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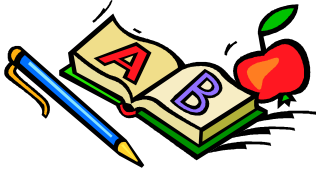
Jan. 23

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STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATION

A Catholic Christian who actively prepares and participates in Liturgical celebrations

SCHOOL NEWS



JANUARY EVENTS



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 3

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week starting with the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, Jan. 29. There will be a pancake breakfast, Art Show, Book Fair and an Open House. Please tell all your family and friends to come and see our wonderful school!!

Weekly Activities 1/30-2/3

Monday- Philly or Patriotic gear- Red, White, and Blue day, "Pin the tail on Philly"

Tuesday- Pajama Day, "Morning Rush Race"

Waikiki Wednesday -Hawaiian Day, "Hula Hoop Contest"

Wacky Thursday- The teachers will decide the wackiest, "Three Legged Race"

Fan Friday- Wear gear for your favorite sports team, "Ball Toss"

Every class that wins each contest gets one free dress pass

CRAB FEED: Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered for the Crab Feed. It was a wonderful night filled with good food, good friends and plenty of crab.

PARENT LUNCHEON: Join us on Wednesday, February 1st for a Parent Luncheon in celebration of Catholic Schools Week. TK/K-4 lunch begins at 11:15am and 5-8 lunch begins at 12:15pm. Prices are only \$4.00 per person.

BOOK FAIR: The Scholastic Book Fair is coming! Come and see what we have at our annual Book Fair during Catholic Schools Week. The Book Fair will kick off on Sunday, January 29 after the 9:00am Mass. It will also be opened at lunch and after school Monday-Thursday, Jan. 29 – Feb. 2. Mark your calendar now for our annual favorite

FAMILY READING NIGHT, Wednesday, February 1 from 6:30-8:00pm. This is sure to be a fun-filled event.

Parent help is needed to make our Book Fair a success. **Please contact the school office to sign up to help. This is a great way to earn those parent service hours (that are due Feb. 3rd).**

MORNING DROP OFF: If you are staying on campus after the bell rings at 8:00am, please park outside the gate in the church parking lot so that the rear gate can be locked.

DOUBLE HOURS: Casey McDole will give double hours to anyone who volunteers to sweep and mop the gym floor during basketball season.

1ST COMMUNION: Any student wishing to make their 1st Communion on April 22, 2012 at the 9:00am Mass with the 2nd graders, needs to contact the school office.

YARD DUTY HELP: We are still looking for additional volunteers to assist with yard duty Monday through Friday. The hours are 11:25am – 1:00pm. We would like to thank Mr. McDole, Mr. Malone, Ms. Tufts, Ms. Allen, and Ms. Gutierrez for helping us out already!

PAPER BAGS NEEDED: St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone for the paper bags, please keep sending them.



SCHOOL NEWS



MORNING DROP OFF: Students may not arrive on the playground before 7:45 am. without adult supervision. If you are dropping your student off before 7:45 am, he/she will be escorted to extension. The family will be charged the hourly rate of \$8 an hour similar to the after school pick up policy. Please remember that the gates will be closed at **8:00 am in the morning.**

****AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP:** Due to safety reasons, the gates **will not be opened until 2:35pm** in the afternoon. Please remember that students who are not picked up by 3:15 pm will be escorted to extension until a parent arrives. We will permit a grace period of 15 minutes. Students will be allowed to stay in extension until 3:30 p.m. free of charge. If a student is still in extension at 3:31 p.m., the family will be charged the hourly rate of \$8 plus the registration fee of \$40 for a total of \$48 for the first time. For the rest of the year, the fee will be \$8/hour anytime a student is in extension after 3:30 p.m.**

Spread the word!!!

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: We are making progress on bringing internet and wireless access to the classrooms. As a result, if you have experience, resources or an interest in increasing our technology capability, please contact Mr. Doral in person or at kdoral@stphilomene.org. Thanks in advance for your assistance and helping to keep our school on the cutting edge.

MARKETING/ADVERTISING: St. Philomene is featured in the **Sacramento Parent Magazine: Annual Private School Guide** (January 2012), page 21 and 27. St. Philomene, along with other catholic schools, is also featured in **California Kids** (January 2012), pg 23. Thank you to the Parent Club and Pablo Salazar, Outreach and Enrollment Coordinator with the Diocese for helping make St. Philomene more visible. As always, spread the word so that our light continues to shine.

Volunteers make the difference!

SHIELD THE VULNERABLE: **Many of you need to retrain for Shield the Vulnerable!** Shield the Vulnerable is only good for **3 years**. Notification letters were sent last week. If you received a letter, please complete the online course and submit the certificate to the office. Please note: You cannot volunteer or attend field trips if your Shield the Vulnerable certificate has expired. Please renew today. We appreciate your time and service at our school!

VOLUNTEER COUNSELOR: Mrs. Regina Arnold is available for counseling appointments. Her office hours are 11:00 – 4:00 on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and 2:00 – 4:00 on Tuesday and Thursday. On minimum days she is available 9:00 – 12:00pm. Students must have a signed permission slip on file to make an appointment with the counselor. Parents are encouraged to contact Mrs. Arnold at philomene_counselor@hotmail.com with any questions.

PARISH NEWS

Faith is foundational to our school and a gift of the Lord. We invite you to share the Word and mystery of the Holy Eucharist at Mass: Saturday ~ 5:30 pm. Sunday ~ 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 am (Spanish)



ALTAR SERVERS: Any 5th grade student or older who wishes to become an altar server please call Julie Stephens at 916 735-8312 or the church office at 481-6757. If you are unable to serve at Mass, please make sure you get a substitute. Your schedule has server names and phone numbers if you have not received a schedule please stop by the school office to get a copy.

CHOIR FOR 1/29: Thank you to all the students who signed up to sing at the 9AM Mass on 1/29. Please make sure you wear your full school uniform.

FIRST COMMUNION: First Communion is scheduled for April 22, 2012 at the 9:00am Mass.



PARENT CLUB



PARENT SERVICE HOURS:

Parent service hours must be completed by Friday, February 3rd. Any family who has not completed the 30 hours will pay a higher registration rate (\$15 for every hour owed). Don't delay, complete your service hours today!



We are still in need of parents to volunteer to help with the Book Fair. Call the school office at 489-1506 to sign up.

COOKIES NEEDED: Cookies are needed for Reading Night. Do you need parent hours? Bake 3 dozen cookies and earn 2 parent hours. Please bring your cookies to the school office on Wednesday, February 1st.

\$\$\$ Easy ways to fundraise \$\$\$

SCRIP NEWS: Please consider signing up for Scrip, the school has already made over \$700 with the current orders from our families. Thank you to all the families that have already signed up for scrip! It is a very easy way to earn \$\$\$ towards your fundraising requirement of \$300.00. If you need help setting up your account or help with PRESTOPAY, the scrip coordinator will be happy to help you get started. You cannot order unless you are signed up with PRESTOPAY

BOX TOPS: Remember to keep sending in those box tops for education!



SPORTS



LITTLE DRIBBLERS: The games this week will be at Our Lady of Grace in West Sacramento.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Booster's need volunteers to set-up, admissions, snack bar, scorekeeping, and clean up for the JV Girls Basketball Tournament, January 26 through January 28th. Please contact Casey McDole to sign up.

Did You Know?

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: Catholic Schools Week began in 1974 and is a joint project of the National Catholic Educational Association and the United States Catholic Conference. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2012 is "**Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service.**" The theme focuses on three priorities that Catholic schools establish that make them stand out from other educational institutions. Children are taught faith – not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. Academics, which in Catholic schools are held to very high standards, help each child reach his or her potential. Service, the giving of one's time and effort to help others, is taught both as an expression of faith and good citizenship.



CLASS NEWS



TK / KINDERGARTEN: Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, January 29th with Open House, 9 am mass, a book fair, an art show, and a pancake breakfast! (Each kindergartner will have art displayed in the Art Fair.) Please have your child wear their school uniform to mass that morning. Each day of Catholic Schools week has a different theme with different free dress options. Please make sure to read the events calendar daily. Wednesday night is "Family Reading Night", the students enjoy bedtime stories read to them by doctors, nurses, policemen, firemen, etc. The children come to school that evening in their pajamas and slippers. Wednesday is also the parent luncheon. Please let me know if you will not be attending the parent luncheon as I will match your child up with another student and their parent so that they are not eating alone. As we look to the future... A permission slip will be coming home on Tuesday for the field trip to The Discovery Museum. We will have a Valentine's Day party on February 14th. The students will exchange valentines during the party. Your child will need 10 valentine cards signed with their name. (Please do not address the Valentine envelopes as it makes it very hard for the students to distribute them.) Mrs. Lintz will be coordinating the food donations for the party. SLE: The kindergarten students are becoming more familiar with scriptures, Church teachings, and traditions each time they attend a prayer service, a school function or a mass.

FIRST GRADE: Our field trip to Safetyville, on Bradshaw Road, is set for February 9 (Thursday). We will need drivers for this trip. Permission forms will be sent home this week. Please return the forms completed as soon as possible. This Friday we will celebrate our two birthdays at 9:55 a.m. This is a full week. **This Week:** In *Religion*, we will continue to learn about the Seven Sacraments, review Unit 1, and assess. *Math* lessons 68-71 will cover concepts such as subtracting 2, counting by 5's, and drawing and measuring line segments. *Language Arts* Unit 5, *Weather* lessons 7-11 will use Decodable Books 79-84. These lessons will cover long *a* and *i* vowel sounds and long vowel sounds followed by *r*. High Frequency Words are: *use, play, five, nine, never, like, and they*. We are beginning *Health & Safety* in conjunction with *Science*. We will learn about eating a balanced meal and water safety over the next few weeks. In *Computers* we will complete a weather page and learn about graphing over the next two weeks. Thank you and God Bless! **SLE:** A Catholic Christian who actively prepares and participates in liturgical celebrations by understanding the Seven Sacraments and which sacraments students participate in at Mass.

SECOND GRADE: Top Dog this week is Antonio Honrada. The information for First Communion went home last week. Please send back the lower part of the form and the money for the book as soon as possible so I can order the books. Next week is Catholic School's Week. Please join us for the Open House on Sunday. The biography book report is due Tuesday, January 31st. The story this week is "How the Guinea Fowl Got Her Spots". The vocabulary test is on Thursday. The words are glossy, delicious, cautiously, scramble, and slinking. The reading and spelling tests are Friday. The spelling words are boot, food, moon, room, tune, rude, knew, too, do, and who. S.L.E. Catholic Christian who actively prepares and participates in liturgical celebrations. This is demonstrated through leading Prayer Services, Mass, and First Eucharist.

THIRD GRADE: The Book Fair is coming soon! I will need help with set-up, watching the class, running it, and clean-up. Please let me know if you are able to help. You can earn those service hours. In math, we are on lesson 77 and learning multiplication, division, and line segments. In reading, we are on the last story in the reader, "Roxaboxen." There will not be a test on it. We will do the unit 3 reading test. We will start the new reader next week. The spelling test will be on Friday. In social studies, we are beginning unit 3 in the book. The religion unit test will be on Thursday. They will have notes to study for the test. Our class is preparing the 1st Friday Mass in February. It will be on the 3rd you are welcome to attend. This Sunday is the Open House, Book Fair, and Art Fair after the 9:00 Mass. Please come by the classroom and see what we have been working on at school.

FOURTH GRADE: This week's S.L.E.-A Catholic Christian who actively prepares and participates in liturgical celebrations. The 4th grade accomplishes this by preparing a school Mass and attending weekly Mass on Tuesday's. Tests this week: Thursday-Religion (practice prayer test), Friday-Reading and Spelling 3/5. Our field trip is this Thursday, January 26 to the California museum (in Sacramento) from 8-11:30am. Parent drivers meet in the classroom at 8am. Students may bring money to purchase a souvenir at the museum. A display honoring the history of Catholic Nuns will be featured. This is a very interesting museum to visit. We are still in need of drivers for the field trip. Students have started typing their mission reports and will bring the reports home for editing when they have completed the reports. For religion, students should be memorizing the prayers "Act of Faith, Act of Hope, Act of Love". The test on the prayers will be January 30. We are currently learning about the 10 Commandments. Next week is Catholic schools week (January 29-February 3). The 4th grade class will be part of the children's choir to sing for the 9am Mass on January 29 (choir members will meet in the 4th grade class by 8:30am). On Sunday, in addition to Mass, the school will also have the Art Fair, the beginning of the Book Fair, Open House, and a pancake breakfast. Please come and enjoy the festivities and invite your family, friends, and neighbors. Have a glorious week!

FIFTH GRADE: Hello everyone. This week in Religion, we will be continuing chapter 9. The test is Thursday. In Math, we will be completing lessons 55-59. The quiz on lessons 51-55 info is Tuesday. In Social Studies, we are continuing chapter 7. In Science, we are starting chapter 4 about Earth's water. In Language Arts, we are working on the lesson titled "Shh! We're Writing the Constitution. The workbook pages will be assigned throughout the week, and the Spelling and Comprehension quizzes are on Friday. The Student Learning Expectation for this week is a life-long Catholic Christian who actively prepares and participates in liturgical celebrations. This is accomplished throughout the year, particularly in religion, and through prayer services and Masses. God bless, and have a wonderful week!

JR. HIGH NEWS

FROM MR. DORAL: This week, the Diocese of Sacramento is holding a religion competition for all Catholic schools. It is titled "Let the Children Come to Me." Please keep our St. Philomene team in your prayers! Sixth grade will also hold a prayer service this Friday at 8:15 in the church. All are welcomed! The Question of the Week will continue to be due Mondays before midnight (student will submit the online form). Please visit mrdoral.com for further announcements, homework assignments, and other information.

FROM MR. DEGUZMAN: A very special thank you to all the parents and chaperones for helping make last week's field trip possible. You are the best parents ever!!! A reminder that progress reports go out in two weeks. Topics for the science fair are due on Wednesday. All grades should plan on having a math and a science quiz this week. I will have study hall for those who submitted forms. 6th – We will continue with Ch. 6 on ratios in math while finishing up with Ch. 7 on volcanoes in science. 7th – We will continue with Ch. 6 on geometry in math while beginning Ch. 8 on the history of life in science. 8th – We will continue with Ch. 4 on analyzing linear equations in math and Ch. 7 on the periodic table in science.

FROM MR. LUIPPOLD:
GO PATRIOTS! Spelling this week- no vocabulary **8th grade**-With the big test behind us, it's time to get back to work! This week in English we will focus on writing across the curriculum. Essay questions and report writing will be our main focus. Literature will see some reading on the lighter side. **7th grade**- Descriptive and narrative paragraphs will be the main topic this week in English. In literature, we will review drama and there will be a unit test on Friday. **6th grade**- English will continue to focus on writing a plot story and knowing the elements. Literature moves into the topic of biographies. We will be discussing a term assignment this week. I will be available for extra help this week on Thursday. Have a great week and... Go Pats!!

JR. HIGH S.L.E.: Catholic Christian who actively prepares and participates in liturgical celebrations. Throughout the course of the year, St. Philomene students help prepare Masses and prayer services. These practices help students understand the parts of, and importance of, our Mass.