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## --TUESDAY ,DECEMBER 08, 2009 MEMO--

### **TARGET DATES:**

Wednesday, December 9  
Thursday, December 10  
Friday, December 11

Wednesday, December 16  
Thursday, December 17

School Board Meeting 7PM  
Fall Picture Make-up Day 9:30AM in Gym  
Free Dress w/purchased pass  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer service in church 9:30AM  
8th grade Scrooge Play  
12 Noon Dismissal, Free dress for December Birthdays or  
Earned pass  
PTG Christmas Party for the whole school  
Daycare Christmas play 3:00 PM in Gym

**Friday, December 18 through Sunday, January 3**  
**Christmas Vacation.**

**School resumes Monday, January 4, 2010**

**HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**



### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The faculty and staff of St. John the Baptist School would like to extend our warmest wishes to you and your families during this holy and joyous season of Christmas. The eighth graders will be presenting their Scrooge Play next Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:40 a.m., 1:30, and 7:30 p.m. Extended Care will have a presentation of their Christmas Play at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The children have been working very hard for their plays. I am very impressed with the level of dramatic presentation during their practices. Please try to attend at least one of these performances. I am sure you will be in for a real treat.

Thank you for all your support and may God bless you and your families with peace and abundance during the Christmas Holidays.

Sincerely,  
Terry Barber, Principal

## **Second Sunday in Advent**

The Jewish festival of Hanukkah begins Friday, December 11th. Hanukkah is the Jewish feast of lights lasting eight days. According to legend, many centuries ago the Israelites were surrounded by enemies. They were down to only one day's supply of oil for their lamp. Through the power of God, this oil kept the lamp of the temple in Jerusalem burning for eight days. This gentle light shining through a dark time brought hope to the people of Israel.

As we light the second candle on our Advent wreath this week, we too are reminded to be people of light. During this time of year it is easy to think of gifts as things to be purchased, wrapped and exchanged. But each of us has gifts of talents, experiences and insights. Spiritual gifts never wear out their usefulness or their sense of delight. We have been given many things by God that we can share with others. Amazingly, the more we give away, the more we receive. Sharing our spiritual gifts with others during this time of Advent is a wonderful way to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus at Christmas time.

Take time out this Advent season to pray and make a conscious effort to share your time and talents with others. It is in the spirit of giving that we express the light of Christ in our hearts and become the people through whom Christ comes to others.

## **AGAPE**

The annual Agape dinner last week was a tremendous success. The many different dishes served reflected our school's ethnic diversity, the terrific 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> grade singers, and all the classrooms that participated, plus the overall feeling of togetherness made for a wonderful evening to welcome in the holidays. Warm thank you to Frances Williams, Mrs. Jesse Renty and Mr. Chris Johnson and to all the parents who worked so hard to keep things running smoothly.

## **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. Please also remember to watch your speed in the parking lot when dropping off your children. Please slow down when children are present. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE CHRISTMAS PLAY**

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are performing the Scrooge Play in the Auditorium on Wednesday, December 16 at 10:40AM, 1:30PM, 7:30PM. All are welcome.

## **ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL CRAB FEED**

The St. John School Crab Feed, sponsored by the St. John's Parent Teacher Group, is coming Saturday, February 6, 2010. Please watch for more details after New Year.

### **SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

TO ALL PARENTS, YOU MUST HAVE A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FROM SHEILD THE VULNERABLE, **IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO VOLUNTEER IN THE SCHOOL AT ANY CAPACITY.** THIS INCLUDES FIELD TRIPS, CLASS PARTIES AND PROJECTS, AND COACHING. THE CERTIFICATE MUST BE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE. TO COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATE GO TO [WWW.SHIELDTHEVULNERABLE.ORG](http://WWW.SHIELDTHEVULNERABLE.ORG).

**!!!!!!VERY IMPORTANT VERY IMPORTANT VERY IMPORTANT!!!!!!**

### **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

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to 5 of St. John the Baptist former students who made BSAL-All League in their high school careers in girls Volleyball. They all started their Volleyball careers on teams at St. John the Baptist School.

Malina Terrell  
Dana Balding  
Aina Stuart  
Melinda Baublitz  
Gisela White

### **MUSE BAND**

This Thursday's, December 16, 2009, the MUSE Honor Band will be performing at the new **Jack London Market** @ 55 Harrison Street @ Water Street, Oakland CA.  
[The performance starts at 6:30pm - 7pm.](#)