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--TUESDAY ,NOVEMBER 17, 2009 MEMO--

TARGET DATES:

Friday November 20 through Wednesday, November 25

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Daycare available for those students who are registered w/daycare

Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 **NO SCHOOL**, Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday, November 25

Free Dress for November Birthdays or Earned Pass

Monday, November 30

PTG Meeting 6PM

Wednesday, December 2

2PM Dismissal, Free Dress for Everyone

Agape Dinner in Gym 6:30PM – 9PM in Gym

Athletic Club Meeting 7PM

Sunday, December 6

Craft Fair in Gym 9AM – 2PM

Liturgy in church 9:30AM

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School resumes Monday, November 30, 2009

TARDIES

We have been experiencing a major problem with a large number of children arriving late to school and ask your cooperation in helping us alleviate this problem. Our third Student Learning Expectation is to be a "Responsible Citizen" who meets deadlines and arrives on time. Making punctuality a priority teaches children to be organized and responsible and is as important as good study habits. Helping students meet deadlines and arrive on time to school are important contributing factors for being a successful student. Habitual tardies reinforce bad habits that are unacceptable in higher education and the work place.

Please be aware that tardies cause compound problems for our staff and students. The traffic patrol students and their moderator have been losing 10 to 15 minutes of school time directing traffic for the latecomers. In addition, students who are tardy miss valuable classroom instruction and disrupt the learning environment trying to settle in and catch up with the rest of their classmates.

Please realize that school begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. and morning prayer assembly is as much a part of the school day as other school subjects and activities. More than five tardies during a report card period is considered excessive. Your cooperation in this matter is very important. Please schedule and organize your morning routines to allow enough time for your child/ren to arrive at school at least five minutes before the 8:00 o'clock bell. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

AGAPE

GET EXCITED!!!! Our AGAPE Potluck will be held on **Wednesday, December 2nd, from 6:30pm (sharp!!) to 9:00pm**, in the auditorium.

You should have received your invitation in your Tuesday Envelope. **You must return it promptly to ensure your reservation.** This is a "first come, first served" event, so act quickly!!

AGAPE – HELP WANTED!!

We are looking for volunteers to help with our AGAPE Potluck on December 2, 2009. PPP hours will be available. Opportunities include: decorating, setting tables, food set-up, servers, clean-up, etc. Simply contact the **AGAPE Hospitality Committee, c/o School Office.**

DAYCARE NEWS

This is a reminder that there will be daycare Wednesday, November 25 the day before Thanksgiving break, for those students who are registered with Daycare. School will be dismissed at 12:00 Noon due to Parent/Teacher conferences. Daycare bills have already gone out. **ALL PAYMENTS NEED TO BE MADE DIRECTLY THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE UNLESS PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH RITA.** If for whatever reason you do not receive a bill and you know you have used the program, please contact Rita to find out the amount due or to have a new statement reprinted. If you prefer having your statement sent to your home please give us a self-addressed, stamped envelope and your statement will be mailed to you. Thank you for your cooperation. Rita and Patti

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Christmas Fair is fast approaching. Raffle tickets are on sale for items donated from participating vendors. There are sure to be a variety of wonderful prizes that are sure to be exciting. Perhaps there's a prize/gift for that special someone!!! Our grand prize is a Romantic getaway at "Golden Haven Hot Springs Spa & Resort" in Calistoga, California. Don't miss your chance to win. You need not be present to win this or any other prize. All money collected from the raffle will go toward helping St. John's School. I'll have more details/photos on additional raffle prizes in the coming days. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact Geseell Grant @ 510 235-5859.

THIS IS A PTG FUNDRAISING EVENT.....

Calling all Volunteers:

Do you need PPP hours? Why not volunteer for our sporting events? The Saint John the Baptist Athletic Club need volunteers for the following: door monitors, door coordinator, snack bar or coaches for teams. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Nancy Clabby in the school office or speak with any of the coaches.

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

PARENT – TEACHER CONFERENCES

Everyone should have received your conference schedule by now. If for some reason you did not receive one, please contact the office as soon as possible. Please check your date and time and send back your confirmation slip to the classroom teacher as soon as possible. If there are conflicts please let the teachers know and adjustments will be considered. It is important that families are punctual as all conferences are back-to-back and one delay can disrupt the schedule. Conference time is an opportunity where teachers and parents share progress, goals and concerns. **Daycare will be available for all students who are registered with daycare.**

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

We will be celebrating the Day of the Dead or Dia de los Muertos, all of November. 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 at any time and place them on the table. Please label your photo or article with your students name and grade.

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE RULES

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. We now have a security door system in place that rings to the office. Do not just drop your child off at the back gate. Please wait and make sure that they are buzzed in from the office.

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PLEASE REMEMBER to 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. We have noticed some parents in violation of the rules about dropping off their children in the morning. **Please remember to be respectful to others and not have your music blasting with inappropriate words when you are in the parking lot.** We have had some complaints from parents. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration in these safety issues

Little Lions Pre-K/ Kindergarten classes during 9:30 Mass

Attention Parents of 3-5 year old children.

There is a wonderful program for your child especially geared to their age and energy level.

There is no charge for St. John's Kindergarten Students. If you can, we ask for a \$35 donation for the whole year.

Classes meet every Sunday except Holiday weekends.

We welcome Confirmation Students help as Class Room Assistants.

Please Call Pam Vincent @ 510-233-6486 or 510-507-8694

With Christmas coming soon, we are going to be practicing for the Christmas Eve Youth Mass.

If you like to sing Christmas carols or if you play an instrument come join us, rehearsals are on

Wednesday nights at 7:30pm in the Church. For more information please contact Andy Gutierrez at ag_723@yahoo.com.

Andy G.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND ARE:

Saturday, November 21	5:00 PM Mass ~ Sammy Pajuleras
Sunday, November 22	8:00 AM Mass ~ Oshani Gunasekara / Onalli Gunasekara
	9:30 AM Mass – Juliane Corpus / Peter Sekona
	11:00 AM Mass ~ Jordan Phan / Madison Phan
	12:30 PM Mass ~ Karl Moore / Mike Jerez

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