



*Catholic Elementary & Middle School Education
for the Sonoma Valley*

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Weekly Newsletter

January 27, 2012

Dates to Remember:

FRIDAY, JAN 27

Grade K-4 Querses Quire
Assembly

Valentine See's Candies
Order Deadline

Last Day to Order School
Spirit T-Shirt

SUNDAY, JAN 29

Kick Off to Catholic Schools'
Week Mass 9:00 A.M.

JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 3

Catholic Schools Week

MONDAY, JAN 30

Yearbooks sales begin \$40
each

THURSDAY, FEB 2

6:00-7:00 PM Open House
for school families

FRIDAY, FEB 3

9:00 AM Admissions
Information Meeting &
school tours for prospective
parents

11:15 All-School Mass
FULL DRESS UNIFORM

12:30 Dismissal

MONDAY-FRIDAY, FEB 6-10

8th Grade at Yosemite

Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools Week is one of the highlights of the year at Saint Francis Solano School. We've planned a variety of activities for students, families and community members, and we hope you'll join us as we celebrate what makes Catholic education unique. This newsletter includes a schedule that provides details of the week's festivities. Please join us as we kick off Catholic Schools Week at Sunday's 9:00 Mass.

This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service." In just three words this theme expresses what Catholic Schools are all about. We teach our students faith, not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. We hold them to high academic standards and do everything we can to help students reach their full potential. We also teach students how to serve, both as a way to express their faith and to become good citizens.

The teachers and staff are very proud of the education we offer at this school. We are excited to have the opportunity during Catholic Schools Week to share what our students are learning and what they have accomplished. I hope to see you and your family at some of our events. Please bring your friends and neighbors, particularly those who may be considering Catholic education for their own children.

And speaking of accomplishments and service...I would like to thank all members of our school community who made "Divine Night of Comedy" such a fantastic, successful event. I am especially grateful to Perrin Cutting and Rebecca Hengehold for their vision and never-ending enthusiasm. Saint Francis Solano School would not be the beautiful school community that it is without the support of dedicated parents. We are so fortunate!

God bless you and your families,

Debbie Picard

Principal

Progress Reports

WEDNESDAY, FEB 8

County Science Fair

TUESDAY, FEB 14

Jump Rope for Heart

FRIDAY, FEB 17

12:30 Dismissal

WCEA Workshop

Progress reports for **Grades 5-8** were emailed to parents today. Please call the school office at 996-4994 if you did not receive one for your child.

Divine Night of Comedy

Co-chairs Perrin Cutting and Rebecca Hengehold and their enthusiastic volunteers created a full night of laughter last weekend. In addition to thanking Perrin and Rebecca for all their hard work, we want to thank everyone who attended, supporters who purchased raffle tickets, donors, sponsors, event volunteers, room parents, and the dads club. Watch for details in a future newsletter.

Super Spellers

Congratulations to the finalists who competed in the Saint Francis Solano School Spelling Bee for 4th, 5th and 6th graders! Matthew Baumann and Nolan Dunkle represented the fourth grade, Olivia Boles and Alex Kirley represented fifth and Gabriella Girish and Jack Brown represented the sixth grade. After many rounds of fierce competition, Olivia Boles came in second place and Gabriella Girish placed first. These ladies will represent our school at the Sonoma County Regional Spelling Bee in March. Way to go girls!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

JAN. 29 - FEB. 3

We've got a full week of activities for Catholic Schools Week. Here's a quick reference list.

Sunday – Kick off Catholic Schools Week with 9:00 Mass. Sixth graders will lead this liturgy.

Monday – Community Appreciation Day/Canned Food Drive.

Tuesday – Student Appreciation Day – Free dress for students/School Families game, movie and Popsicle day/No homework.

Wednesday – Veterans Appreciation Day/Students may wear red, white and blue free dress.

Thursday – Vocation Appreciation Day/Students thank Father Mike and Father Adam for all that they do for our Church and school.

Open House – 6 P.M-7 P.M.

Friday – Teacher, Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Day/ 8:15 assembly thanking volunteers/School Tours for prospective parents from 9:00-10:30/Close Catholic Schools Week with 11:15 Mass hosted by the 6th grade class

Special thank you to Marty Campbell for graciously making our Catholic Schools Week and school tour banners.

Admissions Information

Be sure to invite family and friends who are interested in admission to the upcoming information meeting and school tours on Friday, February 3 at 9:00 A.M. You are welcome to pick up an invitations from the school office.

School Spirit T-Shirts

Deadline to order your St. Francis Solano School Spirit T-Shirt has been extended to TODAY. Students can wear their T-shirts with jeans on Fridays through the end of the school year, with the exception of first Friday mass days.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks go on sale Monday, January 30 for \$40 each. Be sure to place your order before the price increases to \$50 on March 5. Order forms will be available in the school office starting Monday