

# St. Didacus Parish School Newsletter



May 4, 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

There is a parenting workshop tonight at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Hall that all parents are invited to attend. Dr. Ernie Mendes is an excellent speaker and will speak on "Raising Resilient Kids"—including helping your children handle the disappointments and setbacks that are part of everyday life. There is no charge for this workshop. Please see the flyer in the parent envelope for more information.

### SCRIP changes

Thanks to all who participated in our SCRIP survey a few months ago. Results reveal both cards and Escript 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. Order should be in by Monday at 9 am.  
Mrs. La Costa

### Important Dates:

- \* **TONIGHT:**  
Advisory Board  
6:30/Mass at 6.
- \* **Fri. May 7th**  
**MINIMUM DAY** for Faculty meeting.
- \* **Monday, May 10th**  
**NO SCHOOL.**

**MAY 18-Tues.**  
Talent Show and Spaghetti Dinner at 5:30

## IMPORTANT!!

Please be sure your child is practicing his/her math skills on a regular basis on First in Math!

This is a proven tool to improve math skills through practice that gives immediate feedback to students, parents and teachers so students can master basic skills in math and thus be successful in this academic area through high school. We are seeing improved standardized test scores for students who use the site on a regular basis.

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

Special thanks to...



- \* **Our Development Committee for the fun Reunion/70th school anniversary celebration they hosted at the school on Sunday. Our Alumni truly enjoyed the chance to visit the school!**
- \* **All the parents who made deserts for the Reunion. The homemade goodies were much appreciated by the visiting alumni!**
- \* **Student Council members and other students who helped at the reunion.**

Please keep in your prayers...



- \* For our 6th graders who are at Camp Marston this week!
- \* Our second graders who are preparing for First Communion on May 22nd.
- \* All in our school and parish community who are struggling with illness.

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.

Mark your calendar for the Kensington Memorial Day parade!! More info will follow!

Included in this week’s parent envelope in some information on Internet safety and some Internet filtering software that may be helpful to your family.

May Crowning is May 28th at 9:30 at the church. We invite all parents to join us in this tribute to Mary, the Mother of God.

**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.



**First  
Communion  
May 22nd,  
Saturday at  
10:00 Mass**

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

**Our website is:  
stdidacusparishschool.org**

**Calling All Cooks!**

The parish is putting together a St. Didacus Community Cookbook! The school has been invited to contribute recipes. More info to follow, but you can start thinking about what favorite family recipes you'd like to share!