



**St. Didacus Parish School**  
**4630 34th Street, San Diego, CA 92116**  
**Working Hard, Serving Others, Sharing God's Love**  
**Mrs. Dean's Weekly Newsletter**  
**October 30, 2018**

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

**Fall Festival:** What a wonderful event it was! Huge thanks to **Connie Renda** and **Danielle Lauria** for chairing the Fall Festival this year. They did a wonderful job and we appreciate all their time and hard work. It was a day full of fun games, delicious food, and wonderful entertainment. Along with Connie and Danielle, I also want to thank all the parents who took charge, sponsored a booth, and donated money, items, or time to help make this day the best it could be. From planning, to setting up, to running the day and cleaning up, it took our entire community to make it such a wonderful day. It truly was a success! Thanks so much! If anyone is interested in taking over the ropes next year to chair this event please let me know. We are in need of someone, the sooner the better.

**I would like to thank Vons for donating 25 cakes for our cake walk at the Fall Festival. It's so nice of them to support our school community!**

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| <b>Congratulations to the Raffle Winners:</b> | <b>Angel Espinosa</b>    | <b>\$1000</b> |
|   | <b>Fred Morrison Jr.</b> | <b>\$500</b>  |
|   | <b>Beverly Stemper</b>   | <b>\$100</b>  |

**Student Performances at the Fall Festival:** I would also like to thank all the teachers and the students for their wonderful class performances! We could tell that you worked so hard and you were all so creative. It was actually my favorite part of the entire day. Thanks for entertaining us!

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:** The first quarter of the school year is now over. As always, you will be receiving your child/children's report cards at our parent/teacher conferences. We have the conference sheets set out in the hallway for you to sign up. Please be aware that conferences are mandatory and that they are on **November 8** from 1:00pm - 5:00pm and 6:00pm - 8:00pm, and on **November 9** from 1:00pm - 4:00pm.

**Red Ribbon Week:** We will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week all week. The message of Red Ribbon Week is to say no to drugs. Students received their red ribbons yesterday. We ask them to wear them all week. Today, the students were asked to wear shades (sunglasses) because without drugs their life will be bright. Finally anyone wanting to participate in the Red Ribbon Week poster contest, the posters are due Friday morning.

**Halloween:** Don't forget that Wednesday is Halloween. Students do not need to wear full dress uniform. We are having a Halloween add-on day for \$1.00. Students can add a maximum of two items. They can add on an orange, black, purple or appropriate Halloween-themed shirt, socks, hair ribbons, etc. No masks, make-up, or hair painting allowed. Halloween is a minimum day, but we do have daycare.

**All Saints Day:** Thursday is **All Saints Day**, which is a holy day of obligation. We will be attending Mass at 8:30am. It will be led by the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class. **All students should be in full dress uniform today.**

**Ned's Mindset Mission Assembly:** Thursday the kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes will be attending a special assembly from 1:30 to 2:15. It teaches a special meaning for students to believe in themselves and to never give up!

**Anniversary of Mrs. Tollefson's Death:** On Friday, November 2, we will be remembering Mrs. Tollefson at morning assembly. We invite you all to join us for this quick but special gathering. It will be in the auditorium.

**St. Didacus Parish Feast Day Pancake Breakfast:** The eighth grade class, along with the Knights of Columbus, will be sponsoring the pancake breakfast this coming Sunday at the church hall. We ask for you all to come and support this fundraiser. We hope to see everyone there!

**AmazonSmile.com Deal:**

Through Nov 2, AmazonSmile is donating 5% (ten times the usual amount) to Saint Didacus Catholic Parish when you shop at [smile.amazon.com/ch/27-3935407](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-3935407).

**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.**

**Catch of the Week:** Congratulations Rocco Tarantino!

**Scrip News:**

Low Denomination Gift Cards are going to be available through our Scrip Program through December 14 while supplies last. Amazon.com \$10.00, Barnes & Nobles \$5.00, Cold Stone \$5.00, Starbucks \$5.00, and Target \$10.00 are a few examples of what will be available. These might be a great option for Christmas gifts! You can order these through the office or on [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com)!

**Respect Our Neighbors:** I need to remind everyone that we **MUST** be respectful and considerate to our St. Didacus School neighbors. **Please do not block or park in any of our neighbors' driveways.** Be polite! Thanks.

Weekly Schedule

Parent Morning Prayer Group:

Every Monday mornings 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:

Boys Football - JV Football Practice Monday and Wednesday 3:00 – 4:30pm  
Game: Saturday, November 3 at 9:30am at MDCHS against St. Rose  
Girls Softball – Practice Thursday, from 3:00 – 4:30pm

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 12:15 – 2:00 in the Science Lab

Dates to Look Forward To

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| October 29     | Red Ribbon Week (Monday – Wednesday)  |
| October 31     | Mass- grade 1/6<br>Minimum day<br>Halloween (Minimum Day)<br>Halloween Ad-on day for \$1.00 ( <b>No Full Dress Uniform today</b> )                                |
| November 1     | All Saints Day Mass- Whole School (7 <sup>th</sup> Grade) ( <b>Full Dress Uniform today</b> )<br>Ned's Mindset Mission Assembly at 1:30 (K-6 <sup>th</sup> grade) |
| November 2     | Minimum Day<br>Special Morning Assembly in remembrance of Mrs. Tollefson at 8:00am<br>Adoration- 7 <sup>th</sup> grade<br>Red Ribbon Week Posters due             |
| November 3     | Saturday School 9:00am – 12:00pm  |
| November 4     | St. Didacus Feast Day Celebration-<br>8:00am – 11:30am pancake breakfast<br>5:00pm potluck dinner   |
| November 5     | 6:00pm Advent Morning of Prayer Leader Meeting in the school auditorium   |
| November 7     | Mass – grade 4/5  |
| November 8 & 9 | Minimum Day- Parent Teacher Conferences   |