

# St. Didacus Parish School Newsletter



May 25, 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

Join us Friday morning at 9:30 in the church for our annual May Crowning ceremony. This ceremony is a 70 year tradition at St. Didacus School and we invite you to be a part of it! The children have practiced carefully to prepare for this special event to honor Mary, the Mother of God.

Join us for the Memorial Day Parade in Kensington on Monday. Our Development Committee has arranged a place in the parade for the School!

We thank our 8th graders for their Legacy Gift to our school. Their innovative "Student Store" and See's Candy Drive made over \$2709.56. Each classroom will now have a wall-mounted flatscreen TV for use with computer, streaming video, movies or TV. "Gift of the Class of 2010" will be noted on each TV. This is a great benefit to all students and teachers and an enhancement of our technology here at St. Didacus. Thank you, 8th grade and 8th grade parents! We will have the TVs installed as soon as possible!

Mrs. La Costa

## IMPORTANT!!

Fine Arts Night this year will be held on Wednesday, June 2nd, at 5:00. A potluck dinner will be held followed by performances by our Choir, Band and Dance group. Art work done in Mrs. Ceccarrelli's class will be on display and framed for sale.

## Important Dates:

- \* Weds. May 26 Development Meeting 6:30
- \* May Crowning, May 28th Friday at 9:30.
- \* Monday, May 31 NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY
- \* Weds. June 2 Fine Arts Night Potluck 5:00

See Memorial Day Parade Flyer in parent envelope!

**Final BoxTop collection will be May 28th.**

**No SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY Monday May 31st. Parade in Kensington!**

Special thanks to...



- \* Miss Dueber for organizing our bookfair.
- \* Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Sutton and Mrs. Dean for the great talent show.
- \* PTG for the yummy spaghetti dinner!!
- \* Miss Dueber, Miss Wilson and Miss Platas who prepared our 2nd graders for First Communion.
- \* 3rd grade parents for the lovely 1st communion reception.

Please keep in your prayers...



- \* Our 2nd graders who received First Eucharist on Saturday.
- \* All those in our school community who are struggling with long-term illness.
- \* Our 8th grade class as they prepare to move onto high school.
- \* Those in our school community serving in the military.

Uniform change for next year—we will be requiring: “The hem of the skirt/skort must fall at the top of the knee or below.” St. Didacus will make this change for next year. Please have skirts/skort hemmed accordingly.

Do you need Parish service hours?

Help wanted to serve coffee and donuts on the Fourth Sunday of each month after the 8:30am Mass. If you're interested, please contact the Parish Office at 619-284-3472 for more information.

**8th grade music.** This year, Miss Dueber began a new course of music study with our 8th grade. While the 7th graders focused on American Jazz, the 8th graders studied musical theater. They had the opportunity to study and view such classics as *The Music Man*, *My Fair Lady*, *The Sound of Music*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *The King and I*. These are classics all educated persons should have some exposure to. We thank Miss Dueber and our 8th graders enjoyed their musical experience!

**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.



Please get  
**SCRIP orders**  
 into the office  
 by 9:00 am on  
**Monday**  
 mornings to  
 receive your  
 order by the  
 end of the  
 week. Thanks!

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

**Our website is:  
 stdidacusparishschool.org**

**Last Day of School is Friday, June 18th.**



### **Uniform Company Change**

*Royal Blazers, the company which have provided our uniforms for a number of years, has decided to sell the business to True Grits uniform company. There should be very little change for parents with the transition. All uniform items will remain the same. They will still deliver orders to the school.*

*Their store is located in MiraMesa, which hopefully will be more convenient for more families. Thanks for your patience with this inevitable transition.*

*Our new store will be:*

*True Grits*

*9823 Pacific Heights Bl. #K*

*San Diego, CA 92121*

*Plenty of parking.*

*We will no longer use the SCRIP program with True Grits, but there WILL be one week this summer (July 26-30th) where we will receive 10% back in profits. A flyer will be out soon on that and you will receive SCRIP credit for buying at that time.*

### **Diocesan Serra Essay Contest**

Congratulations for Jenna Asimos (2nd place, 6th grade) and Emily O'Connor (1st place, 6th grade) in the Serra Vocations Essay Contest.

5th grade winners were Alli Elicone (2nd) and Anyah St. Pierre (1st place).                      Good job!