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--TUESDAY ,OCTOBER 6, 2009 MEMO--

TARGET DATES:

Wednesday, October 7	2pm Dismissal, Free Dress for everyone School Board Meeting 7pm Athletic Club meeting 7pm(Science Rm)
Friday, October 9	Progress Reports
Saturday, October 10	GRIP Walk for Hunger
Monday, October 12	No School, Columbus Day Holiday
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 8:00 am

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Congratulations to Ms. Borges and the fourth graders on their outstanding presentation of the St. Francis liturgy last Friday and Sunday. Their clever skit on creation was fabulous! Use of puppets and special effects are unforgettable. The students also read and sang well for the liturgy. Congratulations also to the Student Government and Mr. Walton for their organization of the blessing of the animals. The student leadership in this event is to be commended!

This Friday, you will be receiving your child's progress report. The progress report is an indicator of how well your child is progressing the first half of the trimester. A less than satisfactory performance in a subject area, is a signal that your student needs to give more serious attention to his/her studies. Review the progress report with your child and discuss ways your child can improve performance before the first trimester grading period. Often times more attention to studying for tests and completing homework assignments is all that is needed. If your child is struggling in a particular area, speak to your child's teacher for ways to improve. Studies have shown that parents who take an active interest in their child's education have a powerful effect on their success.

Too many tardies and absences also have a negative impact on the academic success of children. Please make sure your child arrives at school on time and does not take time off during school session for vacations. It is difficult to make up the learning that takes place in the classroom when children are not present.

May God bless you in your efforts to accept the responsibilities, challenges, and joys that come with being part of our St. John community.

Sincerely,
Terry Barber
Principal

PROGRESS REPORTS

On Thursday, October 9, all students will receive progress reports from their teachers. The purpose of these reports is to give the students and parents a mid trimester assessment of student progress both in schoolwork and homework. If you have any questions or concerns contact your child's teacher

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. 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. 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.**

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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*

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. 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.

KEARNEY STREET YARD

After the morning assembly, please remember to move your cars off of the Kearney street yard. P.E. starts soon after and the yard needs to be used for the morning P.E. classes. Thank you.

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

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

24th Annual Endowment Event

The Endowment Committee needs your help in planning the "biggest bash in 2010!" Come to our first meeting on **Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00pm in the School library**. The Endowment Event is one St. John's major fundraisers. The money raised from this event provides tuition assistance and helps the school offer an enriched curriculum. Come to the meeting and find out how you can help to make the Endowment Event a huge success. If you have questions are need additional information, contact Rachel Epperson at 510-223-3956 or Frances Renty Williams at 510-384-8203.

GRIP Harmony Walk to End Hunger

Help GRIP by sponsoring our walkers or by participating in the walk yourself. Proceeds from this event help support the Souper Kitchen, which provides hot meals to homeless families and individuals. The walk starts at 8:00 a.m.(registration),walk starts at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, October 10 at Civic Center on McDonald Ave. in Richmond. Please contact the office if you would like to participate in the walk or send your donations to the office. Thank you.

M.U.S.E.

We need your help. This fall we are really feeling the effects of the economy and our overall numbers of students participating in the M.U.S.E. Instrumental Programs are down. We would like all of you to know that we are extending our registration deadline for band (and for those schools with piano and strings classes) to the end of October. Please let your parents know that it is not too late to join and that if they call the MUSE office we will try to help people out in any way we can. Our number is 1-800-233-6873. Our website www.museband.com. We appreciate you help.

Bryant Allard
Director of M.U.S.E.
1-800-233-6873

PLEASE CHECK YOUR ST. JOHN JACKETS

Please check your child's uniform sweatshirt to see if it has a name in it and that it is theirs. We have a number of students who have misplaced their sweatshirts with their name in it and they have not been returned. If you have a sweatshirt that is **not yours, please return it to the office or the lost and found (it is green and white) box that is located at the end of the hallway by the gym.** Thank you for your quick attention to this matter. We want to make sure we get every ones sweatshirt back to its rightful owner.

WE NEED YOUR SAFEWAY RECEIPT

Safeway will be donating 10% of your grocery purchases of participating products to our school during the time you shopped from **August 6th through September 9th.**

To get the donate we need to:

- 1) Ask the cashier for your Register Receipt from September 12th through October 6th.
- 2) Please send the receipt to the school office before October 13th so they can be redeemed.

You can also register your Safeway Club card @ www.escrip.com

Any questions please call Catherine Zaragoza 510-222-4925.

ALTAR SERVICES FOR NEXT WEEKEND ARE:

Saturday, October 10	5:00 PM Mass ~Shawna Barrios
Sunday, October 11	8:00 AM Mass ~ Oshani Gunasekara / Onalli Gunasekara
	9:30 AM Mass ~ Jacob Shafer
	11:00 AM Mass ~ Eric Pena
	12:30 PM Mass ~Sam Pajuleras

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