



St. Didacus Parish School  
4630 34th Street, San Diego, CA 92116  
Working Hard, Serving Others, Sharing God's Love  
Mrs. Dean's Weekly Newsletter  
January 22, 2019

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

**Quarter 3:** Quarter 3 begins today. Quarter 2 report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, January 29.

**Jog-a-thon 2019:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Didacus Jog-a-thon is just 3 weeks away. Have you set up your child(ren)'s pledge page yet? If not please go to <http://pledgestar.com/stdidacus/> to set it up. This is a really convenient way to collect donations for the jog-a-thon. We are asking each student to try to earn a minimum of \$100, and are encouraging the students to ask their grandparents, aunts, uncles, and close family friends. It is important that we have 100% participation in this fundraiser. All students will run, but to qualify for prizes, a student needs to earn a minimum of \$50. The first \$50 earns you a 4<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Didacus Jog-a-thon T-shirt. At \$75 a student receives the T-shirt along with a free dress. At \$100 a student receives all of that plus a night of no homework. We will also be having weekly raffles to help motivate the students to participate. Students get their first raffle ticket just for setting up his/her donation page, and then he/she gets a ticket for every \$50 raised. Please help us make this fundraiser a successful one!

**STAR Testing:** This is the last week for STAR Testing. Many grades are already finished, but some classes will be testing this week.

**Geography Bee:** The St. Didacus Annual Geography Bee is this Wednesday at 1:00. The top two students from each grade 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> will be competing for the top seat. Congratulations to 4<sup>th</sup> graders Paul Palomares and Louel Tadesse, 5<sup>th</sup> graders Kenneth Michalowski and Paddy Ward, 6<sup>th</sup> graders Ethan Rhee and Liam Patterson, 7<sup>th</sup> graders Emma Persichilli, and Sam Fries, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders Mikayla Gazmen and Lorena Johnson! Good luck to you all!

**Family Math Night:** Don't forget about our Family Math Night. It is this Thursday, January 24 at 6:30pm. You don't want to miss this fun evening. Please join us for a night of measuring, adding, estimating, and solving of problems. We will be having a few light refreshments. I hope you all can come!

**Winter Sports Rally:** This Friday at 1:45 (new time) will be the Winter Sports Rally. Please join us if you can.

**High School Placement Test:** This Saturday our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the High School Placement Tests at the High Schools of their choice. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Family Mass and Catholic Schools' Week:** This Sunday, January 27, is the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Family Mass. This is the kickoff for Catholic Schools' Week. I hope you can all attend. I would like all students to be dressed in their full dress school uniform. This is a way to show pride in our school. The rest of the week's schedule is as follows:

Sunday, January 27	Open House 12:00 – 2:00pm
Monday, January 28	Parent Appreciation Day
Tuesday, January 29	Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day
Wednesday, January 30	Pastor Appreciation Day/Community Day
Thursday, January 31	Student Appreciation Day
Friday, February 1	Grandparents' Day

**Open House:** Our Open House for prospective parents is Sunday, January 27 from 12:00 – 2:00pm. We ask that you help us spread the word of our Open House to anyone who might be interested in St. Didacus School. If everyone were to tell at least one new family, it will help build our enrollment. If you need any of our Open House flyers, please pick them up in the office. We'd appreciate your help!

**Grandparents' Day:** PTG will be displaying pictures of the grandparents and their grandchildren. We are asking for everyone to send in a picture. Don't forget to put your child's name on the back so the picture can be returned. Please send them to the school office by Friday.

**Financial Assistance for 2019-2020:** Applications for the Bishop Flores Financial Assistance for the school year 2019-2020 are now available. To apply, please go to [www.bishopfloresscholars.org](http://www.bishopfloresscholars.org). All applications are **due by February 28**. This process is also the only way to qualify for the St. Didacus Financial Assistance Program. **We will not be accepting applications through our FACTS program this year.** All families who would like to apply for further financial assistance through our school **must apply now**. This is different from years past, so please be aware of this change. If you need help with this process, please contact Karen Patterson, our bookkeeper.

**Catch of the Week:** Congratulations to first-grader Xavier Reyes for being a Christ-Centered Person and an Effective Communicator! He was consoling a friend who was upset, wiping away his friend's tears. Good job, Xavier!

**Mid-Year Status Reports:** Status Reports will be coming out next Tuesday, January 29. The Scrip Program and parent volunteer hours will be reported up through, and including, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Daycare will include all balances through December, and all else will go through January 25.

**Scrip News:** New \$50 Vons/Albertson cards are now available with our Scrip Program.

#### Weekly Schedule

##### Parent Morning Prayer Group:

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

##### 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, January 26, at 9:00am against Our Lady's at Santa Sophia Field B

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade team Saturday, January 26, NO Game

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

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

Varsity Game: Saturday, January 26- NO Game

JV Game: Saturday, January 26 – NO Game

Girls Volleyball Game: Wednesday, January 23 St Didacus vs Our Lady's at Our Lady's at 3:45pm (Varsity and JV)

##### 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.

##### Logic Club:

Friday 3:00 – 5:00

##### Academic Decathlon Practice:

Saturday 9:00am – 3:00pm

#### Dates to look forward to:

January 23	Mass 2/7 grade Geography Bee 1:00pm 4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	January 26	High School Placement Tests USD Home Basketball Game
January 24	<b>Family Math Night 6:30 – 8:00pm</b>	January 29	Report Cards go home Mid-year Status Reports go home
January 25	Reconciliation 5 <sup>th</sup> grade 10:30am Winter Sports Rally 1:45pm (new time)	January 31	John Lewton's Birthday