


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.*

November 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Feast of All Saints Liturgy: 9:00 a.m. Gr.5 (CH) Formal Uniform WFC Candy Distributed Drama Practice: 3:05 — 4:15 p.m. Scrip Sales	2 50 Cans/Bottles= Free Dress 12:15 p.m. Dismissal Faculty Meeting 1:00 p.m. Scrip Sales	3 Choir Practice: 2:45-3:15 p.m. Drama Practice 3:05 - 4:15 p.m. Bartolo Make-Up Picture Day 1:15 p.m. (LH)	4 Liturgy: 11:00 a.m.: Gr. 4 (CH) After School Sales-SC Uniformity 3:00—4:00 p.m. (LH) Scrip Sales	5 Don't forget to set your clocks back tonight! (Fall Back)
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends Christmas Boutique 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. (LH) Red Cross Blood Drive 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-Ups (SH)/Scrip Sales	7 Decathlon: 3:05-4:00 p.m.	8 Election Day PE Drama Practice: 3:05 - 4:15 p.m. Scrip Sales Memorial Mass: 7:00 p.m. (CH)	9 Student Council Meeting:: 12:15—1:00 p.m. (RR) Scrip Sales	10 Choir Practice: 2:45-3:15 p.m. Drama Practice 3:05 - 4:15 p.m.	11 VETERANS' DAY NO SCHOOL Scrip Sales	12
13 Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-Ups (SH) Scrip Sales after Morning Masses	14 Decathlon: 3:05-4:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Basket Donation Drive Begins	15 PE Drama Practice: 3:05 - 4:15 p.m. Scrip Sales	16 Food for the Poor = Free Dress 12:15 p.m. Dismissal Faculty Meeting: 1:00 p.m. (Lib) Scrip Sales	17 Choir Practice: 2:45-3:15 p.m. Drama Practice 3:05 - 4:15 p.m. Thanksgiving Basket Donation Drive Ends	18 Parent-Teacher Conferences 7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. (LH) NO SCHOOL Scrip Sales	19
20 School Liturgy Gr. 2 & 6: 11:00 a.m. (CH) Gr 5 Coffee & Donuts (SH) Scrip Sales after Morning Masses	21 Emergency Drill: 9:50 a.m. Decathlon: 3:05-4:00 p.m. First Day Peer Tutoring 3:05 -4:00 p.m. S & B Forms go home	22 PE Drama Practice:3:05 - 4:15 p.m. Scrip Sales	23 Thanksgiving Prayer Service 11:00 a.m. (CH) 12:15 p.m. Dismissal Scrip Sales until 12:30 p.m.	24 THANKSGIVING DAY NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Mass: 10:30 a.m. (CH)	25 NO SCHOOL	26
27 First Day of Advent New Translation Begins	28 Decathlon: 3:05-4:00 p.m. Peer Tutoring: 3:05 -4:00 p.m.	29 PE Drama Practice: 3:05 - 4:15 p.m. Scrip Sales S & B Forms due	30 WFC Candy Money Due Scrip Sales			



Happy Thanksgiving





ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2011



THANKSGIVING

O God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,
help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home,
help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering,
help me to destroy my complacency;
Bestir my compassion,
and be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed,
those who cry out for what we take for granted.
Amen.

A Thanksgiving Prayer by Samuel F. Pugh

As a school parish community, we would like to take this time to thank...Our clergy for their spiritual guidance and availability...Our parents, past and present, for their continued help and support...Our dedicated Faculty and Staff for their commitment to Catholic education...Our students who are the heart of our school, and who make it all worthwhile.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES



Parent-teacher conferences present an excellent opportunity to find out how your child is progressing and adjusting to the challenges of the new year. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, November 18, 2011, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Large Hall. The conference sign-up sheets will be in the Small Hall beginning, Sunday, November 6. If you have not signed up by Sunday, November 13, you will be assigned a ten-minute time slot. Parents of students in grades 6, 7 & 8 should sign up with their homeroom teacher only. All other appointments with non-homeroom teachers are optional and will be scheduled through the office since space is limited. We will do our best to accommodate you. We look forward to seeing you on Friday, November 18th.

Here are some general tips on how to have a successful conference:

- ✦ Ask your child if there is anything that he/she would like you to discuss with the teacher.
- ✦ Jot down everything that you want to talk about at the conference.
- ✦ Arrive promptly or a few minutes early.
- ✦ Be open-minded to suggestions from the teacher.
- ✦ Take notes about what has been discussed to share with your child.



CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

The Christmas Boutique committee is in full swing and vendors have registered. It is very important for it to be known that this Christmas Boutique, Sunday, November 6th, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., is expected to be a huge community event. There will an opportunity to take a picture with Santa, a pancake and sausage breakfast hosted by CYO Sports, a hot dog combo lunch hosted by Drama and home-made baked goods from our very own parents, grandparents and friends of SJOG School. Please keep in mind that this event offers opportunity to volunteer in the kitchen, at the baked goods booth. We will also need help after the event between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to clean up. If you would like to donate items for the baked goods booth, call Lourdes Chavez at 714-366-4121 or email her at: smcsc@yahoo.com. See the flyer attached for a list of vendors and save the date. You won't want to miss it!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

St. John of God Church is hosting a Blood Drive on Sunday, November 6th, at the same time our Christmas Boutique is being held. Call the Parish Office at 562-863-5721 or sign up after Mass for your appointment, or log onto www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: saintjohn. Identification is required. The Bloodmobile Buses will be in the parking lot.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Our VIRTUS administrator is looking for volunteers who would like to become more involved with the VIRTUS Program. If you have would like to find out more about how you can help, please contact Mrs. Hunley in the school office.



St. John of God Parish School

Presents...

Christmas Boutique

Send out Cards

Posh tots Bowtique

Eco-Chic tote bags

Christmas Decor

Mary Kay Cosmetics

Season of lights

Gifts for the Holidays

Avon Products

Bling it Home

Scentsy

Beauty Teas & Hairbows

It's a sticky Business

Pampered Chef

Herbalife

Seacret & Serenigy

Maria's Hand Knitted

Creations

And many more.....



**Sunday, November 6
St. John of God large hall
8:00 am-2:00 pm
13817 S. Pioneer Blvd.
Norwalk, Ca 90650**

**Come shop from these fabulous
companies and independent businesses!**

**Food-Raffle Prizes-Great Shopping &
Pictures with Santa**



For more information or interested in participating, please call
Mrs. Hunley (562-863-5721 x 228) or Lourdes Chavez (714-366-4121)
e-mail: smcsc@yahoo.com.

A.C.E. AWARD

Congratulations to the following students who received the A.C.E. Award for the month of September:

Pre –K

Omar Barquero
Oscar Gomez
Christian Gonzalez
Sophia Gonzalez
Nathann Gutierrez
Kaylen Phan
Savanna Ramirez
Sofia Rangel
Amelia Reyes
Nathan Sandoval

Kindergarten

Laura Balagot
Michael Davalos
Max Joshua Fernandez
Eric Lopez
Janis Lopez
Emily Phan
Natalie Ruiz

Grade 1

Joshua Alabanza
Monique Cardona
Keana Espina
Jonathan Garcia
Noah Haydon
Jared Landeros
Adrian Linares
Roj Manalo
Aidan Montemayor
Anthony Perkins
Alyssa Reyes
Ricardo Rodriguez
Summer Rodriguez

Grade 2

Janneel Alvarado
Joseph Bautista
Juanandres Camacho
Juandiego Camacho
Juliana Diaz
Sophia Da Cruz-Rodriguez
Arlene Garcia
Dyana Garcia
Sarah Gutierrez
Paris Hipolito
Ashley Obeso
Jayson Pascual
Andrew-Joshua Rodriguez
Mia Rodriguez
Danielle Trujillo
Joan Viola
Loreinice Zilabbo

Grade 3

Kassidy Alabanza
Jasmine Bui
Patrice Dalipe
Justin Enriquez
Celeste Gomez
Jacqueline Lopez
Amaya Mendoza
Christian Real
Alyssa Santos
Ariana Vieyra
Jacob Viola

Grade 4

Caterina Almeida
Andrea Bailey
Niki Bautista
Charlie Du
Kylie Guzman
Jaime Hurtado
Alexandra Muñoz
William Park
Jillian Pascual
Simone Sandoval



Grade 5

Dianne Berroya
Jessica Bui
Brandon Gutierrez
Sebastian Jimenez
Patrick O'Brien
Jacob Retana
Glenn Reyes
Laura Sarmiento
Christopher Swanson
Miranda Trejo
Jeanine Viola

Grade 6

Amanda Almeida
Kevin Du
Britney Gomez
Brianna Hernandez
Skye Jimenez
Beda Regalado
Nina Rhodes
Matthew Rodriguez
Bella Sandoval
Philip Tafoya

Grade 7

William Bautista
Dana Berroya
Isabella Luna
David Muñoz
Rebecca Rodriguez
Joshua Sales
Analyssa Swanson
Alyssa Vieyra
Patrick Vinas

Grade 8

Matthew Borlongan
Daniel Guevarra
Marissa Hernandez
Andrea Pastores
Liana Perry
Cristina Sarmiento
Joshua Viola



HANDWRITING AWARD

The following students earned the Handwriting Award for the month of September. Good job!

Pre-K

Christian Gonzalez

Kindergarten

Isis Mancera

Grade 1

Jasmine Reyes

Grade 2

Sophia Da Cruz Rodriguez

Grade 3

Kassidy Alabanza

Grade 4

Charlie Du

Grade 5

Jeanine Viola

Grade 6

Julia Hernandez

Grade 7

Elizabeth Chabot

Grade 8

Ariel Toledo



SAFETY

To ensure traffic safety, as adults, we must always be cautious, especially in areas where children naturally congregate – like schools. Here's a tip to make sure that you are not rushing each morning to get your child/ren to school: set your clocks ahead by five minutes. This may help you to get your child to school safely and on time.

Safe Drop off Rules

- Always follow the signs.
- Watch for Pedestrians at ALL areas
- Please drive no faster than 5 mph.
- Always drop off at drop off zones.
- Do not drop off at intersection (entry).
- Encourage students to exit on right side of vehicle.
- Never try to pass on the left side of vehicle in coned drop off zone.
- Please be courteous and pull as far forward as possible.
- Watch for cars entering and exiting Staff area.
- Please do not hurry.



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS



Thank you to all who participated in this school year's first fundraiser by QSP. We made a profit of \$3,500! Our top seller was Ricardo Rodriguez, Grade 1, who sold 104 items, \$1,160.00 of product!

The World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser will kick off Tuesday, November 1st. Look for the flyer that was sent home last week, or use the one attached here in our newsletter, to order boxes of chocolate bars. Boxes ordered will be distributed on Tuesday, November 1st, just in time to sell over the Thanksgiving holiday. You may check out additional cases of chocolate anytime during the sale as long as you have turned in the money for all of the original cases your requested.

ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL

DEAR CHARGER PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

Again this year **St. John of God School** will be selling delicious **WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE** candy bars. The high quality and excellent reputation of **WORLD'S FINEST**, along with your great support will make this one of our most successful sales ever. We will be selling the **four product Variety Pack and the Kid's Pack** with gummy bears featuring great products from World's Finest Chocolate.

Each case has 50 of the \$1.00 bars. Each case of 50 sold earns \$25 credit toward your fundraising quota 2 requirement.

OUR CANDY SALE KICK-OFF HAS BEGUN!!
Please return this form ASAP
Candy is now available

SALES IDEAS: Sell in your own neighborhood, to family members, relatives, at church, etc. Parents can really help by taking chocolate to work and to social functions not normally available to students. Just have it available at your desk or workstation and watch it sell itself!

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SEE OTHER SIDE FOR THE PRIZE LIST!!

NOTE: IF YOU WANT MORE THAN ONE CHILD TO RECEIVE CREDIT AND PRIZES, PLEASE RETURN A REQUEST FORM FOR EACH STUDENT. OTHERWISE ALL THE CREDIT AND PRIZES WILL GO TO THE STUDENT WHO RETURNED THE REQUEST FORM.

Yes, our family would like to support the school chocolate sale. **Send in ENTIRE FORM (do not clip)**

Please send home _____ cases of kids pack (gummy bears, bars and raisins)

and/or _____ cases of variety bars.

Student name _____ Grade _____

Teacher name _____

Parent signature _____ Best Contact Tel. #: _____

You may check out additional cases of chocolate anytime during the sale as long as you have turned in the money for all of the original cases you requested.

Please remember: Chocolate (opened and unopened boxes) can not be returned.

CHECK OUT ALL THE GREAT PRIZES YOU CAN WIN!

HELP ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL
AND WIN LOTS OF GREAT PRIZES

PRIZES
ACCUMULATE
THE MORE
YOU SELL THE
MORE YOU
WIN

SALE ENDS NOVEMBER 30



Prizes For Turning In Your Money By NOV 30

3 TOP SELLING ROOMS (based on %)
Pizza Party

3 CASES
ICE CREAM TREAT PLUS TICKET IN DRAWING FOR 2 KNOTT'S TICKETS



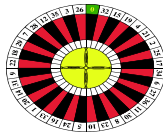
4 CASES

SCAN CARD MACHINE
WIN UP TO \$50



6 CASES

SPIN THE MONEY WHEEL



9 CASES

JUMP FOR GEORGE
ALL THE \$\$ YOU JUMP OVER
YOU GET TO KEEP



12 CASES

MONEY MACHINE
ALL THE \$\$ YOU CAN GRAB



16 CASES

2 TICKETS TO KNOTT'S

Knott's
BERRY FARM®

Top Seller

4 TICKETS TO KNOTT'S
OR \$100 (MUST SELL 16+)

Knott's
BERRY FARM®

SCRIP NEWS

Got Scrip? With the Holidays quickly approaching, we are bringing you this friendly reminder on what our Scrip Program carries. We have a big variety of Scrip available for your Thanksgiving feast! Plan ahead and order Scrip in advance!

For the Chef in you, shop:

Albertsons - available in denominations of \$25.00 & \$100.00

Stater Brothers - available in denominations of \$25.00 & \$100.00

Sam's Club/Walmart - Available in denominations \$25.00 & \$100.00

Smart & Final - available in denominations of \$25.00, \$50.00 & \$100.00

Vons - available in denominations of \$25.00 & \$100.00



Don't feel like cooking? No problem! Restaurants and markets around town are gearing up and happy to give you a hand...and a thigh, and a leg. Pre-made meals are available at participating markets/restaurants: **Albertsons, Stater Brothers, Vons, Boston Market & Honey Baked Ham.**

Got Dessert? A parade of pies are a must! Your guests will love you and your taste buds will thank you. ☺

Cheese Cake Factory - available in denominations of \$25.00

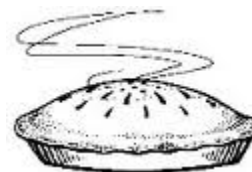
Coco's - available in denominations of \$10.00

Albertsons - available in denominations of \$25.00 & \$100.00

Stater Brothers - available in denominations of \$25.00 & \$100.00

Sam's Club/Walmart - available in denominations of \$25.00 & \$100.00

Smart & Final - available in denominations of \$25.00, \$50.00 & \$100.00



Because some things are worth the money.....You never know if your guests will show up with white gloves waiting to check every nook and cranny. Call **Merry Maids** (available in denominations of \$50.00).

Get ready for the **BIGGEST** Holiday shopping season of the year! Black Friday and Cyber Monday! We have lots of great selections on hand, but be sure to order ahead of time. Grab some morning fuel at **Dunkin' Donuts** (available in denominations of \$10.00), **Coffee Bean** (available in denominations of \$25.00), and **Starbucks** (available in denominations of \$10.00 & \$25.00). If waking up at 4 a.m. isn't your cup of tea, you'll be happy to know that you can shop online in your p.j.'s. **Amazon.com** (available in denominations of \$25.00 & \$100.00), **Target, Macy's, Sears, Kohl's, JC Penney's** & much, much more!

Scrip Reminders:

- Please refer to the school calendar for "half days" and "no school days".
- If you are planning to special order scrip in time for Thanksgiving you will need to order by November 14.
- Also, any special orders made on the 21st of November may not be delivered until after Thanksgiving.

Thank you to all our loyal SCRIP purchasers! If you need Service Hours, we are in need of SCRIP sellers for Fridays after school. We are also looking for Scrip sellers for Sunday during and after morning masses. (Please see attached Volunteer Sign-up sheet).

SPORTS COMMITTEE NEWS



Congratulations to our Varsity Teams! The Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team have placed 3rd in their division of season play and went to playoffs this last weekend at St. Matthias High School! The Boys' Varsity Football Team is also in the playoffs and placed 2nd in their division of season play. They will be going to playoffs the weekend of November 5th. Check the school website "extra-curricular activities" for more details.

The Boys' B Football Team and Girls' B Volleyball Team are currently still in season play. The CHARGER spirit shines strong and bright in our young SJOG athletes! The Boys' B Football Team play every Saturday with a team consisting of nine players, who continually play offense and defense back to back. The Girls B Volleyball Team are currently undefeated (two more games on their season schedule).

Basketball season is here and sign up sheets have been distributed to Grades 4 – 8. Parents, if your son/daughter has a uniform from last year, please, check now to see if it still fits them! If it does not, please be sure to order a new size. An order form will be sent home with your contract and other paperwork. Please be prepared for a \$40 CYO fee and a \$50 uniform fee.

Boys and girls in 4th, 5th and 6th grade wanting to play will need to try out. Basketball try outs for those grades will be announced at a later date.

We are looking for a coach for the Boys' B Basketball Team. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Mark Luna. You can get his phone number from the school office. We have a training course that is offered through the Catholic Youth Organization and we would love to have you! Obviously, it is an easy and rewarding way to earn service hours but most importantly, you will make a difference and isn't that what we are all here to do?



BARTOLO MAKE UP PICTURE DAY

Those students who did not have their picture taken in September will have the opportunity to be photographed on Thursday, November 3rd. Students are to wear their formal school uniform. Please send your student to school that day with the order form and payment envelope.



SCHOOL UNIFORMITY ON CAMPUS

For your convenience, School Uniformity will be here in the large hall on Friday, November 4th, between 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. There is a flyer attached here to your newsletter to remind you of the date. REMEMBER to purchase Uniformity scrip (7%) prior to the sale on that day before you shop. There is plenty of Scrip on hand.



GO CHARGERS !!

2011 CYO Varsity Football Playoffs

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5 10:15am

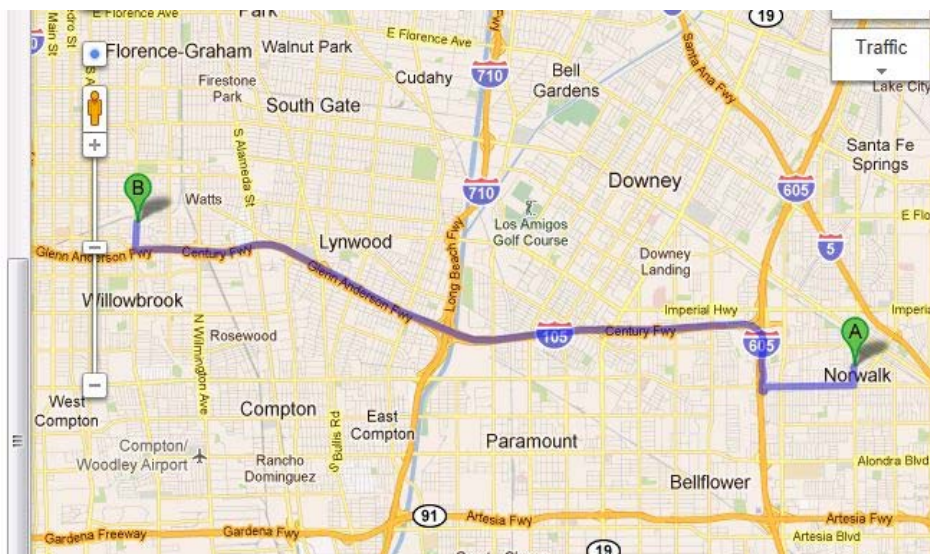
St. John of God vs Ascension
VERBUM DEI HS

11100 S Central Ave Los Angeles

Admission to CYO Playoffs is \$5 for attendees
9th grade and above.

Students and Administrators from participating schools are free. Clergy are also welcome at no cost. Please respect the facilities that are gracious enough to host the CYO playoffs.

- A** Saint John of God Catholic Church
13819 Pioneer Blvd
Norwalk, California 90650-3998
1. Head south on Pioneer Blvd toward Orange St 0.3 mi
 2. Take the 1st right onto Rosecrans Ave 1.2 mi
 3. Turn left to merge onto I-105 W 9.5 mi
 4. Take exit 9 for Central Ave 0.3 mi
 5. Turn right onto S Central Ave
Destination will be on the right 0.4 mi
- B** Verbum Dei High School
11100 S Central Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90059



FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

****SCHOOL UNIFORMITY****

2109 W. WHITTER BLVD.

MONTEBELLO, CA 90640

WILL BE AT

ST. JOHN OF GOD

ON

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4TH

3:00PM - 4:00PM

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!!

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

Ms. Pekarich 10-31-11

PARISH THANKSGIVING BASKET DONATIONS

St. John of God Parish School is once again sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Drive. We feel confident that you will be as generous as you have been in the past with your contributions.

Different items for voluntary contribution have been assigned to each grade. Remind your child that this is an exercise in self-sacrifice. If you have two, three, or more children at St. John of God School, you may wish to make a contribution as a family. **All items should be turned in to your child's classroom teacher between Monday, November 14 and Thursday, November 17, 2011.**

We wish each and every one of you a very happy Thanksgiving and deeply appreciate your part in making this special occasion a happy and festive one for others!

FOOD LIST SUGGESTIONS

Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grade 1

Cereal
Pasta
Cookie Mixes
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit
Tuna

Grade 2

Jell-O
Tomato Sauce
Pancake Mix
Oatmeal
Peanut Butter
Canned Fruit

Grade 3

Canned Juice
Rice
Soup
Pudding
Canned Milk
Mayonnaise

Grade 4

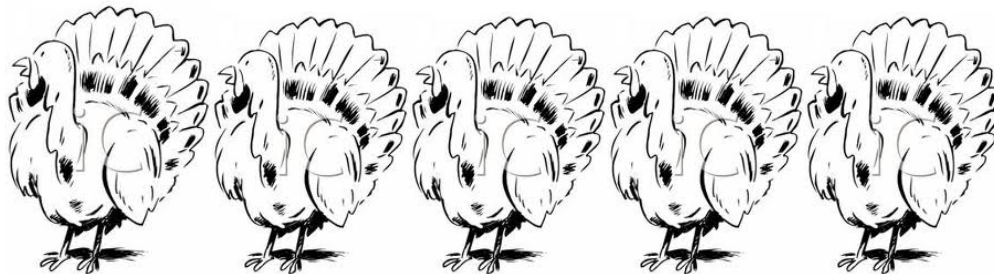
Soup
Boxed Potatoes
Cereal
Crackers
Salad Dressing
Ketchup

Grade 5

Jelly/Jams
Cake Mixes
Cranberry Sauce
Canned Vegetables
Stuffing

Grade 6, 7, & 8

\$1.00 from each student
to purchase turkeys





VIDEOGRAPHER NEEDED

Grade Eight is looking for someone to record and produce a video of the graduation mass and ceremony for our graduates. If there is an experienced school family parent or if you know of someone you can recommend, please call the school office for details. An example of video coverage produced in the past can be provided to give the videographer perspective of what the project entails. Graduation is on Friday, June 8, 2012. The produced video is paid for by the Eighth Grade class.

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITY

Student Council is looking for a parent to take the recycled cans and plastic bottles to be recycled on the first Wednesday of every month. If you can provide this service, please call the school office. This would meet your service hour requirement for the school year.



The Parish office is looking for four gentlemen who can help our Custodian, Mr. Octavio Sanchez, on Wednesday, November 2nd at 8:00 a.m. in the church. Service hours will be awarded. He needs help moving four pews so that some work can be done on the lighting. Please contact Mrs. Hunley in the school office if you can help.

Happy Thanksgiving!

SCRIP VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET

Please indicate the days and time you are available.

Friday Afternoon Sales

___ Friday, November 4, from 2:30pm to 3:15pm

___ **Thursday, November 10**, from 2:30pm to 3:15pm **(No school Friday)**

___ Friday, November 18, **All day hours available during Parent-Teacher Conferences, write down the hours you are available below.**

___ Wednesday, November 23, from 11:45pm to 12:30pm
(last day of school before Thanksgiving)

___ Friday, December 2, from 2:30pm to 3:15pm

Sunday After All Morning Masses

___ Sunday, November 6 from 7:15am to 12:30pm

___ Sunday, November 20 from 7:15am to 12:30pm

___ Sunday, December 4 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.

