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--TUESDAY ,OCTOBER 20, 2009 MEMO--

TARGET DATES:

Wednesday, October 21	Fall School Pictures 8:30 am Full Uniform
Tuesday, October 27	8th Grade to visit Salesians High School 8:30 am – 12pm
Thursday, October 28	Harvest Festival grades 5 – 8th Free Dress for October Birthdays or Earned Pass (changed from Calendar)
Friday, October 30	Halloween Parade 2:00 pm
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 Liturgy in church
Tuesday, November 10	St. Josephs to visit 8th grade @ 10:30

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The mission of St. John the Baptist School is to ensure quality education and form mature Christian persons who actively contribute to the community. From this mission statement flows our philosophy:

- To teach the students about the life of Christ and their role as church members
- To involve students in the work of social justice and promote world peace
- To emphasize basic curricular subjects which ensure quality education
- To recognize the uniqueness of each individual student
- To enable students to actively appreciate and value the many ethnic groups that enrich our school and society

From this mission statement and philosophy, flow our Student Learning Expectations, qualities each student is expected to have when the graduate from St. John:

- To be Christian Leaders
- To be Academic Achievers
- To be Responsible Citizens

St. John school has always had a good foundation in forming mature Christian persons who actively contribute to the community. This can be seen through our continuous and generous support of GRIP and our sister parish of St. Elizabeth in Haiti. In any crisis, our students respond quickly to pleas for donations, canned foods, and clothing. In addition to this, several classes have included service-learning projects into their curriculum. The kindergarten have adopted St. Elizabeth parish in Haiti and work all year collecting their pennies, quarters, and dollars to send to Haiti. The first grade are collecting "Pennies for Peace", which is an organization that builds schools for third world countries. The fourth graders have developed a love for animals and have been raising money for the Marine Mammal Center and the Lindsay Museum. The seventh graders have adopted GRIP, participating in the hunger walk and serving meals in the Souper Center. The eighth graders have adopted needy families for Christmas and are saving their money to buy food and gifts for their adopted families.

By integrating what they are learning in the classroom to outreach projects that benefit our environment and our community, children are learning to become Academic Achievers and Responsible Citizens. We will keep you informed as these projects develop more fully during the year.

God bless you for all you do in partnering with us in our mission to develop Christian Leaders, Academic Achievers, and Responsible Citizens of tomorrow.

Sincerely,
Terry Barber, Principal

HALLOWEEN PARADE

The Halloween Parade will take place on Friday, October 31ST. **It is a 12 Noon Dismissal.** Children are to come to school in their uniforms and change into their costumes before the Halloween Parade at 11:15 PM. The parade will take place at 11:30 in the schoolyard. PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY WEAPONS OF ANY KIND!

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

We will be celebrating the Day of the Dead or Dia de los Muertos, November 2nd. An altar will be set up in the hallway with pictures and mementos of our deceased relatives and friends. Students may bring photos or artifacts of their deceased relatives to school beginning on October 27th. Please label your photo or article with your students name and grade.

Renewal of Safeway Cards

Thanks to everyone who turned in Safeway receipts for the 10% back to schools program from Safeway. We are now asking everyone who have Safeway Club cards to register them @ escrip.com. By registering your card the school will get additional funds throughout the school. If you register your card last year you will still to need renew your card. The deadline to renew is NOV. 1st. Any question please call Catherine Zaragoza 510-222-4925

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.

EXTENDED CARE

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. Please remember, if you arrive in the morning after 8:05, the gate will be locked in the back of the school. You must bring your child to the front of the school and check him/her in at the office. **Please do not drop your child off at the back gate. The gate gets locked at 8:05 after morning assembly. If you arrive after 8:05 you must drive your child to the front of the school, to ring the doorbell, to be let into the school. Please do not double park on San Pablo or block the flow of traffic. Please park and let your child out. San Pablo is a very busy street and when you block the flow of traffic it is very dangerous for you and your children and also illegal.** 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. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration in these safety issues

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken on Wednesday, October 22. Students should be in **full uniform** for the picture taking. The form was sent in your last Tuesday Envelope. Additional forms are available in the office. **Money and order forms must be submitted to the photographer on Picture Day. PTG**


PTG WREATH FUNDRAISER

Our Christmas Wreath fundraiser is well underway; please continue to get orders for these beautiful fresh wreaths. If you would like to view a sample of the 22" Mixed Evergreen Wreath, there is one hanging on Mrs. Brown's office door, feel free to come by and take a look. We have another week and a half to get our orders in. Orders are due on October 29, 2008. These fresh wreaths make wonderful gifts for family and friends. If you own a business, please considering order these for your employees and clients. All wreaths come individually wrapped to keep them fresh. Delivery will be between December 1st and December 8th. If you have an out of town friend or relative you can send them a wreath direct through the direct delivery option. Thank you in advance for participating in this fundraiser. Should you

have any questions, please contact Kelly Caudillo at (510) 236-9111 daytime.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION DAY

Kindergarten Information Day



Christian Leaders
Academic Achievers
Responsible Citizens

- Strong Christian Values
- Excellent Academic Program
- Warm Family Environment
- Integrated Curriculum Infused with Play and a Love for Learning
- Technology and Fine Arts
- Hands-on Science Labs

*Come Visit us on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at 11 a.m.
School Library*

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First Communion Parent Meeting

There will be a First Communion Parent Meeting if your child is in 2nd grade and above and you wish them to receive the sacrament of First Communion. Wednesday October 22nd in the school Library from 7:00-8:30 p.m. We request one Parent or Guardian be in attendance to get the details. Please attend the 9:30 a.m. mass on Sunday October 26th with your child as their name will be announced. Any questions, Call Pam Vincent (510-233-6486 home 501-507-8694 cell)

SALESIANS OPEN HOUSE

Salesian High School will be have there open house for perspective 9th grade families on Sunday, November 2 , 2008 2pm – 4pm.. This will be a great way for you to tour the campus, meet and greet some of the teachers and staff, and get any questions you might have answered. If you have any questions, please contact the school at (510) 234-4433.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND ARE:

Saturday, October 25 5:00 PM Mass ~ Onalli Gunasekara / Oshani Gunasekara

Sunday, October 26 8:00 AM Mass – Gabrielle DeLaTorre

9:30 AM Mass – Jacob Shafer / Mike Jerez

11:00 AM Mass ~ Shawna Barrios

12:30 PM Mass ~ Ariana Alonzo

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