

Principal's Weekly Bulletin  
January 8, 2010

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Dear Parents,

Wow, we are back in action after 17 days of Holiday! It cracked me up to see the kids shuffling in this week in the morning, dragging and half-awake. It reminded me of every day at a high school ! The younger kids were back in the groove by Wednesday, so my faith in the resiliency of the human body is restored....I had fun this week watching the building of the clay **Missions**. A very interesting process, led by our Art Docents. Thanks to all of you !! Can't wait to see them after the firing and painting in the Kiln !

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**Geography Bee finals** ! Today at 1:00 we had the finalists for school Geography Bee play off for the championship and the right to represent the school in the countywide competition. The finalists were: Gemma and Danielle for 7th grade, Jenny, Jacqueline and Katie for 6th grade, Sydney and Quinn for 5th grade, and Nick and Richie for 8th grade. The results are: 1st Place - Jenny Nova; 2nd Place - Katie Perdue; 3rd Place - Nick Narlock. Congratulations!

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I heard many complimentary comments for our **Christmas Pageant** just before break, and I must say, i enjoyed the evening very much. The kids all did so well and actually sang ! A job well done by our committee of Michelle Momsen, Pete Monga, Helen Prohoroff and our musical director, Vickie Swing. Thanks also to Susan Smith, who plinked out a few tunes on the ivory!

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New News! Our **new website** is up and running ! Same web address, new look and new features. We we be adding new content in the next couple of weeks to complete it, but the main pieces are in place for now. Check out the Admission and Alumni tabs as they have fields for interested people to fill out and submit information that we will be able to use. The faculty each have their own pages now and over the next few weeks will be adding content and calendars to their pages. Check out **Mr Guevara's** website (there is a link from his teacher page). Cool science stuff ! The 6th, 7th and 8th grades also have a common calendar on the faculty page area for major assignments and tests so that parents can confirm their children's claims that "I don't have any homework." The homepage will be updated regularly in the future with upcoming events and various links (the auction link, for example...). We tried to make it simple and classy and fun as well as informative and easy to navigate. My thanks go out to **WILDFIRE Web**, and **Blaine Transue** for all of his help in this process. I am sure Blaine got tired of seeing my name pop up on his inbox, but he was right there on top of everything all through the process and will continue to do so as we move into the new year. If anyone needs website help, give him a call or email. (789-0769, [btransue@webschoolpro.com](mailto:btransue@webschoolpro.com))

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**Conferences are coming up !** You child has received their conference times today, so if you fish around in the bottom of their backpacks among the crumbs and wadded up old tests, you may find it there....

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Reminder that the **Ski Trip** is coming up next weekend at Heavenly up at Tahoe. Chis Harder will be here on Monday to make a final announcement. You can reach him with further questions at 738-0575.

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Early warning that the **Open House is coming next month ! The date is Feb 4th, during Catholic Schools week. 6:00-7:30 pm for all current families.** There will also be an admissions information presentation for Prospective Parents in the morning during school at 10:00. If you know of any families that are considering sending their kids here in the future, please have them contact Cheryl or myself and we will give them the details of that day. THANKS ! We could use all the help of everyone in our recruitment process. There will be ads, banners and fliers around town during the next few weeks advertising this event.

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### **Parents' Club News Bulletin**

Happy New Year! We are at the halfway mark of the school year and Parents' Club has been quite busy with all the school events to date. From New Parent Orientation, Welcome Back Coffee, Family Carnival, and Grandparents' Day, hardworking parents have been behind the scenes giving their time and supporting the school to these and even more events. **Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who jump in to help with a willing heart and positive attitude – what a shining example you are to your children!**

Our major fundraiser '**Le Carnaval de St. Francis**' is fast approaching and we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to **Fred and Nancy Cline** for once again providing the perfect venue for our gathering!

***New Years Resolution #1 – This year I want to do more to help others! Check the bulletin board in the office for ways to help at this year's major fundraiser, 'Le Carnaval de St. Francis' taking place February 27 at Cline Cellars. Or contact **auction volunteer coordinator Suzanne Hanson at [the-hansons@comcast.net](mailto:the-hansons@comcast.net).*****

***New Years Resolution #2 – This year I will not procrastinate! Don't forget to bring in your Silent Auction donation and purchase your Le Carnaval de Cash Raffle tickets before the deadlines. Winner receives choice of \$5500 cash OR tuition for the 2010-2011 school year for your child! Additional donation forms are available in the office.***

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Obviously, this auction is the major fund-raiser of the year for us, and we are counting on participation from all stakeholders, including Alumni. Please try and donate items that can be auctioned off. There are forms in the office, and any items can be brought in directly to the office for safe-keeping. Thank you all for your generous help. I am looking forward to the Carnaval !

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Have a good weekend everyone, and may God Bless you and your families.

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