

# St. Didacus Parish School Newsletter



February 9, 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

**Re-registration goes out today and is due back February 29th.**

Our Development Committee is sending home blue Each One, Reach One forms today!! This has been our most effective way of increasing enrollment at St. Didacus and the parents play a huge role in this. YOU are our best representatives out there in the community. We ask you to give us ONE contact of a family who may be interested in the school and send it back. We will follow up with an invitation to our Open House!

**Tardiness is increasing at St. Didacus these days. After much discussion of the impact this is having on curricular instruction, classroom morning procedures and the front office, it was decided to return to a previous policy of three tardies resulting in an afternoon detention. Teachers will send home information in their classroom newsletters. Students **MUST** be in line with their class when the second morning bell rings or they will be marked tardy. It is very important to instill good habits early. Please help us teach your children the importance of being on time.**  
**Mrs. LaCosta**

### Important Dates:

- \* **Tuesday, Feb. 9 PTG Board meeting 6:30.**
- \* **No SCHOOL MONDAY for Presidents' Day.**
- \* **Note the date: dinner at Corvette Diner in Liberty Station will be on Feb. 22nd.**

**Happy Valentine's Day!!**



## IMPORTANT!!

**Congratulations to 8th grader Tim Shen!! Tim scored in the 99th percentile on the Saints entrance exam and scored in the top 10 of students who took the test. He will receive a \$10,000 scholarship to Saint Augustine High School.**

**Pray for  
the  
people  
of Haiti**



**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 .



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Auction info  
and Each One,  
Reach One  
flyers in this  
week's  
envelope!

**Our website is:  
[stdidacusparishschool.org](http://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 are  
available in  
the office  
and are due  
back April  
15th.