

**SAINT CATHERINE'S ACADEMY
PARENT NEWS
SEPTEMBER 1, 2011**

Please read the contents in the envelope and return the envelope to school on the following school day. Thank you.

Friday, September 2 * C Schedule.**

11:00 am Eucharist prepared by 8A
Father Seamus Glynn will preside.

Monday, September 5

LABOR DAY * NO SCHOOL**

Tuesday, September 6 * A Schedule**

Wednesday, September 7 * A Schedule**

Thursday, September 8

*****Happy Birthday, Blessed Mother*****

6:30 pm Silent Auction Committee Meeting

Friday, September 9 * C Schedule**

11:30 am Eucharist prepared by 8B
The new officers for this year will be installed. Msgr. Doug Cook will preside.

ALL FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AT OUR LITURGIES EACH WEEK!

IMPORTANT CHANGE ON THE CALENDAR

There will be NO Eucharistic Celebration on Friday, February 24, 2012.

**A Message from the
Administrator/Principal**

Dear St. Catherine's Families,

Welcome to a new school year! We ask God to bless each of you! The entire staff and I greet you and promise you our prayers for this year. It is a privilege and a tremendous joy to work with your sons!

Welcome to all of our new families and cadets, and our new staff members: Mrs. Mayrose Marquez – teacher of our multi-age class of Grades 3 and 4; Mrs. Michele Rodriguez – teacher of Grade 5; Mrs. Jill DeFranco – teacher of Junior High English and Composition; and Sister Laurence Marie Diaz –

resident care provider for Delta Company. Sister Laurence Marie has ministered in the past at St. Catherine's. We welcome her back! We also are excited to welcome our returning families and staff.

We remind you of the four pillars that are the foundation of the Dominican Order. We were founded by the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose, CA in 1889 and have been holding the four pillars given to us by St. Dominic de Guzman as the strength of St. Catherine's for over 122 years. The pillars are:

Prayer – May St. Catherine of Siena
teach us the power of prayer.

Community – May St. Dominic de Guzman
help us to become strong leaders.

Study – May St. Thomas Aquinas
strengthen our knowledge of truth.

Ministry – May St. Martin de Porres companion
us on our life journey in giving to others.

Our **Schoolwide Learning Expectations** are based on these four pillars. You will be hearing all about them and learning how to "bring them home" as we work towards our state accreditation this year.

We ask our God to bless us with strength as we journey this year together. Following is a wonderful way to begin your day...

Every day we need from You Lord, but this day especially, we need some extra strength to face whatever is to come.

This day, more than any other day, we need to feel You near us to fortify our courage, to overcome our fear.

By ourselves we cannot meet the challenges of the hour.

How much frail human creatures need a higher Power, sustaining them in all that life may bring.

And so, dear Lord, please hold our trembling hands.

Be with us, Lord, this day to know Your guiding hand

at work in all: to know Your Blessed Presence ever near.



We have a wonderful community at St. Catherine's, and I am very grateful for all of the positive energy you have already shared! God is with us and we are blessed!

A wonderful opportunity for you to help out is to be a room parent. These wonderful volunteers will help the classroom teachers a few times throughout the year. If you would like to serve in this capacity or have any questions, I ask that you phone Jesenia in the office to submit your names. Thanks so much!

Sunday, September 11 – Parents Back to School Meeting and Family Barbeque. Parents are asked to meet in our Chapel at St. Catherine's at 10:45 AM. Our wonderful coaches will be present to supervise the boys in the school yard during our parent meeting in the Chapel. Following a short meeting, parents are invited to meet your son(s) teacher(s) in the classroom. This is a very important time to learn about the school and expectations from the teachers. **WE ARE CALLED TO WORK TOGETHER!**

Following the visits with the teachers, we will have a delicious barbeque for everyone in Mother Pia's Park (located in front of the infirmary and band room.) **THIS MEETING IS MANDATORY FOR ALL PARENTS!**

Sunday, October 9 – 10:30AM – Our Annual Fall Brunch at the Anaheim White House Restaurant. Please call in your reservations and join us for a wonderful event that raises friends as well as funds.

Once again, thank you for being such a special part of our family at St. Catherine's! Know that we hold you in daily prayer! May God bless each of you!

With a loving heart –
Your,
Sister Johnellen

SAVE BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION
Every year we participate in the Box Tops for Education. Check the items that you buy to see if they have a box top on the bottom or on the side. Cut it out and send it to school. The school receives 10 cents for every box top! The class that brings in the most box tops will receive a free pizza lunch at the end of the year.

Many thanks, in advance, to Tanya Llera for counting these box tops each month!

SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction Committee meeting will be on Thursday, September 8, at 6:30 pm, in the front office. If you signed up to be on this committee on Registration Day, it is very important that you come to this first meeting to learn more about the event and sign up for a sub-committee. We look forward to seeing you there! Questions? Call Joanna in the Advancement Office.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Throughout the year - not just Thanksgiving and Christmas - we collect food items for the St. Vincent DePaul Center at St. Boniface Parish. Please send in as many items as you can each week. Thank you so much for your goodness.

CUB SCOUT NEWS

Zion's Cub Scout Pack 120 hosts its "School Night for Scouting" on Tuesday, September 6, 7:30 pm - 8:30pm in the Antioch Room at Zion Lutheran Church and School. All families with boys in grades 1-5 are invited, with a special emphasis on those interested in becoming first-time Cub Scouts.

Address: 222 North East St. Anaheim. For more information contact Ed Fink at 714-870-6287 or efink@fullerton.edu.

Take Charge of Education Program

When parents, teachers, and other school supporters use their TARGET REDcards, Target donates up to 1% of the purchase to our school. Here are two ways you can enroll in this program: Target.com or 1-800-316-6142. Thank you for your participation in this program.

Please do not drive your cars on the white top of the school campus.

