

# St. Didacus Parish School Newsletter



March 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

Per Diocesan requirement, parents need to be Live-Scanned to drive on school field trips. *We regret the expense and inconvenience, but it is for the safety of our children.* Please remember if you do this, it is good all the way through Catholic high school, and is also valid if you coach, attend or teach here or at another Catholic school in the Diocese.

Please pick up the paperwork from Mrs. Opdycke if you want to be Livescanned so we can continue to offer field trips as part of our school curriculum. My thanks to those who have already done this and are helping with driving. We truly appreciate it!!

**WASC** visitors will soon be here! The teachers, PTG and staff are busy getting things ready for their visit beginning **March 22nd!** I know you will make our guests feel welcome when they are on campus. Feel free to stop and talk to them! They are teachers and principals from other Catholic schools here to see how our school works. They will want to hear from you!

Mrs. La Costa

## Important Dates:

- \* **TONIGHT: AUCTION PREVIEW NIGHT 5:30-7:00**
- \* **Friday, March 12 Stations of the Cross in the auditorium at 1:30**
- \* **Sat. March 13 Auction at USD**
- \* **Saturday, March 20th Parish Reconciliation Service for Lent at 10 am.**

## IMPORTANT!!

As we progress on our journey through the third week of Lent, we continue to focus on deepening our prayer life, making personal sacrifices and giving to those who have less than we do. We invite you to Stations of the Cross at 1:30 this Friday in the auditorium led by 7th and 8th grade. You can also join the parish Friday evening for a fish fry at 6 followed by Stations at 7. We encourage you and your children to take part in this traditional commemoration of our Lord's suffering, death and resurrection!

**NO-HOMEWORK PASS** for students of parents who attend tonight's **Auction Preview!** (to be exempt from tonight's homework)

Special thanks to...



- \* **Parents who helped make up the Auction Baskets from noon til 4 this past Sunday.**
- \* **All who drove on our field trips last week.**
- \* **Mr. Gilb for fixing our school printer.**
- \* **Mr. Bixel who volunteered to install a drip irrigation system so Kinder can plant a garden.**
- \* **Mrs. Sevilla and Mrs. Kim Newton who put together school scrap-books for WASC.**

Please keep in your prayers...



- \* **Elena Platas, Religious Education Director at the parish.**
- \* **Our alumni who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation**
- \* **Those who are expecting a baby in our school community.**
- \* **All who are sick in our parish and school community.**

Teacher Job Fair for the Diocese of San Diego is Saturday, March 27 at Cathedral from 9-12 if you know anyone interested in teaching in our Catholic Schools!

Our school is a community of service to others. We listen to Jesus' call to help others in need. This week, we:

- \* **Sent \$660 to a Catholic organization in Haiti**
- \* **Organized a 5th grade field trip to the Cloister's Nursing Home.**
- \* **Sent letters to some homebound parishioners.**
- \* **Wrote thank you notes to people supporting our Auction.**

**Congratulations to our Decathlon Team!**

**The team placed 6th in SuperQuiz!**

**Jaime Steckbeck places 6th in Current Events.**

**Thalia Badger placed 6th in Literature.**

**Sam Rieta won a Silver, 2nd place medal in Science!**

**Good job team and Mr. Remedios and thanks to all teachers who helped coach!**

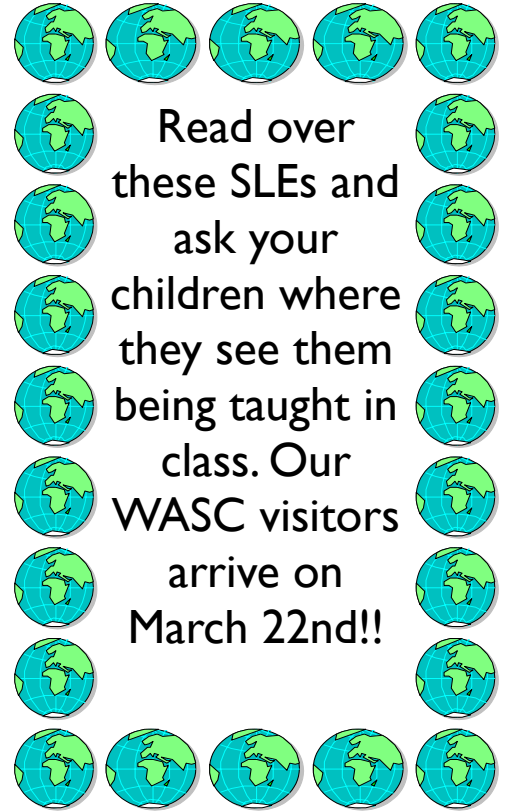
**Mission Statement:**

St. Didacus Parish School is a Catholic elementary school that engages with parents, community, and child in the ongoing educational development of the student. We empower the student to be spiritually, academically, and socially prepared to live today and tomorrow both morally and effectively.

**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 .



Read over these SLEs and ask your children where they see them being taught in class. Our WASC visitors arrive on March 22nd!!

Use Goodsearch.com instead of Google or Yahoo when you search the Internet to help the school!!

**Our website is:  
stdidacusparishschool.org**

**See's Easter Candy!!!**

Orders are due on MARCH 11th. Candy will be available for pick-up on March 29th in time for Easter!!! Thank you to all who supported our 8th grade legacy gift and to the parents who organized the fundraiser.