

Walking With Jesus in Faith, Hope, and Love

May 20, 2009

Dear Parents,

Spring Show

Thank you for attending our Spring Show last night. The children were amazing! How blessed we are to have a community of talented youngsters who are willing to share their gifts with their families and friends. Your support and the commitment of the teachers was clearly evident last night and in the weeks leading up to the Spring Show. Thank you!

Friday Liturgy Canceled

The school-wide liturgy scheduled for this Friday, May 22nd at 10:00 am has been cancelled due to a funeral at the same time. This liturgy was to be planned by our first grade class. The first grade class will be planning an upcoming liturgy; the date will be forthcoming.

Friday is Noon Dismissal/Track Meet shirts

Just a reminder that school will dismiss this Friday at noon. Friday will be a regular uniform day; students who participated in the track meet last weekend may wear their track t-shirts and uniform bottoms on Friday.

St. Cecilia Track Team

Congratulations to the 80+ students who participated in the annual Parochial Athletic League track meet last weekend at Saddleback College. Our students are to be commended for their efforts in their individual events and for their exemplary team spirit and behavior. Twenty-five schools participated and our students placed eighth. Great job! Go Trojans!

Network Night

Please join us on Thursday evening at 6:00 PM for our first **Parent Networking Night**. This is an excellent opportunity to learn of the many businesses our families are involved in and/or to market your own. Please stop by to learn about the wonderful people and resources within our community.

St. Cecilia School Receives Grants

In these difficult economic times, we are thankful for the support of local foundations. St. Cecilia School would like to acknowledge the Orange Catholic Foundation for their grant of \$30,000 to support our financial aid program and the Tustin Community Foundation for their grant of \$1562 for the purchase of solar power sources and water purification equipment for our emergency supplies. Special thanks goes to Mrs. Lejano for researching and applying for these grants.

Tuition Assistance

If you are in need of Tuition Assistance, please stop by the Business Office or contact Mrs. Warren via e-mail (awarren@stceciliak8.org) for a Tuition Assistance application. The applications are forwarded to an agency that reviews the information and then makes recommendations to the school regarding a family's need for assistance. This information is held in the strictest of confidence.

Golf Tournament

Thank you to the many families who supported and/or participated in the Annual St. Cecilia Golf Classic last week. It was a great day and evening thanks to the dedication and hard work of the Golf Committee. The financial results of the event will be published in an upcoming parent newsletter.

Parent Appreciation

Our school staff deeply appreciates the hard work and support of all the families and parents at our school. We hope to see you at drop off on Friday, May 22nd for a small token of appreciation for all you do!

Eighth Grade Graduation

Congratulations to the Class of 2009 who will be graduating next week! Graduation Mass will be on Thursday, May 28th at 10:00 am. This is a FORMAL UNIFORM day for students in K-7. A graduation luncheon hosted by the seventh grade and an awards ceremony will follow the Graduation Mass. The Graduation Ceremony will take place on Friday, May 29th at 5:00 pm in the church.

Save the Date for Auction!

Included in today's envelope is a Save the Date card for next year's Auction. The annual auction is the school's largest fundraiser and is a wonderful evening for parents and friends of St. Cecilia School to come together in support of the educational program of the school. Please mark your calendars now for Friday, October 30th and plan on attending the *Masquerade Ball!*

Safety and Disaster Drills

The school conducts monthly safety drills to prepare our students in the event of an emergency. The recent earthquakes in Southern California serve as a reminder of the importance of these drills. This week we will be having a drop and cover drill as well as a fire drill. Parents are encouraged to discuss home safety plans with their children as we know that being prepared is the best defense against injury.

Summer School and Summer Camp Information

If you are looking for summer school programs or summer camp information, please stop by the Front Office and review the literature displays. We receive information from different schools/camps on an almost daily basis, and we display this information in the Front Office. If you are unable to stop by the Front Office, please contact Mrs. Jezowski and she will send home a packet of this information for you.

Calendar 2009-2010

Also included in today's envelope is next year's calendar. Important dates to note:

Thursday, August 20 th	New Parent Dinner @ 6:00 pm
Monday, August 31 st	Jump Start the School Year – Family Night <i>See below for details</i>
Wednesday, September 1 st	K-8 first day of school
Friday, September 4 th	Pre-K AM Orientation @ 7:45-8:45 am Preschool Orientation @ 8:45-9:45 am Pre-K PM Orientation @ 10:00-11:00 am
Tuesday, September 8 th	Pre-K AM & PM first day of school
Wednesday, September 9 th	Preschool first day of school

Jump Start the School Year

Next year we will have a Jump Start the School Year evening on Monday, August 31st at 6:30 pm. Students and parents are invited to come to their homerooms from 6:30-6:50; students should bring their school supplies with them on this date. At 6:50 pm students will remain in their homerooms with their teachers for orientation, and parents will go the Parish Hall for an evening presentation. At 7:45 the teachers will escort the children to the Hall to join their parents for an ice cream social. Hopefully this evening will be an opportunity for families to reconnect after the summer vacation, meet new friends and teachers, and lessen the first day of school jitters☺

Thank you parents for all that you do each day to ensure St. Cecilia School remains a community of faith and academic excellence.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Mary Alvarado
Principal

Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul.
-- Henry Ward