

**St. Didacus Parish School**  
**A Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service**

**Principal's Newsletter**  
**January 9, 2018**

**To: All Parents**  
**From: Christine Dean**

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Applications for the Bishop Flores Financial Assistance for the school year 2018-2019 is now available. To apply, please go to [www.bishopfloresscholars.org](http://www.bishopfloresscholars.org). All applications are due by February 28. All families who would like to apply for further financial assistance through our school must first apply for this Bishop Flores Financial Assistance in order to be eligible to apply for our financial assistance. If you need help with this process, please contact the school.

STAR testing begins this week and continues through January 26.

The St. Didacus 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Jog-a-thon is on Friday, February 9. Please look for the flyer in this week's family envelope. <http://pledgestar.com/stdidacus/> is the link to set up a pledge page for your child. This is a very convenient way to collect donations for the jog-a-thon. We are asking each student to try to earn a minimum of \$100.00, and are encouraging the students to ask their grandparents, aunts, uncles, and close family friends. No matter how much they earn we do need 100% student participation in this fundraiser. Please help us make this fundraiser a successful one!

We are working very hard to increase our enrollment for next year and we need your help. If you know anyone who might be interested in having their child attend St. Didacus School next year, please contact Eileen in the office with their name and address so we can send them an invitation to our Open House for Prospective Students. The Open House is on February 22 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm.

**ALL VOLUNTEERS: Classroom and Library Helpers, Christian-Action Volunteers, Coaches, and Field Trip Drivers**

The Diocese has a new policy which we need to comply with immediately. **All volunteers need to have a Background check through CMG Connect.** If you have already been Live Scanned through the Diocese, your information will be transferred to this new Diocesan Program. If you have not been Live Scanned, you need to fill in the information for the Background Check. All volunteers are responsible for taking the **Safe Environment Curriculum Training** which consists of watching a video and answering a few questions. When you have completed both the Background Check and the Safe Environment Curriculum, please print out your certificate of completion and bring it to the school office. This is due now. The directions are as follows:

1. **Go to [cmgconnect.org](http://cmgconnect.org)**
2. **Find a Diocese: San Diego (press Go)**
3. **Register for a New Account**
4. **Do Background Check (if you were not Live Scanned through the Diocese)**
5. **Do Safe Environment Curriculum**
6. **Print out Certificate of Completion for both and bring them to the school office.**

**Don't forget to follow us on Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Didacus-Parish-School-126029074470182/>

### After School Weekly Schedule

Monday: Dance/Basketball/Cheer/Spanish  
Tuesday: Volleyball/Choir  
Wednesday: Guitar/Chess/Basketball/Gardening  
Thursday: Knitting/Volleyball

### Important Upcoming Dates:

January 8- 26	STAR testing
January 8	Start collecting pledges for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Jog-a-thon
January 9	Advisory Board Meeting @ 6:30pm
January 10	Mass- Grade 1 & 6
January 12	Minimum Day 12:00pm Jr. Great Books @ 6:30pm
January 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School
January 16	PTG Board Meeting- 6:00pm
January 17	Mass- Grade 3 & 8 CCHS Leadership Luncheon
January 19	Reconciliation- Grade 5 @ 10:30am
January 20	High School Placement Test
January 23	Parent Reconciliation Meeting @ 7pm
January 24	Mass- Grade 2 & 7
January 26	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ends Winter Sports Pep Rally @ 2:00pm
January 27	First Reconciliation Retreat @ 10:00am Science Fair Work Day- Grade 7 & 8

### Catholic Schools Week: (January 28 – February 2)

Sunday, January 28	Grade 4 Family Mass
Friday, February 2	Grandparents' Day

### This Week in Sports:

#### Tuesday, January 9:

**Volleyball** St. Didacus vs Holy Family (Varsity & JV) at Holy Family

#### Saturday, January 13:

<b>Pee Wee Soccer</b>	Grade 1	9:00am St. Didacus vs St. Rose @ Santa Sophia
	Grade 2	9:00am Santa Sophia vs St. Didacus @ Santa Sophia
	Grade 3	1:00pm St. Rose vs St. Didacus @ Santa Sophia
	Grade 4	12:00pm St. Patrick's vs St. Didacus @ Santa Sophia

#### **Basketball**

Varsity	10:30 St. Didacus vs. Santa Sophia White A
JV	11:30 St. Didacus JV vs St. Rose Blue B

(All basketball games are played at Mater Dei)