



St. Cecilia PTG Newsletter

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A Message from the President...

I would like to start by sincerely thanking each and every one of you who made this year's Masquerade Ball such a HUGE success! Although the final report is not yet ready, this year's event was "over the top." Whether your participation came by way of purchasing your students photo, purchasing opportunity drawing tickets, buying items at the auction, making donations, or simply coming to enjoy the evening, we recognize that the success of the Ball would not have been possible without you. Soon we will be able to share with you the financial details. Until then, please know that you have made a significant difference at St. Cecilia School by participating in the Auction. The money raised is used through the year to fund our Needs Analysis, our PTG budget and to complete our Fund-An-Item purchases.

Moreover, I would like to thank, on behalf of PTG, the Auction Managers. Darlene Bayardo, Eileen McCarthy, Nancy Walz and Becky Byszewski did an outstanding job planning and executing the Ball this year. We, as a school community, are blessed to have these fine women who, by example, demonstrate outstanding volunteer leadership.

As we approach Thanksgiving, we look forward to a week of vacation, family time and relaxation. I hope you enjoy your time off.

Please pay attention to the bulletins that come home as we are approaching December and will be looking forward to Santa Photo Day and the Christmas Program.

Have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving!

Randy Fiorentino

Save the Date! Santa Photo Day is Coming!

Our annual Santa Photo Day will be held on Friday, December 4th. All students are invited to wear red and green free dress and have their picture taken with Santa Claus. Students may take their pictures with Santa alone, or with a family member. Kindergarten and first grade students may also take photos with their buddies.

Come Ride the "Santa Train"! December 21st, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Celebrate the season with family and friends as we embark on our first ever St. Cecilia Santa Train! Join other St. Cecilia families for a spaghetti dinner and then jump aboard the Irvine Park Christmas Train for a trip to Santa's Village. Mrs. Claus will be on hand to read stories while children take their pictures with Santa. Tell the little ones to behave – Santa comes prepared with his "Naughty and Nice" List every year! Come join in the fun and watch as the magic of Christmas comes alive in your child's eyes! Cost is \$15 per person. Please send you confirmation to the front office by Friday, November 20th to reserve your spot at this fabulous event.

Important Dates

November 20th

Thanksgiving Mass
Feast of St. Cecilia
10:00 a.m.

November 23rd–27th

Thanksgiving Vacation

November 30th

School Resumes

November 30th – December 4th

Scholastic Book Fair

December 1st

Book Fair Shopping
Night
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

December 1st

PTG Meeting

December 1st

2nd Auction Free Dress

December 4th

Santa Photo Day
Red & Green Free
Dress

December 15th

Service Hours Due

December 21st

Santa Train
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

PTG Newsletter

If you have any information you would like placed in our PTG newsletter, including information about a "Superstar Kid," Please contact Jen Gourde at: tjgourde@cox.net.

Deadline for inclusion of information in the newsletter is the second Wednesday of each month.

Scholastic Book Fair Shopping Night – Tuesday, December 1st

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open for a special evening of shopping on Tuesday, December 1st from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to purchase books from your child's scholastic book fair "wish list." Books make great Christmas presents! Also, this shopping night coincides with PTG's December meeting so stop by, purchase some books and then join us for our meeting in the science room at 7:00 p.m. See you all there!

Auction Portrait Keepsakes

Calling all parents – this is your last chance to purchase your child's beautiful, hand-crafted memento. Portraits will be on sale through this Friday, November 20th only! Don't miss this limited opportunity! To purchase your child's portrait, please contact Nancy Walz at newalz@pacbell.net

Buy-In Parties – Opportunities Still Available!

If you missed the opportunity to purchase a "buy-in-party" at the auction but would still like to participate you are in luck! Limited spaces are still available at the following events:

Texas Hold-Em Poker Tutorial - Saturday, February 13th, Just prior to tournament
Calling all Texas Hold-Em Tournament players – are you looking for that edge this year that could guarantee you a win? Look no farther! Sign up for the pre-tournament tutorial, taught by St. Cecilia dad, Mike Walz, and boost your odds of coming home with a prize!

Moms and Margaritas - Sunday June 27th, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
Leave the kids with dad and join other St. Cecilia Moms for an evening of fun, friendship, appetizers and Margaritas!

Middle School Video Game Tournament – Friday, January 22nd, 2010 at Noon
If your kid is a video game whiz then this is the event for him or her! Thirty-Two lucky students will be excused from class to enjoy an afternoon of video game tournament play! Lunch will also be provided.

Tickets for all of these events can be purchased by contacting Jenn deMahy at jdemahy@yahoo.com.

Family Matters

Congratulations to Kyle Kimble (3rd) on the birth of his new baby sister.
Congratulations also to Brady Matthews (K) on the birth of his new baby brother.

Service Hours Due December 15th!

As a reminder, half of your volunteer service hours are due by December 15th, 2009. If you are still in need of hours, please consider volunteering for one of the following activities:

Lunch Time Yard Duty: Earn Double service hours while you watch your kids play! If interested, please call Rosemarie Bako at (714) 541-2641.

Health Room: Earn some hours while acting as our "school nurse." No experience necessary! If you are interested, please contact Jennifer Smith at jenandjed@sbcglobal.net.

Scholastic Book Fair: Volunteers are needed to work during the day the week of the Book Fair (November 30th through December 4th). If you are interested, please contact Angela Sparks at angela@sparkytown.com or (714) 544-2003.

Santa Photo Day: Volunteers are needed to work Santa Photo Day, Friday, December 4th. If you are interested, please contact Rosemarie Bako at (714) 547-2641.



