



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

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## Weekly Newsletter

September 8, 2011

Dates to Remember:

**THURSDAY – SEPT. 8**

Back-to-School Night

LD 5:30-6:00

All in FRH 6:05-6:20

UD 6:25 – 7:45

1<sup>st</sup> Pizza Day

**FRIDAY – SEPT. 9**

8:10 A.M. 911 Tribute

**TUESDAY – SEPT. 13**

1<sup>st</sup> Hot Dog Day

**THURSDAY – SEPT. 15**

Picture Day – FULL

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**FRIDAY – SEPT 16**

8:30 A.M. Mass, Gr. 7/8

5:00 Family Carnival

**MONDAY – SEPT. 19**

6:30 P.M. Fundraising  
Brainstorming Meeting  
in Library

**SEPT. 21 – 30**

ITBS Testing Gr. 2-8

**THURSDAY – SEPT. 22**

5:00-7:00 Fingerprinting

Dear Parents,

I'd like to thank the many parents who give of their time and talents. Debbie Giusto did a wonderful job leading the Parents' Club meeting in the absence of a President and Vice President. This club is working hard for our students.

Donna Worona is our fearless Room Parent Coordinator and is doing a great job coordinating parent help for the many classroom activities that require assistance.

Parents of upper-division students...your children's backpacks are way too heavy!! Upper-division students are allowed to return to homeroom in between classes to drop off unneeded supplies and pick up new ones. Students are also allowed to go back to homeroom at the end of the day to organize what is necessary for homework. It is absolutely not necessary to carry everything everywhere. Please remind your child to work on these organizational skills and to save their backs!

I look forward to seeing many of you at Back-to-School Night this evening, and at our 9/11 tribute tomorrow morning. Ms. Smith, Mrs. Lely and The Student Council have planned a prayerful, moving tribute; please join us.

I thank God this week for keeping our students healthy and safe.

God bless you and your families!

Debbie Picard  
Principal

at school

**FRIDAY – SEPT. 23**

8:30 A.M. Mass, Gr.  
3/4/K

**WEDNESDAY – SEPT. 28**

6:30 P.M. Gr. 2  
Mandatory Parent  
Meeting in Library

**FRIDAY – SEPT. 30**

Tostada Day 8<sup>th</sup> Gr.  
Fundraiser; \$4

6:30-10:30 Movie Night  
@ St. Francis School

## Shelter in Place

Yesterday a "Shelter in Place" was issued to Saint Francis Solano School by the Sonoma Police Department. At 12:15 P.M. the school was notified that students should remain indoors as a precautionary measure due to a gas leak that was occurring several blocks away. The "Shelter in Place" was lifted at 1:15 P.M. The students and staff did a wonderful job following directions. Your child's safety is very important to us. I am thankful for everyone's cooperation!

God Bless!  
Debbie Picard

## Back-to-School Night September 8

Our dedicated teachers have prepared informative outlines of classroom activities, curricula, and student expectations to be handed out when they meet with parents in the classrooms. Time schedule is as follows:

5:30-6:00 – Parents of kindergarten - fourth grade meet teachers in classrooms  
6:05-6:20 – All parents and teachers meet in Father Roberts Hall  
6:25-7:45 – Parents of fifth – eighth grade meet teachers in classrooms

Welcome back everyone! We're off to a great school year!

## Fundraising Brainstorming Meeting

All parents are invited to join us for a "Fundraising Brainstorming" session on September 19th at 6:30 in the school library. Several parents have come forth with fantastic new ideas to raise the money needed to meet the Parents' Club stipend. Seems like two or three smaller fundraisers may be the way to go. If the idea of chairing a Gala is too daunting, and you'd like to listen to or contribute some fundraising ideas, come join us September 19th!

## Box Tops for Education

Save the box top coupons and labels on food packages marked with **Box Tops for Education** and **Labels for Education** and deposit them in the receptacle located in the school office. The redemption value to the school is as much as 10¢ per coupon that we apply towards equipment for the school. Thank you, **Christine Vides** and **Kari Pecha** for collecting and processing these valuable coupons and labels.

## School's Website

Be sure to visit the school's website on a regular basis, especially the school calendar. The information is updated nearly daily. [www.saintfrancissolano.org](http://www.saintfrancissolano.org). In addition to the school calendar, you have access to the Parent/Student Handbook, teachers' email addresses, students and classroom accomplishments, weekly newsletters and flyers, photos of school events, etc.

## **School Carnival Friday, September 16 at 5:00 P.M.**

The carnival is coming, the carnival is coming.... We're all looking forward to celebrating the start of another great school year. Parents are responsible for supervision of their child/children during the carnival. No student is to be dropped off.

Tickets available are:

\$15 – includes: Hot dog, chips, drink, rock climbing wall, tricycle races, sports complex, and that HUGE slide!

\$12 – includes: Dad's Club tri tip, Caesar salad, corn and a roll.

### **eSCRIP Renewal**

All our school families, faculty and staff members should be registered with eSCRIP, which we greatly appreciate. Everyone needs to renew his/her Safeway eSCRIP by November 1. It's very simple to renew. Either go to our school's website at [www.saintfrancissolano.org](http://www.saintfrancissolano.org) and click on the eSCRIP link or to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). Click on "Renew Your Commitment to Safeway Stores" located in the lower left hand side of the page.

There are a few unidentified contributors to the Scrip program. Please call the school office to report which families should receive credit for purchases made by the following people:

Bouey, Charles; Celio, Jan; Madigan, Lynn; Matthews, Ligia; Mcleskey-Dolata; Pitti, Kathleen; Proctor, Doreen; Regan, Kathleen; Velazquez, Isele; Woods, Jeanette.

### **Asbestos Inspection**

The periodic asbestos inspection of our school reports all is well.

### **Fingerprinting for Volunteers**

Anyone planning to volunteer at school needs to have his/her fingerprints taken and cleared. A mobile finger print company will be at school on Thursday, September 22 from 5:00-7:00 P.M. Appointments are being scheduled in the school office for anyone wishing to participate. Please call 996-4994. We need at least 25 people in order to hold this fingerprint session.

### **Golf Tournament**

Calling all golfers..... The 16<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament will take place on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at Eagle Vines Golf Club in Napa. Please download the flyer and registration form to sign up yourself and/or your foursome.

This is a very popular tournament and is limited to 100 entries; so don't delay in turning in your reservation form. All proceeds benefit the St. Francis Solano School Athletic Department.

## **Movie Night Under the Stars at St. Francis Solano School**

Now that you all have Movie Night marked on your calendars, it's time to vote for the movie to be shown.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules  
Despicable Me  
The Tooth Fairy  
Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian

Be sure to download the attached flyer/ballot and cast your vote no later than September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Dad's Club Italian Dinner**

Our dads are eagerly organizing and preparing for another fun dinner. You don't want to miss out on all the fun. **Tickets go on sale Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. Get your tickets early...THIS WILL SELL OUT!** Be sure to download the flyer posted on the school's website under the newsletter for details.

### **High School Information Night For 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Eighth graders and their parents are invited to a high school information evening on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the eighth grade classroom. There will be representatives from Justin-Siena, St. Vincent, Cardinal Newman, Sonoma Valley Academy and Sonoma Valley High School ready to present information and answers.

