



St. Didacus Parish School  
4630 34th Street, San Diego, CA 92116  
Working Hard, Serving Others, Sharing God's Love  
Mrs. Dean's Weekly Newsletter  
December 11, 2018

*May our Lord keep His loving hands upon us so that we may learn and grow.*

**Santa's Visit:** Yesterday, we had an unexpected visit from Santa Claus! He flew in from the North Pole to say hello to all our students. They were so excited to see him!

**Christmas Giving Tree:** It's that time of year again! The Christmas tree in the center of the main school hallway is all decorated, and it's waiting for any donations you may have to aid the families in need down in Mexico. We're looking for new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls of all ages. Every item that's collected will go to either families that live in Ejido El Hongo (near Tecate), the boys and girls (ages 8-16) of Orfanatorio Esperanza de la Ninez (Hope of Childhood) near Tecate, and the all-boys orphanage, Rancho Nazareth, in Tecate. The gifts are due by Wednesday, December 19.

**USD Catholic Schools Night:** As you'll see in today's family envelope, there is an informational flyer on the USD Catholic Schools Night basketball game on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$10 each, and they include entry to the basketball game and a concessions voucher. If you're interested in attending, just fill out the form and send it back to us along with your payment and it will be processed. Your check should be made payable to the University of San Diego. **Schools with the highest PERCENTAGE of tickets sold will be invited to participate in the following: Teacher free-throw contest at half time, game ball delivery student, High five tunnel, and student court wipers.**

But wait, there's more -- **The Division 1 USD Toreros basketball team will visit the school that sells the most tickets to deliver ice cream to the students and play basketball with them during recess!** So let's all plan to go! Invite your families and friends to join you. Let's see if we can win!

**Scrip News:** One more order before Christmas Break! There is always a variety of Scrip available in the office each day, but to ensure you get what you want, don't forget to submit your order by next Monday. That will be the last day to order scrip to be sure you receive it before Christmas break.

**Christmas Program:** Our annual Christmas Program is on December 18. This year our students will be performing "Bethlehem Gulch," a western-themed performance. Your teachers should have already mentioned the dress attire for the show. We will have two performances. One at 9:00am and the one at 6:30pm. Both performances are mandatory for all students. If you have a conflict, please discuss it with your child's teacher as soon as possible. There will be hot chocolate and cookies for sale after the program by the PTG.

**Uniform Code Issue:** In keeping with our dress code, we ask for no fad haircuts. We have been having a continual problem with a particular hair style that consists of shaved sides with long hair on the top of the head. Many of these even have a shaved part on the side. Don't forget that all boys have until we come back from Christmas break to let their hair grow out and restyle it so it is evenly cut throughout their head. I had multiple conversations with all the classes and this problem still continues. I will no longer allow it. Starting January 7<sup>th</sup>, the day we get back from break, any child will receive an automatic detention if they have this haircut. Thank you for your understanding and compliance.

**Catch of the Week:** Both Diego Bedoya and Jivinah Flanagan were our Catches of the Week last week. Congrats!

**Message from the Church:** *We're still in need of families to help with Coffee and Donuts after Masses on Sundays. It is a once-a-month commitment and we have openings for the 8:30am Mass and 10am Mass. Please contact Cindy in the parish office for more information.*

**Mother Daughter Advent Tea:** All mothers and daughters are invited to the Advent Tea this Friday, December 14 at 4:00 at the church hall. If you're interested in going please RSVP with the church office at 619-284-3472.

**Parent Volunteers:** Remember that all volunteers need to go through the Safe Environment Training through [cmgconnect.org](http://cmgconnect.org), as well as a background check before being able to volunteer here at school. When signing in to the CMG site, please connect as a St. Didacus Parish School volunteer. Any parent who is wanting to volunteer to drive on field trips this year will also need to complete the brief defensive driver's video on CMG as well. When you have completed any of these, please print out the certificates and turn them in to our school office. There will be a \$19 charge for the background check. **If you have started the process but have not completed it yet, please complete it ASAP.**

The **Safe Environment Curriculum** will be taught this Wednesday to all the students. A letter explaining this No Go Tell curriculum is going home today. Please read it carefully.

#### Weekly Schedule

Parent Morning Prayer Group:

Every Monday mornings after morning assembly. Please come and pray for our students and our school.

Christmas Program Practice: Every day after school from 3:00 – 5:00 in the school auditorium. And Saturday from 9:00-12:00.

Cheer:

Monday 3:00 – 4:00 Practice

Choir & Guitar:

Choir Practice is every Tuesday from 3:00 – 4:30 in the school auditorium.

Guitar is from 3:00 – 4:00.

Fall Sports:

Pee-Wee Soccer Practice: Monday 3:00 – 4:00

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade team Saturday, December 1, at 9:00pm against Santa Sophia Blue at Santa Sophia Field B

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade team Saturday, December 1, at 2:00am against St. Charles at St. Charles

Boys Basketball- Practice Tuesday 3:00 – 4:30 (Varsity & JV)

Practice Thursday 3:00- 4:30 (Varsity only)

Cathedral Catholic Basketball tournament will continue this Saturday.

Girls Volleyball: Practice on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:30

Knitting/Crochet Club:

Wednesday, 3:00 – 4:00 in the kindergarten classroom

Gardening Club:

Thursdays 3:00 – 3:50

School Band:

Band Practice is on Thursday. It will be held in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom starting now and throughout the month of December.

Logic Club:

Friday 3:00 – 5:00

Academic Decathlon Practice:

Saturday 9:00am – 3:00pm

#### Dates to Look Forward To

December 10	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Gift Sale	December 18	9am and 6:30pm Christmas Program (note new
December 11	6:00pm PTG Board Meeting	time this year) -	Mandatory for all students
December 12	Mass 2/7 grade	December 19	Mass 1/6 grade
	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Gift Sale	December 21	Minimum Day/NO DAY CARE
December 14	1:00pm Dress Rehearsal #1 for the Christmas Program		Advent Prayer Service 11:15am
	4:00pm Mother Daughter Advent Tea at church- all are welcome (Bring your own tea cup)		7:00pm Pasado at Church
	6:00 – 8:00pm Jr. Great Books	<u>Advent Mornings of Prayer:</u>	
December 16	4 <sup>th</sup> grade Family Mass 10:00am- all are welcome	December 10	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
December 17	8:30am Dress Rehearsal #2 for the Christmas Program	December 12	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade
		December 11	1 <sup>st</sup> grade
		December 13	Kinder