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--TUESDAY , FEBRUARY 2, 2010 MEMO--

TARGET DATES:

Wednesday, February 3 Grandparents Day
2PM Dismissal
Athletic Club Meeting 7PM
Saturday, February 6 PTG Crab Feed

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5
BOOK FAIR ALL WEEK IN LIBRARY FEBRUARY 1 – 7
Monday – Friday 8AM – 3PM, closed Saturday, Sunday 9AM – 1PM

Wednesday, February 10 Vision Testing
Thursday, February 11 8th Grade field trip to Sacramento
Friday, February 12 12 Noon Dismissal, Free dress w/purchased pass
Saturday, February 13 Parish Crab Feed
Monday, February 15 No School, Presidents Day Holiday
Wednesday, February 17 Ash Wednesday Liturgy in church 9:30AM
Friday, February 19 Spring Pictures 8:30AM Free Dress for Everyone

A MESSAGE FROM MR. WALTON

The past few weeks have really demonstrated what it means to be a Christian. The tremendous love and support you have shown the Barber family has made me so proud to be a part of St. John the Baptist School. Mrs. Barber's family wishes to convey a thank you to each and every one of you. The services and receptions were beautiful. I want to say a special thank you to the PTG for all their work with the receptions. There were so many of you that helped with planning, set-up, serving, and clean-up. I won't mention individuals by name for fear of missing someone who helped. Terry would have been so proud and touched by the outpouring of love by this community. God seems to be testing our school family as we mourn the loss of another member. Robert Moore, father of Karl in 7th grade died last Friday night. Our prayers, love and support go out to his wife Sharon, Karl and the rest of his family. Rob was very involved in our CYO programs and gave tremendous time to coaching. Our school is a better place for Rob's involvement. As we know life is an uncharted path that we only have so much control of. Let us take the time to thank God every day for the special people in our lives.

On a happier note our Open House was a great success. Kindergarten students led us in prayer, song and sacrament during the 9:30 mass. The Kindergartners were truly magnificent. A special thanks to Mrs. T. and Mrs. M. for their work with the students. Many parents, students and perspective families enjoyed touring the school. Open House opens Catholic Schools week. All this week students will be celebrating with different types of dress and a variety of events. Please refer to the flyer which went home last week for a listing of those events.

Finally, I would like to let you parents know of the school situation with Mrs. Barber gone. I have been asked, by Sr. Barbara Bray the Oakland Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, to remain as acting principal for the remainder of the school year. I will not be seeking the position of principal for next year. A process in choosing and hiring a new principal will begin in March. I will keep you informed of its progress. As I am also remaining the 8th grade teacher (I will be getting some help and break in this area) I ask your patience in dealing with your concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have concerns or issues, but please recognize the fact that during the school day I am limited in time to meet with you. I will always be available in cases of immediate need but I will only be available to meet with you either before or after school. Thank you for your understanding and know that St. John the Baptist school will continue to strive to meet the needs of all its students.

Mr. Bill Walton
Vice Principal and 8th Grade Teacher

Catholic Schools' Week and Open House

It was wonderful to see so many of you last Sunday at our Catholic Schools liturgy and Open House. The kindergartners did an outstanding job leading us in prayer and liturgy. Last Sunday's open house was an excellent way to illustrate the theme for Catholic Schools Week this year: All the exhibits of student work throughout the school from kindergarten through eighth grade were wonderful. The science fair exhibits were excellent and showed how well our junior high students have progressed this year in science. We were very proud of our teachers and students and all the hard work they have accomplished so far this year.

ENDOWMENT EVENT

On March 13, 2010, St. John the Baptist will have its annual Endowment Event. The purpose of the Endowment Event is to raise money to offset the cost of tuition, provide tuition assistance for deserving families, and fund enrichment programs in the areas of science, technology, social studies, and the arts. Last year the Endowment Event raised approximately \$20,000 by auctioning donated items and class projects. We hope to see everyone at this wonderful event.

Applications for Tuition Assistance

Applications for diocesan and school tuition assistance are now in the office. Please pick up an application packet and **return** it to the office by **March 23, 2010** to allow us ample time to meet the application deadline of April 5th. All Tax documentation and wage information must be included with your application when turned into the office to ensure that everything is received by the deadlines. Please apply for all tuition assistance that is available: FACE, PACE (Schools), Guardsmen (available on line) and Basic Fund (Application available in the office). If you don't qualify for one, you might qualify for another. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office.

NACHOS SALE

**We are selling Nachos next Thursday after school. Come and get yours!!!!
The cost will be \$1.00**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SCHEDULE

Catholic Schools Week is an occasion to celebrate one another and to support and promote Catholic School education. We are proud of our heritage and of our contribution to education across the country. We welcome our many grandparents on Wednesday, February 3 and everyone to our other activities during the week. **Applications for new students are available in the school office.**

**Wednesday, February 3 – Grandparents day (School Uniform)
Class visitation 10:30 – 12:00, Lunch @ 12:00 PM**

Thursday, February 4 – Super Hero Day / Spirit Rally.

Friday, February 5 – Wacky – Tacky Day / Family Day 1:00 – 2:40

On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday if students come in Free Dress without participating in the assigned dress they will receive a detention and lose their Friday Free Dress Day.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

On Wednesday, February 3rd, grandparents are invited to come and visit the classrooms. Sign-in will be from 10:15-10:35 in the school gym. Lunch will be served to the grandparents at noon. Please return RSVP forms to the office for the lunch by Wednesday, Jan.27th. If any parents need PPP hrs and would like to work this event call Catherine Zaragoza 510-222-4295

"CUPIDS CRAB FEAST"

The St. John's Church is holding the Annual Parish Crab Feed on Saturday, February 13, 2010 in the school auditorium. There will be a No Host Cocktails and Hors d'oevres galore at 6:00 PM and Dinner at 7:00 PM. The dinner includes all the crab you can eat, pasta, salad, rolls, and assortment of desserts, coffee and tea. There will be a raffle and mini-auction to raise funds for the Church. Cost is \$40.00 per person.

2010 BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM

This is it!!!! We're doing it again and it's going to be better than ever! This year the theme is "A Tribute to Michael Jackson." **Volunteers are Needed!** We're seeking parent and community volunteers to help with music, choreography, costumes, program, rehearsals, food, decorations, etc. If you are interested in volunteering or **your child would like to be a part of the program**, please email Sonja Poole at sonja@cal.berkeley.edu or call her at 510-882-1908. We welcome all talents!

HURRY, HURRY AND BUY YOUR TICKETS!!! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!!!!!!

ST. JOHN'S PTG CRAB FEED

On Saturday, February 6, 2010 the St. John's PTG will host its annual Crab Feed (in the school auditorium). Tickets are \$35.00 per person. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7 p.m. Menu: Crab, Pasta, Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert & Coffee. Tickets are available in the school office . Tickets are on a first come first serve basis.

Please remember to purchase your tickets by Friday, January 29th.

We need to be able to get an accurate account of attendance. Thank you for supporting your school PTG This event has been "sold out" in prior years – so don't wait to get your tickets.

This Crab Feed will be dedicated in the memory of our beloved Principal, Mrs. Terry Barber, who loved to attend the Crab Feed on an annual basis. Please come and support the Crab Feed in her memory. We will have a toast in her honor.



Yearbook Ads & Memory Page

It's that time to purchase an Ad and Memory Page in the 2010 Yearbook. An order form with details is included in this Tuesday envelope and forms will also be available in the office. The cost is \$100 for a Full Page, \$80 for a Half Page and \$60 for a Quarter Page. The deadline to submit your page is **February 25th, Thursday**. So don't be late as space is limited and pages are not guaranteed after this date. Questions, contact Betty Agcaoili (Geoffrey 8th Gr.), Yearbook Coordinator.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND ARE:

Saturday, February 6	5:00 PM Mass ~ Jordan Phan
Sunday, February 7	8:00 AM Mass – Devin Virassammy / Karl Moore
	9:30 AM Mass ~ Gabrielle DeLa Torre
	11:00 AM Mass ~ Juliane Corpus / Darion Sales
	12:30 PM Mass ~ Ariana Alonzo / Mike Jerez

If you cannot serve, please bring in a substitute. Thanks