

October 7, 2009



ST. CECILIA SCHOOL

Dear Parents:

Innisbrook Gift Wrap Fundraiser a Success!

Thank you to the many families who participated in the Innisbrook Gift Wrap Fundraiser. The \$25,000 goal was surpassed with sales just over \$27,000. The school receives approximately 50% of this money. Congratulations to the top sellers, Samantha Burns and Leah Sparks, and to the top selling class, First Grade. Thank you to Mrs. Angela Sparks and Mrs. Cheri Stoutenberg for chairing this event.

Auction Keepsakes

The Auction Keepsakes are being sold at morning drop off. We realize some parents are unable to park and purchase their child's keepsake, but still wish to purchase it. If you are interested in having your keepsake sent home with your child, please complete the order form in today's envelope and return it with your payment to the Front Office. The keepsake will then be sent home with your child.

Great California Shakeout

St. Cecilia School will participate in the second annual Great California Shakeout on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 10:15 am. This is a disaster preparedness drill which includes duck and cover and evacuation to the playground area. The entire drill should take between 30-45 minutes; we will NOT be dismissing students to their parents during the drill. If you need to take your child out of school for an appointment on Thursday, October 15th, please plan on signing him/her out before 10:15 or after 11:00 am.

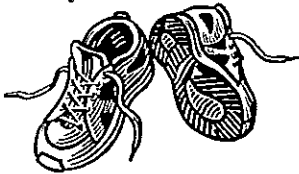
Networking Night

We hope you can join us for Networking Night on Thursday, October 15th at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the many businesses run by families here at our school. Included in this envelope is a Parent Questionnaire to help you learn more about the event and an RSVP form (please let us know by Monday, October 12th if you will be attending). Remember... babysitting is free for St. Cecilia students, but only with an RSVP! We hope to see you at Networking Night.

Yard Duty

We are in desperate need of parent volunteers to cover yard duty during the lunch recesses. If you are able to help out on an ongoing basis or a one-time-only basis, we would appreciate your help. Please contact Rosemarie Bako at (714) 547-2641 or Barbara Pearson at (714) 731-6745 to schedule a day or days to help with yard duty. Thank you!

In My Shoes



St Cecilia School National Junior Honor Society is collecting shoes for 600 orphans in Haiti living at "Project Hope" an orphanage run by Fr. Marc Boisvert, O.M.I. Bring all kinds and sizes of shoes, new or used (flip flops are ok) October 5th through 15th to your classroom. If you prefer to give a cash donation, make checks payable to "Pwoje Espwa Sud."



October Calendar Updates

- Friday, October 23rd – there will not be a school-wide liturgy as our priests are out-of-town on that date. This is a Free Dress day for the students who participated in the Innisbrook Gift Wrap Fundraiser; it is a regular (casual) uniform day for all other students.
- Red Ribbon Week will be Monday, October 19th -Friday, October 23rd. This is an NJHS-sponsored event. Specific details of the week will be sent home next week.

High School Information

- **Santa Margarita Catholic High School**

Annual Open House: Sunday, October 18th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Santa Margarita Catholic High School invites families of 5th through 8th grade students to its annual Open House on Sunday, October 18th. Our campus will be open for guided as well as self guided tours and many faculty, administrators, and coaches will be on hand to answer all of your questions. Meet our Principal, Mr. Dunne, our President, Mr. Carey, and see firsthand why Santa Margarita remains the school of choice by families seeking a premier, Catholic, college prep education. Reservations are not necessary; simply drop by any time between 11 and 2. Please call our Admissions Office at 949-766-6076 if you have any questions. The school is located at 22062 Antonio Parkway in Rancho Santa Margarita. www.smhs.org

- **St. Michael's Open House**

St. Michael's Prep School, ranked as one of the best 50 Catholic high schools in the United States, is hosting an Open House on October 18th at 3:30 p.m. For more information go to www.stmichaelsprep.org or phone Mrs. Christian at 949-858-0222 extension 237.

Corrections Requested

The family directory was sent home last month and apparently had some incorrect information. Please check your information in the directory to make sure it is correct. If there is an error, please complete the enclosed correction sheet and return it to the Front Office. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Blessed Damien to be Canonized

Blessed Damien was a priest who freely chose to live among the lepers on the island of Molokai during the 1800's. His life is a model of Christian sacrifice and service; he lived the Corporal Works of Mercy as he set aside his personal safety and health to bring compassion, mercy, and love to those who had been banished from society. His canonization will take place this weekend in Rome and there will be a parish celebration honoring St. Damien this weekend. Please consult the parish website or bulletin for more information.

Parent Conferences

Formal conferences are scheduled for the last week of October. If you have a concern about your child that requires a conference outside of the regularly scheduled conferences, please contact the teacher via e-mail, voice mail, or note to schedule an appointment. The teachers are unable to conference at carline, morning assembly, in the hallways, etc. Your child is important to us and we want to give our undivided attention to any concern you have regarding your child; a scheduled conference is the best forum for this to happen. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you, parents, for the hundreds of ways you support our school. We are grateful!

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Mary Alvarado
Principal

Our Lady Queen of the Rosary, pray for us.