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--TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2009 MEMO--

TARGET DATES:

Wednesday, September 30	Free Dress for September Birthdays or Earned Pass
Friday, October 2	Blessing of the Animals in the school yard @ 2:15 pm Liturgy in church @ 9:30am
Saturday, October 3	St. John's Church English Tea
Sunday, October 4	School Liturgy in church
Tuesday, October 6	PTG Meeting 6pm
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,

October 4th is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis is known for renouncing his father's wealth and privilege to embrace a life of poverty. His genuine love for the poor led others to join him. St. Francis is also known for his love of animals. It is said that he preached to birds telling them to appreciate God's gifts. He had a real connection to God's creation and is often depicted in pictures surrounded by loving animals. Inspired by his example, we seek to live more simply and be better stewards of the abundance that is ours to share.

On Friday, October 2nd we will be celebrating the feast of St. Francis of Assisi with a school liturgy led by the fourth grade class at 9:30 a.m. and with the blessing of the animals at 2:15p.m. Ms. Borges and her class will be sending home collection envelopes for the Marine Mammal Center as part of their liturgy. Children are asked to donate some of their own money in support of the Marine Mammal Center which is a hospital for sick and injured sea mammals.

The GRIP Harmony Walk to end Hunger is scheduled for Saturday October 10, 2009. Students in grades 7 and 8 as well as faculty members will participate in this year's GRIP Walk. GRIP provides meals and housing for the homeless in the Richmond area. The 7th grade class has adopted GRIP as their service learning project this year. The students and their teachers will be asking for pledges for the GRIP Harmony Walk. Please be generous to this very important community project.

Participation in events such as the Harmony Walk to End Hunger and taking up a collection for the marine mammal center are excellent ways for our students to learn to be "Christian Leaders" and "Responsible Citizens". Through these projects, children learn to make the world a better place through prayer and action. It is very gratifying to be part of a community that lives the Gospel values of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,
Terry Barber, Principal

PROGRESS REPORTS

On Friday 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.

SCHOOL PICTURE REMINDER

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. Order forms will be sent in future Tuesday Envelopes.**

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.

Blessing of the Animals

In honor of the feast of St. Francis, we will have a Blessing of the Animals ceremony on Friday, October 2nd. You may bring your animals to be blessed. Children may bring small pets to school only if they are in a cage and do not make any noise. Parents can bring larger animals, such as dogs or cats, to school at 2:15 p.m. Please have all cats in cages or boxes and all dogs on leashes. The blessing of the animals ceremony will take place at 2:15 p.m. After the ceremony, parents may take their pets and children home.

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.

The M.U.S.E. band program has started with a great response and band registration is still open at this time. We offer lessons in many instruments for beginners and advanced players. Lessons will be during school hours but the M.U.S.E. organization is separate from school so please no money or forms are to be sent back to school, they must be sent to the organizations address. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 1-800-233-6873 and our website is www.museband.com.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH ENGLISH TEA THIS SATURDAY OCTOBER 3

Don't miss the sixth annual St. John's *English Tea* which is this Saturday, October 3, at 1:30 p.m. in the courtyard between the church and school auditorium. This special, elegant event features homemade traditional tea sandwiches, scones and assorted sweets. Donation is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under. Make your reservations TODAY. Contact Roberta Montgomery at (510) 237-5293 or rjm2343@sbcglobal.net. Money obtained helps support St. John's parish and its sister parish in Haiti. Flyers are available at the table across from the school office. Wear your best hat (we cannot guarantee shade) and you may win a prize!

SAFETY NEWS

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.

DAYCARE NEWS

Please bring your payments directly to the school office and not through the Tuesday envelope. The payments are hard to see in the envelopes and they sometimes get overlooked. Payments must be received by the 10th of the month or a \$10.00 late fee will be assessed. Payments dated by the 10th, but received later than the due date will be assessed the late fee. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Rita the Daycare director.

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

CLUB CARDS

St. John The Baptist School needs Club Card numbers!



Your friends, family and neighbors -
EVERYBODY'S!

Anyone may have earned from this
program and St. John The Baptist
School can claim it - it's FREE to you
and valuable to them!.

Gather as many Club Card numbers from friends, family and neighbors as you can and send them to the eScrip coordinator at St. John The Baptist School **before October 13th!**

BOX TOPS & CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS

Please save the Box Tops for Education coupon & Campbell's soup labels throughout the school year. Results will be posted monthly in the Tuesday memo on how much has been turned in. Any questions please call Catherine Zaragoza 510-222-4925

Renewal of Safeway Cards. We are asking everyone who has 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

SAFEWAY'S 10% BACK TO SCHOOL

Safeway will be donating 10% of your grocery purchases of participating products to our school every time you shop **August 12th through September 15th.**

A) Look for the Yellow School Bus and purchase participating products.

B) 10% of the purchase price can support our school when you use your Safeway Club Card August 12th through September 15th.

C) Ask the cashier for your Register Receipt from September 18th through October 9th.

D) Please send the receipt to the school office so they can be redeemed. Any questions please call Catherine Zaragoza 510-222-4925.

ALTAR SERVICES FOR NEXT WEEKEND ARE:

Saturday, October 3

5:00 PM Mass ~ Gabrielle DeLa Torre

Sunday, October 4

8:00 AM Mass ~ Ariana Alonzo/ Mike Jerez

9:30 AM Mass ~ Juliane Corpus/Darion Sales

11:00 AM Mass ~Devin Virassammy/Karl Moore

12:30 PM Mass ~Jordan Phan/Madison Phan

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