



ST. CECILIA SCHOOL

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

December 16, 2009

Dear Parents:

Thank you to our school families and friends for your attendance at our Christmas Pageant last night. The children looked lovely and sang so beautifully. Their gift of song certainly brings the Christmas spirit to life in the school building! Special thanks to Mrs. Marti Longo for preparing our children so well for their songs and to Mr. Mike Marshall for writing the script and directing the eighth grade class. Thanks go to Miss Danica Silan (6th grade) for her piano accompaniment. Also, thanks go to Mr. Ray Lopez, Mr. Anthony Juliano, Mr. Mike McCarthy and Mr. Jack Closson for providing the parking lot security last night. Lastly, thanks to Mrs. Adina Braatz for the behind-the-scenes work, Ms. Lourdes Lejano for the program design and printing, and Mrs. Judy Scarpello for the staging and props. The work of many hands made our program an event to remember!

Advent Activities

This is the final week for our Advent Activities. Students who are participating in the Holy Childhood Association collection should return their coin boxes to the homeroom teacher by Friday. The Giving Tree gifts should be turned in no later than Thursday. Students interested in purchasing Smencils (peppermint scented pencils) for \$1.00 may do so before school and at recess until Friday. Thank you to all who have so generously participated in these activities!

Service Hours

A gentle reminder that service hours are due by December 31st. Families must complete at least 20 hours by December 31st. The service hour's book is located in the front office until noon Friday, December 18th and then will be in the church office during the Christmas vacation.

Choir Performs at Knights of Columbus Nativity Blessing

Last week our choir provided an evening of beautiful singing at the Knights of Columbus Nativity Blessing. We are all very proud of our students and the wonderful gifts they bring to our parish community. Special thanks go to our Music Teacher/Choir Director Mrs. Longo for coordinating this event and preparing the children to perform so beautifully.

Parent Gathering Opportunities

- **Dad's of St. Cecilia School:** Do you know that St. Cecilia has a Men's Group? Benny Saputo leads the Men's Group of Faith at St. Cecilia Church. Benny is hosting a Football Party on January 23, 2010 for all Dads' of St. Cecilia School.



ROSARY HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

Rosary High School will hold a High School placement test on Saturday, January 30, 2010, from 8:00 am – 12:00 noon. An application form is available on line at www.rosaryhs.org.

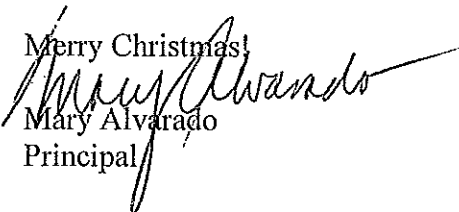
For further information contact Rosary at 714-879-6302.

Students Support Auction

Last Sunday several of our students volunteered to sing at a dinner that was auctioned at the School Auction. Thanks to the following students for providing the musical entertainment that evening: Chloe Fiorentino, Joey Busch, Hannah Strohl, Kieran Vaughn, Kyrsten Head, Jacqueline Fiorentino, Jordan Moll, Amy Busch, and Liam Moll. Thanks to Mrs. Vaughn and Mrs. Schulist for organizing the children.

On behalf of all the teachers and staff of St. Cecilia School, I extend warmest Christmas wishes for peace and joy to you and those you love. May we continue to share God's blessings in the New Year.

Merry Christmas!


Mary Alvarado
Principal

*Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.
~Author unknown, attributed to a 7-year-old named Bobby*

This party is to learn more about the Men's Group of Faith and enjoy a Football game with fellow Dads and current group members. *Men's Group of Faith mission is to grow in faith as Catholic men, husbands and fathers through fellowship and prayer with other men in a confidential setting sharing meaningful discussion about challenges we men face today to more fully live, love and experience our faith at home and work.*

If you're interested in attending the Football Party please contact Benny Saputo by January 10th for more information. He can be reach at bsaputo@marathonbusiness.com or his cell number is 562-883-3216. Time of event depends on the start of the play off game that day. See you there!

- **Moms Night Out:** We are looking for moms to host MNO in 2010. The following dates are what we are looking for....
 - January 28, 2010
 - February 25, 2010
 - March 25, 2010
 - April 22, 2010
 - May 27, 2010
 - June - Margarita Mamas
 - August 5th 2010

If you would like to host, please email Jennifer de Mahy at jdemahy@yahoo.com with a date!

A Message from our pastor, Father Al Baca

I am happy to have purchased a book for our parish entitled, "The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College." The Newman Association is a Catholic group dedicated to researching throughout the United States to find those Catholic colleges and universities that are in full communion with the Church. This book is especially for parents and young people serious about a Catholic education that will support what over the years they have received in your home and at St. Cecilia's. This book will be kept in the front office; information can be copied from it from the same office. Please ask for Rose. This guide will certainly be a great help in continuing a son or daughter's Catholic education and faith formation.



ROSARY HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

On Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 7:00 pm, Rosary High School will present an Information Night for prospective students and their parents who were unable to attend the annual open house. On this evening students and parents will have the opportunity to learn about Rosary's academic and extracurricular programs.

