

St. Didacus Parish School Newsletter



February 2, 2010

Parent Newsletter

The Fruit of the Spirit is LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GRATITUDE, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS and SELF-CONTROL. Galatians 5:22

Principal's Remarks

We had a great **Catholic Schools' Week** here at St. Didacus. It was a time to refocus on our mission and what we are all about. Our thanks to all who went the extra mile to make this a special time for our pastor, teachers, parishioners, grandparents and students!

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Please monitor your child's **Internet** use carefully. There is a lot being brought into school that the teachers believe the parents are unaware of. We are committed to working together with you,

the primary educators of your children, for what is best for your child spiritually, emotionally and academically. Please let us know how we can help.

Our **WASC** team will be here to visit briefly on Thursday afternoon. If you see them around campus at dismissal time, be sure to give them a nice St. Didacus welcome! They will tour the school, get acquainted with the other members of the team and meet our faculty and staff. They will return for their three day visit in March!
Mrs. LaCosta

Important Dates:

- * **Feb 1 6:30 Auction Meeting in the library**
- * **Feb. 2, Tues. Advisory Board Meeting 6:30**
- * **Feb. 4 WASC visit from 1 to 4 pm**
- * **Feb 5th Friday MINIMUM DAY of school due to Faculty Meeting. NO hot lunch. Day-care provided until 6 pm.**
- * **Tuesday, Feb. 9 PTG Board meeting 6:30.**

IMPORTANT!!

Just a note from Auction:

The enclosed Auction Flyer says we are sending home 20 raffle tickets. We are actually sending home TWO books of 20. Thanks for your participation in the project which will greatly help our Auction fundraiser. Many thanks to those who have already donated and to those who are working hard on the Auction Committee. It will be a fun event!

Pray for the people of Haiti



Special thanks to...



- * Ms. Michelle Brill and Mrs. Christina Lemke who helped last weekend with the renovation of the faculty room!
- * Mrs. Colleen Maalouf and Ms. Betty Britschgi who orchestrated our choir for Grandparents' Day.
- * Our PTG, under the leadership of Mrs. Elsa Terrell, who provided the wonderful breakfast for our grandparents.
- * Everyone who brought in food for Ethnic Heritage Day! It was a successful event and the children loved it!
- * Yvonne Audiss who spruced up our Uniform Exchange on Monday! Pick something up/drop something off!

Please keep in your prayers...



- * The repose of the soul of Gerry Cali, an active parishioner and former St. Didacus mom who supported our school for many, many years.
- * Our WASC visitors, that they may enjoy their time at our school!
- * Our 2nd graders who receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the 1st time on Saturday.

Our Haiti Fund so far totals: **\$280.62**

We'll keep the collection barrel in the front hall of the school so you can drop in change when you stop by!

Congratulations St. Didacus Students! We are currently ranked **FIRST** in the state of California for First in Math, and **14th** in the **NATION!!!** 8th grade was our high-scoring team of the week.

Keep up the good work!

WASC visitors arrive for their three-day visit on **March 22nd!!** Ask your children if they know their **SLEs (Student Learning Expectations)**. Can they tell you what they are and how they are learning them each day?

Philosophy: St. Didacus Parish School shares the common mission of Catholic education to proclaim the message of Jesus, to create Christian community, to worship God, and to serve one another and the world. Our school supports and enhances the parents' role as the primary educators of their children.

We engage students from all cultural backgrounds in a developmental curriculum promoting spiritual growth, academic excellence, and social responsibility. The school identifies its wider community as faculty and staff, students, families, parish, interested outside individuals and groups, neighbors and alumni. Within this dynamic, the young learner develops as a whole child, grounded in God's love, preparing to shape his/her life pattern of excellence, morality, service and commitment.

Schoolwide Learning Expectations (SLEs)

A St. Didacus graduate will be:

- 1) *A Christ-centered person who:*
 - a. knows, respects, and values Catholic beliefs
 - b. respects and appreciates God's gifts
 - c. understands that moral choices have consequences
 - d. answers the Gospel's call to serve others
- 2) *A life-long learner who:*
 - a. uses information, technology, and media responsibly
 - b. learns independently and cooperatively
 - c. practices critical thinking, problem-solving, and computational skills
 - d. Applies organizational skills to achieve short and long term goals
 - e. knows the importance of physical well-being
- 3) *An effective communicator who:*
 - a. reads for understanding
 - b. writes and articulates ideas correctly
 - c. actively listens
 - d. has experienced a wide range of activities in the fine arts
- 4) *A responsible citizen who:*
 - a. is reliable, trustworthy, and courteous
 - b. demonstrates an awareness of cultural diversity
 - c. learns and practices civic responsibility, both locally and globally .



Re-registration goes out NEXT Tuesday and is due back February 26th. We do have waiting lists for some classes so please re-register promptly! Thanks!

**Our website is:
stdidacusparishschool.org**

Please buy SCRIP and support our program!
Bring in cans and bottles for recycling. We have sent hundreds of dollars to the missions this year through this program.

Applications for Financial Aid will be available in the office next week and are due back April 15th.