Dress for Everyone Athletic Club Meeting 7pm
Thursday, November 5	Liturgy in church @ 9:30 am
Friday, November 6	No School , Student Holiday, Elementary Staff Day

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last Saturday, members of the St. John School community participated in the 23rd annual Harmony Walk to end hunger. The proceeds from this event go to support the programs for the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program or GRIP. GRIP is an interfaith organization, which supports the poor in the Richmond community.

Our walk started at the Civic Center and went for two miles around the area. It was wonderful to see so many schools and churches of various faiths walking with us. The resting stop for the walkers was the GRIP Souper Center. The new Souper Center was built a year or two ago and now can provide shelter for families as well as feed them. It was very gratifying to finally see the Souper Center, which through our donations over the years have helped to build.

The seventh grade class has adopted GRIP as their social outreach commitment. Once a month seventh grade students along with Mrs. States and their parents, take turns feeding the homeless at the Center. They also collect canned food for the shelter and spearhead collecting contributions for the Harmony Walk. This year our school collected \$700.

Thank you to all who contributed and to all who walked this Saturday. The little we do today goes a long way to make the world just a little bit better for others tomorrow. Living our expectations of being Christian Leaders and Responsible Citizens is one way St. John Students and their families live their faith.

God Bless,
Terry Barber, Principal

Remember Safe Environment for Children

All volunteers in a school must take the on-line Safe Environment for Children course every two years. **If you are a new parent to the school you must take the on-line course before volunteering in the classroom, go on a field trip. Please go to www.shieldthevulnerable.org to complete the course.** If you do not have access to the Internet, you may use the computers in the lab. Please call the office at 234-2244 to make an appointment.

SAFETY NEWS

We have a number of students who are tardy every morning and are being dropped off at the Kearney street gate after the bell has rung and the gate has been locked. **Do not drop your child off at the back gate. The gate gets locked at 8:05 after morning assembly.** This is very dangerous for the students and not acceptable. If the bell has already rung and the gate is locked you must drop your child(ren) at the front of the school and they must be signed in w/a tardy slip from the office. There is no one to man the back door after the bell rings in the morning and a lot of times the students are just standing out there w/out adult supervision waiting for someone to walk by in the school and let them in the door and students are not allowed to open that door w/out adult permission. Please try and make every effort to have your child(ren) to school on time in the morning. School start and 8 am and we need all students to arrive on time. When students are tardy, it interrupts the class and the teachers when they come in late.

Also, for the safety of the children, all students who are not picked up by 3:00 p.m. will be taken to Extended Care. It is unsafe to have students alone outside the locked gates waiting for parents to pick them up. If you arrive after 3:00 p.m., please go to Extended Care to pick up your children as all gates and doors will be locked at that time. **Parents need to get out of their cars and personally sign their children out of Extended Care.** Please also remember the rules of safety and respect for others when picking up or dropping off your children in the parking lot. Drive slowly and carefully and obey the rules and procedures for dropping off and picking up children found in the St. John the Baptist School handbook. **The small parking lot behind the church is not to be used for dropping off children in the school. Parishioners use that for morning Mass. Please respect the Church and our fellow parishioners.** Thank you for your cooperation and consideration in these safety issues.

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken on Wednesday, October 21. Students should be in **full uniform** for the picture taking. Look for the notice in your Tuesday Envelope. **Money and order forms must be submitted to the photographer on Picture Day.**

EXTENDED CARE REMINDER

Daycare payments need to be taken to the school office by the 10th of each month. After the 10th a late charge will be added. If you have any questions, please contact Rita Caramagno (510) 234-1797.

S.H.A.R.E.S. CARDS

St. John's is asking everyone to agree to swipe their S.H.A.R.E.S. card when purchasing their groceries at any Lucy and Food Max stores. Each time the card is used, 3% of the qualified purchase earns S.H.A.R.E.S. point. Each S.H.A.R.E.S. points earned are shown on the bottom of the register receipt and credited to St. John the Baptist School. This is an easy way for St. John to raise money. If you need additional cards to give to family and friends, please contact the office or if you have any questions, please email Catherine [Zaragoza @jzcat@pacbell.net](mailto:Zaragoza@jzcat@pacbell.net).

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

If there is anything that you want to go in the weekly Tuesday memo, it must be E-mailed or given to the office no later than the Friday before. If given later than that it will not go out until the following Tuesday memo. If you have any questions, Please call the Secretary, Karen Brown @ (510) 234-2244

SALESIANS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND MATH CONTEST

Salesian High School cordially invites prospective students and their families
to the Salesian High School

OPEN HOUSE & MATH CONTEST FOR ALL 6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADERS

Sunday, November 8, 2008

1:30pm – Math Contest Registration

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. – Math Contest and Open House

Tour our Campus, Preview our Curriculum, Meet our Faculty and Staff

MATH CONTEST PRIZES INCLUDE:

6th & 7th grade students

\$200 – 1st place winner

\$100 – 2nd place winner

\$50 – 3rd place winner

8th grade students

\$3,000 scholarship to Salesian or \$500 cash – 1st place winner

\$250 – 2nd place winner

\$100 – 3rd place winner

Registration forms for the math contest are available online at: www.salesian.com

CHOIR

Do you go to mass every Sunday? Do you want to be involved during the mass? Do you like to sing and want to join a choir? Well join the Youth Choir, we sing for the 9:30mass every Sunday. Come try it out and see how you feel. If you play an instrument and want to be involved at mass you are also invited to join. The Youth Choir practices are on Wednesdays at 7:30pmin the Church. Anyone is welcome to join the choir, if you are interested come to the rehearsals or contact Andy Gutierrez by email at ag_723@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there!!! *Andy G*

First Communion Parent Meeting

If your child is 7 years old or in second grade or above, they are eligible to prepare for the Sacrament of First Communion. With proper preparation your child will receive with the class during a special mass on May 15th or 16th, 2010.

There will be a Parent Meeting on Wednesday October 21st in the School Library from 7-8:30 p.m.

Take home materials will be available for students and parents, the cost is \$20.

Your child will be blessed along with the family on Sunday, October 25th during the 9:30 a.m. Children's Mass. Coffee Hour to follow immediately after in the Conference Room.

Questions: Call Pam Vincent, Children's Religious Education Coordinator 510-233-6486 or 10-507-8694.

PPP HOURS

If you referred new families to our school and they are now attending, please notify the office so we can give you your PPP hours you have earned for the referral. Thank you

GIFT WRAP SALES

It's never too late to help our school by sending your orders online:

Online Ordering: GO to www.gafundraising.com and enter our school pin# 1061647, register your student to get your personal pin#, send emails to friends and family to help our school. Free shipping for purchases \$60.00 and more except for personalized items and candy.

SCHOOL T-SHIRTS FOR FIELD TRIPS

This year's School T Shirt (Green or White) may now be used in lieu of the school uniform for field trips. We currently have both colors in Adult sizes M, L, and XL. There is limited stock on children's sizes but prepaid orders will be fulfilled within 3 weeks. The larger our total school order, the faster we can get the shirts in.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER: Adult Sizes larger than XL are now on sale-
-\$12.00 (Green) and \$15.00 (White).

ALL ORDERS ARE PREPAID. Order forms are available at the PTG Bulletin Board and School Office. For inquiries, please email stjohnschool@gmail.com or call Lisa Lee at 510.799.9155.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND ARE:

Saturday, October 17	5:00 PM Mass ~Francisco Fernandez
Sunday, October 18	8:00 AM Mass~ Gabrielle DeLa Torre / Darion Sales
	9:30 AM Mass~ Devin Virassammy / Peter Sekona
	11:00 AM Mass ~Juliane Corpus
	12:30 PM Mass ~Ariana Alonzo

If you cannot serve, please get a substitute, thanks.