



*Catholic Elementary & Middle School Education  
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# Weekly Newsletter

November 17, 2011

Dates to Remember:

**FRIDAY, NOV. 18**

Build Your Own  
Tostada Lunch

**SATURDAY, NOV. 19**

Robotics Tournament  
in Vacaville

**NOV. 15-18**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade @ Pt. Reyes

**TUESDAY, NOV. 22**

End 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester  
Grandparent's Day  
10:00 Mass  
11:00 Reception  
11:30 Show  
NO CHILDREN'S CENTER

**NOV. 23-25**

NO SCHOOL  
Thanksgiving

**MONDAY, NOV. 28**

See's Candies Order  
Deadline. Highest  
seller earns a free  
yearbook.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 1**

Moms Night Out at La  
Casa Restaurant

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week here at Saint Francis School. As I walk through the hallways, I hear lots of singing and choral reading; I see turkey art projects galore! We must be gearing up for Grandparents/Special Person Day, which will take place next Tuesday. It will be a wonderful day of liturgy, classroom visits and stage performances!

Thank you to Mrs. Sawicki for preparing our students for the Justin Siena Speech Contest. Ava Castro, Joey Sangiacomo, Sydney Moore, Nancy Pecha and Rochelle Keiser represented our school very well!

Well wishes go out to Mrs. Salvatto and the Robotics Team as they compete in their first tournament. The International Nor Cal League takes place from 8:00-5:00 in Vacaville this Saturday. Good luck to Nick Branscum, Devin Muller, Conor McCarthy, Keahlan Walsh, Griffin Hilliard, Nicholas Vides, Graziano Albano-Dito, Will Biersch, Hannah Zavala, Gustavo Sanchez, Ryan Abshear and Drew Harder!

Mrs. Momsen and Mr. Monga report that the fifth-grade class and chaperones are having a wonderful time at Pt. Reyes. Thank you God for the fantastic weather.

Due to the holiday next week, this bulletin will cover this week and next. I wish you and your families a blessed Thanksgiving. I know I am grateful for my faith, family, and friends and for this Saint Francis Solano School community. I thank you and your children for being blessings in my life!

God bless you and your families,

Debbie Picard  
Principal

**FRIDAY, DEC. 2**

11:15 All-School Mass.

FULL DRESS

12:30 Dismissal

Report Cards Emailed

**Guardian Angels**

Letters were distributed to school families and parishioners inviting individuals and families to purchase guardian angels to financially support our school. We are pleased with the response so far. Purchasers' names will be engraved on a commemorative angel to be displayed at school. If you plan to participate, don't delay. There are only 250 angels available for purchase! Thank you to the following donors:

**Diamond Angels - \$1,200**

Gail P. Buchholz

Betty Pommon – In Memory of Daniel Pommon

Chris & Michelle Sanders – Sanders Family

**Sapphire Angels - \$600**

Ralph Hutchinson – Hutchinson Family

**Guardian Angels - \$300**

Carl Borgeson – In Memory of Madeleine Borgeson

Carol Campbell (2 angels) – Campbell Family and In Memory of  
Louise & Nelson Gamas

Peter Carcione – Cavaz Family

Romain Clerou – Clerou Family

Michael & Tina Cox – Cox Family

Father Mike

Mary Kearney – In Memory of Virginia Kearney Beatrice Lynch

Winnie Lanning – In Memory of Dean Lanning

Beatrice Lynch

James & Sharon Lynch – Lynch Family

Tami Cotter – McCoys Helping Hands

Maureen Mignacco-Dutil (2 angels) – Nellie Mignacco & Sam Mignacco

Peter & Betsy Nova – Nova Family'

William & Ming O'Brien – O'Brien Family

John & Ingrid Sheets – Sheets Family

**Miscellaneous Donations**

Mickey O'Flynn - \$150

Anonymous - \$250

**Yearbook**

The yearbook committee has begun to create this year's beautiful yearbook. Advertising helps keep the cost of each book as low as possible. Do you realize that its readership reaches over 500 families? The deadline for business ads as well as eighth grade parents' student dedication pages is quickly approaching. All advertisements and dedication pages must be turned in no later than December 16. Avoid disappointment by downloading the order form today.

<http://www.saintfrancissolano.org/page221.html>

The yearbook committee appreciates your support.

## **Book Fair**

Thank you to everyone who made our book fair a success. This year the book fair provided the classrooms with \$821.00 worth of resource and quiet time reading books for our students. Our school librarian (and book fair chairperson) purchased and donated these books to the teachers from the profits of the fair. In addition, the book fair raised \$1,145.00 in cash, which will enable the school to purchase new up-to-date books to stock our library. The book fair also helped us raise \$500.00 in "scholastic rewards" which will enable us to purchase library fixtures, resource books and additional classroom books from the Scholastic warehouse.

Thank you to all who donated their time to help run the fair. Thank you to the parents who purchased books from the fair and those who purchased books to donate to their children's teachers.

Sincerely,

Diane Klauber

## **Support Men's Health Awareness and buy a mustache to wear on the last day in November!**

You may have heard that Mr. Howard, Mr. Monga and Mr. Ligotti are growing mustaches this month to promote awareness, research and funding for Men's health related issues, like prostate cancer. Several Dads from the Dads' Club have joined in the effort and are grooming and trimming their mustaches as well! In order to let the students get involved in the mustache wearing, we are going to sell costume mustaches that students can wear on the last day of November. Mustaches are on pre-sale right now, all students need to do is get signed up and pay \$2 to Señor Ligotti or Mr. Monga before school, at recess or lunch any day this week and up through next Tuesday, November 22. There is no guarantee that we will have enough mustaches for sale if students don't pre-buy, so get a mustache ordered! On November 30 we will set up a mustache distribution table outside on the playground before school- first to come get first choice on the three mustache styles available.

Some students have expressed interest in bringing their own mustaches from home. This is fine, but we ask that students make the same \$2 donation in support of Men's Health if they want to wear their own mustaches at school.

If you are interested in more information about this international November movement, check out our team website at: <http://us.movember.com/donate/team-details/id/341016/searchTerm/St.+Francis+Solano+Staches>

Thank you for your support!

## **Moms Night Out at La Casa Restaurant**

Parents' Club has arranged for our moms to gather at La Casa Restaurant on December 1<sup>st</sup> for an evening out. Download the informational flyer from the school's website for details details. Send a quick email to [sfparentsclub@gmail.com](mailto:sfparentsclub@gmail.com) if you'd like to attend.

### **Save These Event Dates!**

Are you wondering when certain events will be occurring? Please download the save-the-dates flyer posted on the school's website under bulletin inserts. There are some great upcoming events you won't want to miss.

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