

St. Didacus Parish School Newsletter



April 27, 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 are trying to make sure that **ALL** parents are receiving a parent newsletter **EVERY** week. If you are not getting your parent newsletter via email, please let the office know and supply them with an email address. If you want to receive a paper copy of the newsletter and are not getting one each week, please let Mrs. Opdycke know in the school office.

SCRIP changes

Thanks to all who participated in our **SCRIP** survey a few months ago. Result reveal both cards and **Escrip** are effective for our parents. In order to better serve you, we will continue to sell the gift cards, but we will move to special order only. We will begin phasing out sales in the office. Please plan ahead for ordering all needed scrip cards.

Mrs. La Costa

Important Dates:

- * Development meeting at 6:30 **TONIGHT**. April 27
- * All School Mass Wednesday at 8:30 am
- * May 2 Alumni Reunion at school 1-3
- * Tues. May 4th Advisory Board 6:30

6th grade camp next week!!

IMPORTANT!!

Need service hours?? We need people bake desserts (cookies, brownies, etc.) for our Alumni Reunion THIS Sunday, May 2nd. Please let Mrs. Opdycke know if you can do this. Baked goods can be dropped off Friday or Sunday in the school office.

**May 10th
NO
SCHOOL
Mark your
calendar.**

Special thanks to...



- * **Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Sutton who conducted Talent Show tryout this past week.**
- * **The parents who attended John Findlater's parenting workshop at St. Augustine High School last week.**
- * **PTG for Science Day!!**
- * **Development Committee for planning Sunday's Alumni Reunion!!!**

Please keep in your prayers...



- * Irene Fitzmaurice, mother of Colleen Maalouf and grandma of Lauren and Andrew, who went home to God on Monday morning.
- * Our 6th graders as they attend 6th grade camp next week!!

Uniform adjustment for next year— following OLP's uniform skirt length requirement and wording from their handbook, we will be requiring: "The hem of the skirt must fall at the top of the knee or below." St. Didacus will make this change for next year. Please have skirts hemmed accordingly.

Special thanks to Mrs. Ledford for organizing BizTown Day for the 5th class and to the parents who served all day as volunteers. Student learned about running a business, how to manage a checkbook, what makes a good business work, how to interview for a job and many other useful skills! They participated in a day at BizTown in Mission Valley where all students took an active role in a day in the life of a "real" business community. See the 5th grade bulletin board for pictures and details.

We are continuing to help Father Joe's Villages through Sister Mary. We will have a basket in the front hall to collect any baby items you wish to donate: diapers, baby shampoo, baby food, baby clothes, baby wipes and bottles. Father Joe's Villages provides 40,000 hours of childcare annually for homeless infants and children.

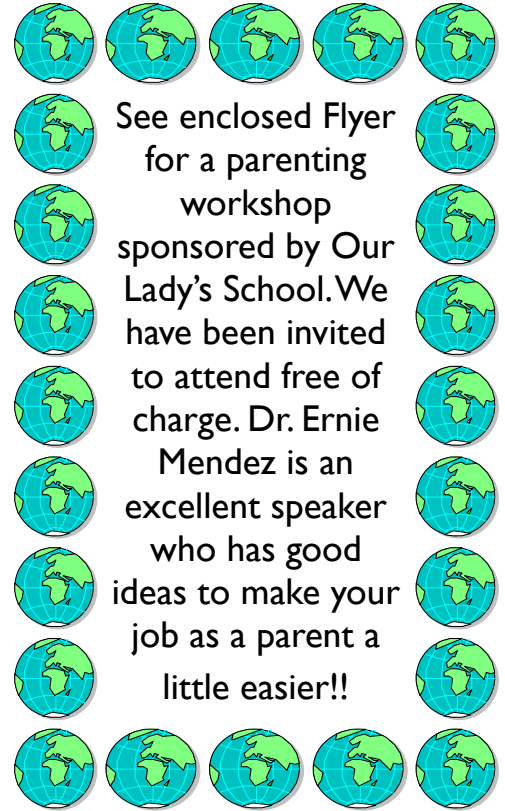
Mission Statement:

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.



See enclosed Flyer for a parenting workshop sponsored by Our Lady's School. We have been invited to attend free of charge. Dr. Ernie Mendez is an excellent speaker who has good ideas to make your job as a parent a little easier!!

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

**Our website is:
stdidacusparishschool.org**

Quote from Police Chief William Landsdowne in the Sunday paper:
 "Unsupervised access to the Internet by a 14-year-old is far more dangerous than going to any park in the city of San Diego."