

St. Didacus Parish School
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Principal's Newsletter
February 6, 2018

To: All Parents
From: Christine Dean

I would like to congratulate the second grade students who received their First Reconciliation on Saturday!

I would like to thank everyone for helping us get the word out for the **1st Annual "Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools"** last week. We raised \$2130 for our school! Thanks!

Applications for the Bishop Flores Financial Assistance for the school year 2018-2019 are now available. To apply, please go to 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.

The St. Didacus 3rd Annual Jog-a-thon is this Friday, February 9. We are looking for 100% participation in this fund raiser. Yes, we would love for everyone to raise at least \$100 so we can reach our total goal of \$25,000, but as a community it is important that everyone participates in some way. Please send in your donations by Friday. Students may wear appropriate shorts or sweats with running shoes along with their jog-a-thon shirt. The jog-a-thon schedule is as follows:

8:00 – 10:15	Regular school schedule
10:15-10:30	In-classroom recess
10:30 – 10:45	Warm up
10:45 – 11:45	Jogging
11:45 – 12:00	Cooling Down
12:00 – 12:40	Lunch
12:40 – 1:30	Awards and Dancing
1:30 – 1:45	Back to the classroom to pack up
1:45	Early Dismissal

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 New Students. The Open House is on February 22 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Thanks to all who have already turned in names. We really appreciate your help!

If you are interested in volunteering to work in a classroom, coach a sport, work in the library, drive on a field trip, Christian Action Program, etc., it is mandatory that you get a **Background Check** and take the **Safe Environment Curriculum Training** through CMG connect. There is a \$19 charge per training. The school has been covering this cost and will continue to cover it through the month of February. After that the cost of the training will be passed on to you. If you have already been Live Scanned through the Diocese, your information will be transferred to this new Diocesan Program, but you will still need to complete the **Safe Environment Curriculum Training**. If interested please go to cmgconnect.org.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook:

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

Items to look for in this week's family envelope:

1. Fr. Rick's letter with parishioner rate form to be filled out by March 23.
2. Family Letters of Intent - due February 13.

I would like to congratulate the following students who placed in our annual Geography Bee last week!

I would also like to thank Ms. Paul for organizing the event.

- 1st Place: Paddy Ward**
2nd Place: Aisling Ward
3rd Place: Henry Wilson

Catch of the Week: Kevin Moran – Grade 4

After School Weekly Schedule

Monday: Dance/Basketball/Cheer

Tuesday: Volleyball/Choir

Wednesday: Guitar/Basketball/Gardening

Thursday: Knitting/Volleyball

Important Upcoming Dates:

- February 6 Family Letters of Intent sent out
February 7 Mass- Grade 4 and 5
February 9 Morning Assembly- Kinder
Jog-a-thon- dismissal at 1:45pm
Jr. Great Books at 6:00pm
February 13 Family Letters of Intent
Classroom Valentine's Day Parties
PTG Board Meeting – 6:00pm
February 14 Ash Wednesday Mass – 8:30am (Grade 3)
February 15 Family Letters of Intent due
February 16 No School for students: Professional Growth Day for teachers
February 18 All School Family Mass- Grade 3
February 19 No School: Presidents' Day
February 20-23 ACRE Testing for grades 5 & 8
February 21 5th Grade Field Trip: Pure Water San Diego 9:00am – 11:30am
February 22 Open House for new students
February 23 Morning Assembly- 8th Grade
Reconciliation- Grade 6 10:30am
February 27 Lenten Morning of Prayer- Grade 8
February 28 Mass- Grade 8
Bishop Flores Tuition Assistance Applications due
1st – 4th Grade Field Trip: San Diego Symphony 9:00am – 12:00pm

St. Didacus Gala is now on March 10. Please put it on your calendar.

This Week in Sports:

Tuesday, February 6
Nativity

Volleyball Game: St. Didacus vs Nativity White (Varsity only) @

Starts at 4:00pm

Wednesday, February 7
St. Charles

Volleyball Game: St. Charles White vs St. Didacus (Varsity & JV) @

Thursday, February 8
X

Volleyball Game: St. Didacus vs St. Pius X (Varsity & JV) @ St. Pius

Saturday, February 10:

Pee Wee Soccer:

Grade 2 11:00am St. Didacus vs O.L. Mt. Carmel @ Santa Sophia

Grade 3 11:00am St. Didacus vs Our Lady's @ Santa Sophia

Grade 4 12:00pm St. Didacus vs St. Rose

Basketball

No Games