

St. Didacus Parish School Newsletter



February 23, 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

Pope's Lenten Message to us:

"Conversion to Christ, believing in the Gospel, ultimately means this: to exit the illusion of self-sufficiency in order to discover and accept one's own need -- the need of others and God, the need of His forgiveness and His friendship."

-- Pope Benedict XVI's 2010
Lenten Message

We pray that this Lent will be a time of spiritual renewal for you and for your family. Our children here at school are focused on reflecting on the meaning of Lent. They have set personal goals to grow closer to God during these 40 days through sacrifice, prayer and kind acts to other people.

Thank you to all our parents, led by Mary O'Connor, who are working so hard to make this Auction a success! We could not do it without your help. So many people are contributing in so many ways—artistic design, class art projects, gathering donations, designing and printing flyers, mailing raffle tickets....**THANK YOU** for your support!

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

Mrs. La Costa

Important Dates:

- * **Tues. Feb. 23rd Development Meeting at 6:30**
- * **Thurs. Feb 25th DROP of DAY of Auction items to win a free dress pass for FRIDAY!**
- * **Mon, March 1st Auction Meeting 6:30 in library**

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!!!

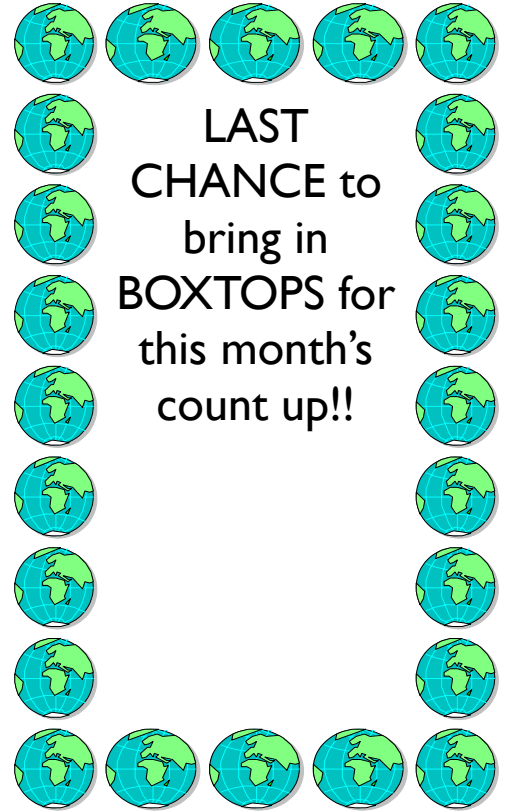
Philosophy: St. Didacus Parish School shares the common mission of Catholic education to proclaim the message of Jesus, to create Christian community, to worship God, and to serve one another and the world. Our school supports and enhances the parents' role as the primary educators of their children.

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 .



Log onto **FIRST IN MATH!** We'd LOVE to be first in the state of CALIFORNIA!!

**Our website is:
stdidacusparishschool.org**

Our Decathlon Team is working hard to prepare for the competition on March 6th with the other schools in the San Diego Diocese.

This year's team: Ana Herrera (Religion), Sam Rieta (Science), Tim Shen (English), Julia Zarella (Music), Natalie Nemeth (Art), Christian Franco (Math), Jamie Steckbeck (Current Events), Thalia Badger (Literature). Evan Nichols (Social Studies).

Alternates: Paul Doan, Patrick O'Connor, Carolyn Lopez, Madeleine Robertson, Andrew Stoddard



Congratulations to Santina Asimos whose AllStar North Park soccer team won the championship and has a chance to play in Nationals!!! Good sportsmanship is a characteristic of this team!!

Help needed:

We are looking for a volunteer who can install a drip irrigation system in some planters near the Kindergarten building so they can grow some vegetables! If you want to help, please contact Mrs. Filippone, our Kinder teacher!!

Open House is Wednesday, March 3rd from 7 to 8 pm. Please let a family know who may be interested in joining us at St. Didacus! Our parents are our best ambassadors. If we can keep enrollment up, we can keep tuition rates down!! Thanks!