



*Plant your roots in Christ and let Him be the foundation for your life.
--Colossians 2:6-7*

September 16, 2009

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the many families and friends who joined the children on campus last Friday for In-n-Out lunch. The turnout was amazing and the proceeds from this event will offset the cost of Sixth Grade Science Camp for our current fifth graders. Again, thank you for your support!

Back-to-School Night, Grades 4-8

Our annual Back-to-School Night for grades 4-8 will be tomorrow, Thursday, September 17th @ 6:30 pm. If you did not attend last week, please sign in at the Hall at 6:30 and pick up your family packet. The group presentation will be from 6:30-7:10 and then parents will move to the classrooms for presentations by the teachers. If you attended last week's Back-to-School Night it is not necessary for you to come at 6:30 as the group presentation in the hall is the same as last week. Please go directly to the classrooms at 7:15. The evening will conclude by 8:30 pm.

Blessing of the Animals

As many of you know, October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Traditionally, animals are blessed on this day. Because the feast day falls on a Sunday this year, we will be having our Blessing of the Animals on next Wednesday, September 23rd. Students who wish to have their pets blessed by our pastor, Father Al Baca, may bring them to school next Wednesday morning and must be accompanied by a parent. (Students may also choose to bring stuffed animals or a picture of a pet.) The blessing will be during the morning assembly at 8:45 am and immediately following the assembly the pets must be taken home. Parents, having many animals in a small space are always a challenge, and we need your help to ensure the reverence of the occasion and the safety of everyone. Please keep your animal in a cage, on a leash or in your arms *at all times*. Father will move among the crowd blessing the animals so there is no need to move toward Father once the blessing begins. Father will begin at the pre-K line, then move to the preschool, third grade, kindergarten, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth. When the blessing is completed, the students will be dismissed to their homerooms. *Pets may not be brought into the school building nor remain on campus after the blessing.* Thank you for your help in making this a prayerful and joyful celebration of our pets.



ITBS/CogAt Testing and Homework

The ITBS test will be given to all students in grades two through eight beginning on Monday, September 28th. Students in grades three, five, and seven will also be taking the CogAt Test. The testing period will continue through Wednesday, October 7 – some classes will finish before others due to the CogAt test. Modified homework will be given on during the testing dates. Parents are asked to make sure the students arrive at school on time, have had a nutritious breakfast, and get a good night's sleep each day during the testing period.

School-wide Liturgy

Our next school-wide liturgy is Friday, September 23rd at 10:00 am. The PTG is planning this liturgy and all parents are welcome to participate in the planning process. For further information please contact Randy Fiorentino, PTG President. Thank you and we look forward to joining with you in celebrating this liturgy.

Network Night

The Network Night, sponsored by the Development Committee will be on Thursday, October 15th in the Parish Hall. This is an opportunity for parents to distribute information about the professional services they offer, and it is an opportunity to meet other parents who may be able to provide professional services you need. Mark your calendars for October 15th and look for more information to be sent home in the next week. Thank you.

Vision and Hearing Screening

Just a reminder that screening takes place Monday, September 21.

Thank you, parents, for your support of our students and their learning!

Yours in Christ,



Mrs. Mary Alvarado
Principal

*Holiness comes wrapped in the ordinary.
There are burning bushes all around you.
Every tree is full of angels.
Hidden beauty is waiting in every crumb.*

- Macrina Wiederkehr, O.S.B