

Mission Statement

*At St. John of God Catholic School, we foster a
faith-filled
Christian community in which we develop the
whole person: body, mind and spirit.*

January 2011

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2	3 School Resumes Decathlon : 3:05—4:00 p.m. Peer Tutoring: 3:05—4:00 p.m.	4 PE: K-8 Drama Practice: 4:15—5:30 p.m. Probation Notices go home	5 50 Cans/Bottles =Free Dress 12:15 pm Dismissal Faculty Meeting: 1:00 p.m.	6 Choir Rehearsal: 2:45—3:15 p.m. Drama Practice: 4:15—5:30 p.m. Mandatory Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. (LH)	7 Liturgy Gr. 4 Leads 11:00 a.m. (CH) After School Sales (Decathlon) Room Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m. (LIB) Talent Show Practice 3:05—4:00 p.m. (LH)	8
9	10 Shop 4 School's Night Fresh N Easy 4:00 p.m. Decathlon : 3:05—4:00 p.m. Peer Tutoring: 3:05—4:00 p.m.	11 PE: K-8 Drama Practice: 4:15—5:30 p.m.	12	13 Choir Rehearsal: 2:45—3:15 p.m. Drama Practice: 4:15—5:30 p.m.	14 Emergency Drill: 1:40 p.m. After School Sales (Drama) Talent Show Practice 3:05-4:00 p.m. (LH)	15
16	17 No School Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	18 PE: K-8 Drama Practice: 4:15—5:30 p.m. S & B Forms go home	19 Food for the Poor = Free Dress 12:15 p.m. Dismissal Faculty Meeting: 1:00 p.m.	20 Choir Rehearsal: 2:45—3:15 p.m. Drama Practice: 4:15—5:30 p.m. Sports Gathering: 6:30—8:00 p.m.	21 After School Sales (S/C) Talent Show Practice 3:05-4:00 p.m. (LH)	22
23	24 Decathlon : 3:05—4:00 p.m. Peer Tutoring: 3:05—4:00 p.m.	25 PE: K-8 Drama Practice: 4:15—5:30 p.m.	26 Second Quarter Ends	27 Choir Rehearsal: 2:45—3:15 p.m. Drama Practice: 4:15—5:30 p.m. S & B Forms Due	28 After School Sales (CYO) Talent Show Practice 3:05-4:00 p.m. (LH)	29 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest: 1:30-4:00 p.m. (Parking Lot)
30 Catholic Schools Week Begins: 9:30 a.m. Mass Pre-K & K Lead Coffee & Donuts—Gr. 8 Social Studies Fair (LH) Book Fair (Lib)	31 Grandparent's Day 12:00 noon—1:30 p.m. Decathlon : 3:05—4:00 p.m. Peer Tutoring: 3:05—4:00 p.m.					

Revised Calendar: January 4, 2011



January 6, 2011



6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. in the
Large Hall

Presenters: Alma Contreras
Valerie Mendoza

Mandatory Parent Meeting

VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Training for Adults

This two hour training is required for all members of the school and parish.

A certificate will be handed to you at the end of the evening.
(Good for 4 years)

Both Parents are strongly recommended to attend.

Two service hours for one parent.

Four service hours for two parents.

Be sure to sign in at the beginning of the meeting.

Children may not attend this meeting. Night Time Care will be available for parents with children, ages 4 and up. Please use the form attached for Night Time Care.

Topics:

Child Sexual Abuse
Megan's Law
Sexting
Bullying
Cyber Bullying
Teen Suicide



St. John of God School



Mandatory Parent Meeting

Thursday, January 6, 2011

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Large Hall

Night Time Care will be available for parents with children, ages 4 and up. *(Must be toilet trained)* Our qualified Day Care Staff will supervise. The children will be treated to a video, popcorn and drink. If you would like to have your child/ren attend the Night Time Care, please return the bottom portion of this letter along with \$5.00 per family to the school office by:

Thursday, January 6, 2011, 8:00 a.m.

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Night Time Care: Mandatory Parent Meeting

Yes, please sign my children up to attend the Night Time Care.

Enclosed is the \$5.00 per family fee. *(Checks may be made payable to: St. John of God School)*

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Date: _____

(Please Print)

(A fee of \$7.00 per family will be charged at the door.)

ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2011



A New Year Prayer (Taken from Catholic Culture, Trinity Communications)

Let us praise the Lord of days and seasons and years, saying: Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth!

Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years, for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets. We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.

Listen to the words of the book of Genesis (Genesis 1:14-19):

God said: "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night. Let them mark the fixed times, the days and the years, and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth." And so it happened: God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night; and he made the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.

Let us now pray for God's blessing in the new year.

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray for peace.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

—St. Francis of Assisi

HAPPY NEW YEAR

On behalf of all of us here at St. John of God we would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every school family a joyful and prosperous new year. May 2011 bring you many blessings and lasting peace.



Don't Miss

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING

Our second required Mandatory Parent Meeting of the school year will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2011, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Large Hall. (Please note that the January calendar shows the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. which is the incorrect time. Sorry.) Plan to attend this VIRTUS training for Adults required of all members of the school and parish. A certificate will be handed to you at the end of the evening, which will be good for four years. (See the flyer attached to the January calendar to reserve a space in Night Time Care for your child/ren.)

SPORTS GATHERING FOR GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL AND BOYS' FOOTBALL PLAYERS

All Girls' Volleyball players and Boys' Football players of last season are invited, along with their families, to the Sports Gathering being held on January 20th in the Large Hall. Besides trophies for every player, there will be special awards given to those whom coaches and players found to be deserving of special recognition. The night begins at 6:30 p.m. We will be serving pizza and refreshments so; "be there or be square!"



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST



Students' ages 10 through 14 may participate in the free throw contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Saturday the 29th of January. It will be held in our parking lot between the hours of 1:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. More information will follow shortly with more details.

FRESH N EASY SHOP for SCHOOL'S NIGHT



We will have our Shop for St. John of God School night at the Norwalk Fresh & Easy store on Monday, January 10th starting at 4:00 p.m.! If you are looking for service hours, please contact the school office so we can forward your name to Mark Luna. We need volunteers to collect receipts and hold banners to attract people to this fundraiser. Thank you for your support!

TALENT SHOW PRACTICE



The evening of February 24th, our annual Talent Show will be held in the Large Hall. We are asking all students interested in performing to begin planning their routines now. All acts, whether individual or group will need written permission from a parent and must be approved by Ms. Pekarcik. There will be an informational meeting for the Talent Show on Friday, January 7, from 3:05 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Students will be given guidelines and permission slips at that time.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK



Catholic Schools' Week will be observed the week of January 30 – February 5, 2011. We invite you to participate in our week long observance. This year's theme is:

"Catholic Schools are A+ for America"

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2011 celebrates the fact that Catholic schools are an added value ("a plus") for the nation. Because of their traditionally high academic standards and high graduation rates, all supported by strong moral values, Catholic schools and their graduates make a definite contribution to American society.

Here are some of the main events so you can mark your calendars:

- Sunday, January 30, 2011:**
 Parish/School Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.
 Coffee and Donuts Hosted by Grade 8 Parents
 Book Fair
 Social Studies Fair

- Monday, January 31, 2011:**
 Grandparents' Day: 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.
Note: This is not an early dismissal.

- Tuesday, February 1, 2011:**
 Parents' Day: 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.
 Free: Day Care/Video & Snack: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Note: Parents may sign child/ren out of classroom at 1:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, February 2, 2011:**
 Faculty/Staff Day: Lunch at 12:30 p.m. (Provided by Room Parents)
Note: Early Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.

- Thursday, February 3, 2011:**
 Student Day – Special Activities for students
Note: This is not an early dismissal

- Friday, February 4, 2011:**
 First Friday Liturgy: 11:00 a.m.
 Special Activities for students
Note: This is not an early dismissal



ACE AWARD

Congratulations to the students who earned the ACE Award (Attendance, Conduct and Effort), for the month of November. Keep up the good work!

Pre-K

George Calderon
Luis Flores
Andre Hernandez
Eric Lopez
Emily Phan

Kindergarten

Maegan Bautista
Michael Belo
Monique Cardona
Anaisa Castillo
Adrian Curiel
Mitzi Duarte
Jonathan Garcia
Miguel Guerrero
Noah Haydon
Jared Landeros
Adrian Linares
Roj Manalo
Summer Rodriguez
Miranda Williamson

Grade 1

Sophia Da Cruz Rodriguez
Anthony De La Torre
Juliana Diaz
Sarah Gutierrez
Paris Hipolito
Ashley Obeso
Jayson Pascual
Elizabeth Preciado
Crystal Ramirez
Andrew-Joshua Rodriguez
Joan Viola
Loreinice Zilabbo

Grade 2

Kassidy Alabanza
Jasmine Bui
Samantha Davalos
Amanda Derleth
Max Fernandez
Mia Jimenez
Aaron Lopez
Melissa Manalo
Izabela Mancera
Alyssa Santos
Jacob Viola

Grade 3

Andrea Bailey
Charlie Du
Kylie Guzman
Jamie Hurtado
Andrea Mendez
Alex Munoz

Grade 4

Maureen Bautista
Jessica Bui
Patrick O'Brien
Laura Sarmiento
Christopher Swanson
Thomas Toledo
Jarell Velasco
Jeanine Viola

Grade 5

Eric Avalos
Samantha Barrios
Jennae De Guzman
Kevin Du
Alexis Fabricio
Britney Gomez
Juan Gonzalez
Trigg Mancera
Beda Regalado
Nina Rhodes
Philip Tafoya

Grade 6

Sebastian Anaya
William Bautista
Dana Berroya
Elizabeth Chabot
Matthew Duran
Daniel Hall
Diego Herrera
David Munoz
Anthony Oropeza
Josephine Riese
Rebecca Rodriguez
Kevin Salanguit
Joshua Sales
Analyssa Swanson
Alyssa Vieyra
Patrick Vinas

Grade 7

Matthew Borlongan
Daniel Guevarra
Marissa Hernandez
Dana Manalo
Liana Perry
Janella Velasco
Joshua Viola
Annalise Wintz

Grade 8

Luis Anaya
Mark Bautista
Jazmin Bueno
Nathan Duran
Crystal Gomez
Mariano Gomez
Diana Gonzalez
Steven Hall

Ricki-Lou Langcay
Katherine Le
Don Manalo
Roman Martinez
Laura Rodriguez
Arturo Sierra
Janessa Velasco
Timothy Wong



HANDWRITING AWARD



Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by their teacher as earning the Handwriting Award for the month of November.

Pre-K

Andre Hernandez

Kindergarten

Miranda Williamson

Grade 1

Danielle Trujillo

Grade 2

Izabela Mancera

Grade 3

Andrea Bailey

Grade 4

Thomas Toledo

Grade 5

Jennae De Guzman

Grade 6

Daniel Hall

Grade 7

Joshua Viola

Grade 8

Rebecca Munoz

HONOR ROLL: 1st QUARTER

An error was made in the December Newsletter under Honor Roll. We apologize for the mistake. This is to set the records straight.

Grade 6

Daniel Hall (not David)

Grade 8 (listed with Grade 7 in error)

Katherine Le
Laura Rodriguez
Janessa Velasco
Timothy Wong
Lauren Yotsov

BOOKMARK CONTEST WINNERS!



Norwalk Regional Library's 31st Annual Children's Bookmark Contest announced that seven out of nine winners in the K-8 categories came from St. John of God School! The first place winners were presented at the December 21, 2010, Norwalk City Council Meeting AND their designs will be entered into a regional contest. Congratulations, we are so proud of you!

Grades K - 2

1st place:

Andrew-Joshua Rodriguez, Gr. 1

2nd place:

Melissa Janelle Manalo, Gr. 2

3rd place:

Amanda Derleth, Gr. 2

Grades 3 - 5

2nd place:

Kathleen N. Pinto, Gr. 3

Grades 6 - 8

1st place:

Ricki-Lou Langcay, Gr. 8

2nd place:

Don Manalo, Gr. 8

3rd place:

Maria Rebolledo, Gr. 6

CHRISTMAS VIP SEATING AND PARKING WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of our Christmas Program VIP Seating and Parking! We appreciate all of our school families who purchased raffle tickets. All proceeds from this raffle helped St. John of God School give our Faculty and Staff a "Christmas Bonus."

THANK YOU!

There are four envelope packets that have not yet been turned in to the school office. If you have one at home, please send it in so we can use them again next year.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION



New student registration for the 2011-2012 school year will take place on Sunday, February 13, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Small Hall. If you know anyone who is interested in his or her child/ren receiving a Catholic education, please make them aware. For more information, they may call the school office at 562-863-5721 Ext. 228.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Family envelopes are to be signed and returned to the school to avoid the non-return fee of \$10.00.
- Please check the school calendar regularly. Especially for due dates and 12:15 p.m. dismissals.
- Lunch order forms are due on the date specified at the bottom of each form. If your child is absent on the day they are handed out in the classroom, it is their responsibility to ask the teacher for a copy when they return. You can also find the order forms on our website: sjogschool.com.

SCRIP NEWS...TARGET IS NOW AVAILABLE!

You can now purchase Target SCRIP in denominations of \$25 or \$100. There is a 2% profit with this vendor.

SERVICE HOUR, FUNDRAISING AND SCRIP REQUIREMENT FEES

Included in your family envelope are statements for the above requirements. If you did not receive a statement, you do not owe any fees! Please keep in mind that these fees are past due and payment is due now. Thank you for your service and support.

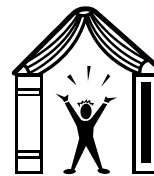
LOOKING AHEAD



Catholic Schools Week, Parents' Day:	Tuesday, February 1, 2011
1:30 p.m. Dismissal:	Tuesday, February 1, 2011
Drama Practice: 4:15 – 5:30 p.m.:	Tuesday, February 1, 2011
50 Cans/Bottles = Homework Pass:	Wednesday, February 2, 2011
Catholic Schools Week, Faculty/Staff Day:	Wednesday, February 2, 2011
12:15 p.m. Dismissal:	Wednesday, February 2, 2011
Faculty/Staff Lunch: 12:30 p.m.:	Wednesday, February 2, 2011
Catholic Schools Week, Students Day:	Thursday, February 3, 2011
Choir Rehearsal: 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.:	Thursday, February 3, 2011
Drama Practice: 4:15 – 5:30 p.m.:	Thursday, February 3, 2011
Catholic Schools Week, First Friday Liturgy:	Friday, February 4, 2011
After School Sales: Decathlon:	Friday, February 4, 2011
Talent Show Practice: 3:05 – 4:00 p.m.:	Friday, February 4, 2011
Decathlon Practice: 3:05 – 4:00 p.m.:	Monday, February 7, 2011
Peer Tutoring: 3:05 – 4:00 p.m.:	Monday, February 7, 2011
Emergency Drill: 10:50 a.m.:	Tuesday, February 8, 2011
Drama Practice: 4:15 – 5:30 p.m.:	Tuesday, February 8, 2011
Individual Graduation Pictures: Grade 8: 8:20 a.m.(LH):	Wednesday, February 9, 2011
Extracurricular Activities Pictures: 9:30 a.m.:	Wednesday, February 9, 2011
Field Trip Gr.1-4: Cerritos Performing Arts: 10:30 a.m.:	Wednesday, February 9, 2011
Choir Rehearsal: 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.:	Thursday, February 10, 2011
Drama Practice: 4:15 – 5:30 p.m.:	Thursday, February 10, 2011
Uniformity: 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. (LH):	Thursday, February 10, 2011
Baby Bottle Kickoff:	Friday, February 11, 2011
After School Sales: (Drama):	Friday, February 11, 2011
Talent Show Practice: 3:05 – 4:00 p.m.:	Friday, February 11, 2011
Coffee & Donuts: Hosted by Kindergarten Parents:	Sunday, February 13, 2011
New Student Registration: 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. (SH):	Sunday, February 13, 2011
Decathlon Practice: 3:05 – 4:00 p.m.:	Monday, February 14, 2011
Peer Tutoring: 3:05 – 4:00 p.m.:	Monday, February 14, 2011
Drama Practice: 4:15 – 5:30 p.m.:	Tuesday, February 15, 2011
S & B Lunch forms go home:	Tuesday, February 15, 2011
Food for the Poor = Free Dress:	Wednesday, February 16, 2011
12:15 Dismissal:	Wednesday, February 16, 2011
Faculty Meeting: 1:00 p.m.:	Wednesday, February 16, 2011
Choir Rehearsal: 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.:	Thursday, February 17, 2011
Drama Practice: 4:15 – 5:30 p.m.:	Thursday, February 17, 2011
Parent Sacrament Meeting: Gr. 2: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Lib):	Thursday, February 17, 2011
After School Sales: (Drama):	Friday, February 18, 2011
Talent Show Practice: 3:05 – 4:00 p.m.:	Friday, February 18, 2011
First Reconciliation: Gr. 2: 9:00 a.m. (CH):	Saturday, February 19, 2011
NO SCHOOL: Presidents' Day:	Monday, February 21, 2011
Drama Practice: 4:15 – 5:30 p.m.:	Tuesday, February 22, 2011
Last Day of Baby Bottle collection:	Wednesday, February 23, 2011
Field Trip Gr. 6-8: Cerritos Performing Arts: 8:30 a.m.:	Thursday, February 24, 2011
S & B Lunch Forms due:	Thursday, February 24, 2011
Choir Rehearsal: 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.:	Thursday, February 24, 2011
Drama Practice: 4:15 – 5:30 p.m.:	Thursday, February 24, 2011
Talent Show: 7:00 p.m. (LH):	Thursday, February 24, 2011
After School Sales: (CYO):	Friday, February 25, 2011
New Student Testing: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. (RMS):	Saturday, February 26, 2011
Decathlon Practice: 3:05 – 4:00 p.m.:	Monday, February 28, 2011
Peer Tutoring: 3:05 – 4:00 p.m.:	Monday, February 28, 2011
Fundraising Quota # 3 due:	Monday, February 28, 2011

St. John of God School¹ Scholastic Book Fair

(School Library)



Sunday, January 30, 2011

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Monday, January 31, 2011

(walk through for students in the morning)

12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 1, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 2, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Thursday, February 3, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon & 3:00 p.m.

Friday, February 4, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon & 3:00 p.m.

*Please include enough money to cover tax. If your child must bring loose change please place it in zip lock bags.

Parents are needed to help Mrs. Sandoval with Book Fair Sales. Please fill out the bottom portion of this flyer and return to the school office as soon as possible as chosen times to work are given on a first come-first served basis.

St. John of God School Scholastic Book Fair

_____ Yes, I would like to earn Service Hours by volunteering to work at the Book Fair.
Please sign me up to work the following:

_____ Sunday, January 30, 2011: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

_____ Monday, January 31, 2011: **12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.***

_____ Tuesday, February 1, 2011: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

_____ **12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.***

_____ Wednesday, February 2, 2011: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

_____ Thursday, February 3, 2011: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

_____ 3:00 p.m. (after school)

_____ Friday, February 4, 2011: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

_____ 3:00 p.m. (after school)

***Double Service Hours offered here.**

Name: _____

Oldest/Only Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

SCRIP VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET

Please indicate the days and time you are available.

Friday Afternoon Sales

____ **Friday – January 7, from 2:30pm to 3:15pm**

____ **Friday – January 14, from 2:30pm to 3:15pm**

____ **Friday – January 21, from 2:30pm to 3:15pm**

____ **Friday – January 28, from 2:30pm to 3:15pm**

____ **Friday – February 4, from 2:30pm to 3:15pm**

Sunday After All Morning Masses

____ **Sunday – January 9, from 7:15am to 12:30pm**

____ **Sunday – January 16, from 7:15am to 12:30pm**

____ **Sunday – January 23, from 7:15am to 12:30pm**

____ **Sunday – January 30, from 7:15am to 12:30pm**

____ **Sunday – February 6, from 7:15am to 12:30pm**

If you can not work from 7:15am to 12:30pm but can work a few hours please indicate the date and time here and fill out the information below

Name _____ **Phone** _____

Email _____

Your child's name and grade _____

Please fill out this form and return it to the school office.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

****SCHOOL UNIFORMITY****

2109 W. WHITTIER BLVD.

MONTEBELLO, CA 90640

WILL BE AT

ST. JOHN OF GOD

ON

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 10TH

3:00PM - 4:00PM

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!!

(323) 726-0882 (323) 726-0933 FAX

Ms. Pekarich 1/28/10