

St. Didacus Parish School Newsletter



February 16, 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

Ash Wednesday Prayer

God of compassion, Father of all goodness
you formed us from the dust of the earth
and conformed us to Christ by our baptism.

To heal the wounds that our sins and selfishness bring upon us
you bid us turn to prayer, fasting and sharing with the poor.

We acknowledge our sinfulness before You signing ourselves with ashes.

May this journey through the desert of Lent lead us to the font of rebirth.

May our **fasting**
create in us a hunger for justice.

May our **alms**
help us to feed those in need.

May our **prayers**

draw us closer to peace.

We ask this in the name of Our Lord Jesus, our brother,
who lives with You and the Holy Spirit now and for ever. Amen.

As we enter this holy season of Lent, we are offered a wonderful opportunity to renew our spiritual lives—as a family, as a school community and individually. Consider joining one of our parent prayer groups—just during Lent— or attending Mass one extra day a week.

Re-registration is due February 26th. Thank you for being a part of our Catholic School.

Mrs. La Costa

Important Dates:

- * **Weds. Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:30 am—all-school. JOIN US!!**
- * **Dinner at Corvette Diner in Liberty Station will be on Monday, Feb. 22nd.**
- * **Tues. Feb. 23rd Development Meeting at 6:30**

IMPORTANT!!

This year's auction offers a chance to win a year of FREE TUITION at St. Didacus School! For \$70, you can buy a chance to win a drawing at the Auction (you don't need to be present to win). The grand prize is a \$4000 credit toward next year's tuition. If your last child is in 8th grade, you get a refund for this year! Fill out the form in this week's parent envelope!!

If you use Goodsearch.com instead of Google every time you search the web for something, you can earn \$\$ for the school. It's powered by Yahoo so it's effective! Try it!!!

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 .



Please be on time for school. Three tardies will result in an after-school detention!!

**Our website is:
stdidacusparishschool.org**

Another SCRIP change—cards can no longer be exchanged once they are purchased and delivered. Thanks for your understanding.

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