

ST. IRENAEUS PARISH SCHOOL

Principal's Newsletter
January 30, 2012

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Learning, Believing, and Serving...Together

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2012

Yesterday, January 29th, we began our annual observance of Catholic Schools Week with a special celebration at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Thank you to all our school families who were able to join us. Throughout this week we will join with thousands of Catholic Schools across the nation to celebrate the enduring value of Catholic education. We set aside this week every year to focus on the gift that Catholic education provides to our students, and its contribution to our school, parish, and community.

This year's theme – **"Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service."** – expresses what Catholic schools are all about. We teach our students faith, not just the basics of Christianity, but how to develop a relationship with God. We hold our students to high academic standards, helping them to reach their full potential. We also teach them to serve, both as a way to express their faith and to become meaningful citizens.

Our Student Government has planned a variety of events for this week. All families are invited to join us whenever possible, especially for our "Islands" Family Night tonight, Skate Night Tuesday, our Student Body Mass on Wednesday, the Family Picnic on Thursday morning, and our annual Open House on Thursday evening. Flyers for the fundraisers were sent home with your oldest student today.

As we begin our celebration of Catholic Schools Week, please join me in saying thank you to those who help make St. Irenaeus Parish School a success – our pastor and parish priests; teachers; staff; board members; parents; and volunteers. Through their dedication and commitment, our students are learning in a culture of faith, academics and service that is preparing them for a full life in their families, communities and the Catholic Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mon, Jan 30th – Faith. Academics. Service in our Faculty

- Bring fruit for teachers.
- **ISLANDS NIGHT** – Long Beach Towne Center, 5:00-9:00PM (Please bring flyer sent home today).

Tues, Jan 31st – Faith. Academics. Service in our Students

- Non-uniform dress for students
- NO HOMEWORK
- **SKATE NIGHT** –11113 E. 183rd Street in Cerritos from 6:00-8:00PM. (Flyer sent home today.)

Wed, Feb 1st – Faith. Academics. Service in our Vocations

- Student Body Mass at 8:30AM (Formal uniform)
- Vocations Assembly (Time TBA)
- **JAMBA JUICE** –Strawberry and Mango smoothies (8 oz) for sale for \$2 after school.

Thurs, Feb 2nd – Faith. Academics. Service in our Volunteers and Families

- "Pajama Day" for students
- "Spirit Morning" (10:30-11:30AM)
- Teacher/Student Government Volleyball Game
- Family Picnic 11:30AM-12:30PM
- Early Dismissal Day (12:30PM)
- **FROSTBITES** –9111 Valley View (next to Nickel-Nickel) across from Cypress College. This fundraiser runs all day Thursday, Please bring the flyer sent home today.
- **SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:** 6:30-8:00PM. Visit classrooms, the Computer Lab and the Library.

Friday, February 3rd – NO SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

6:30-8:00PM. Our teachers and students have been working hard to get ready for our annual Open House. All families are invited to come visit our classrooms to see all the wonderful things our students have accomplished. Our Computer Lab and new

Library will also be open. **WE NEED STUDENTS!** Please encourage your neighbors and friends to visit our school to see the wonderful things St. Irenaeus Parish School has to offer. Information packets for prospective new families are available in the School Office. They contain important information on application deadlines, testing, etc. Please pick one up and pass it on! Thank you!

Faith. Academics. Service.
Catholic Schools

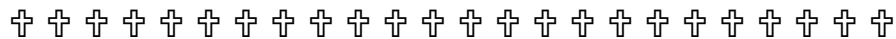


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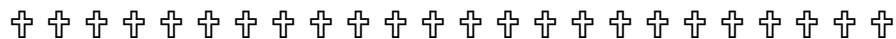
Stewardship is Discipleship

At St. Irenaeus School our January stewardship curriculum focused on how to be a steward of creation. Genesis is the beginning of our creation story, but it is not enough to simply know that God created the world and all creatures. We help students understand the concept of God's creative power and how God made humans the stewards of creation. As stewards, we are partners with God in his creative work. We must care for all of the Earth. Students at St. I. show respect and care by determining ways to conserve earth's limited treasures and resources. We do this through our recycling programs, cleaning and picking up trash on campus, and integrated lessons in science classes on other ways to reduce, recycle, and reuse our resources. As we fill our busy days with learning and working, remember to take the time to appreciate all the beautiful things God has given us. Take the time to stop and smell the roses. Next, praise God and then do a little to help the roses grow.



ST I PEACE KEEPERS

18 students from the 4th, 5th and 6th grades, under the guidance of our 4th grade teacher, Ms. Vidergar, have been trained as "Peace Keepers." The Peace Keepers are present during recess and lunch to resolve issues in a more peaceful manner. With the Peace Keepers present on the campus, conflicts are down. These students give up a recess and/or lunch period to help the school remain peaceful while at play. Thank you Peace Keepers for your dedication to the school!



PRAYER CORNER:



The faculty, staff, and student body send sincere sympathy and prayers to:

- † The Vo family on the recent death of Maria Le Thi Moi.
- † Please continue to pray for our second grader, Charley D., as she progresses with her cancer treatment. Updates are available through www.caringbridge.org by entering "charleyd" in the space to visit a website.

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2012-2013

- ◆ We are now accepting applications for incoming siblings of current families. Please stop by the School Office to pick up an application, or download one from our school's website.
- ◆ Testing for ALL NEW students will take place Saturday, February 11th from 9:00-11:00AM and By Appointment Only for Kindergarten.
- ◆ The "completed" application deadline for the St. Irenaeus Tuition Grant & Aid program for 2012-2013 is **Monday, February 20, 2012**. Applicants must apply online at www.factstuitionaid.com. Please contact Mrs. LoBasso with any questions.
- ◆ Re-registration packets with 2012-2013 contract and fees will be sent home with your oldest returning student on Monday, February 27, 2012. All fees and your signed tuition and fee agreement will be due back on **Friday March 9, 2012**. Please return fees and signed agreements in a timely manner as classes will fill quickly and students will be placed on waiting lists when classes reach capacity.
NOTE: Families currently on Option 4 payment plan – re-registration and school fees will be debit your account on Wednesday March 14, 2012 (no tuition will debit your account on March 7, 2012).
- ◆ The "State of the School Address" has been re-scheduled to **Wednesday, February 29th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Hall. Tuition Rates for the 2012-2013 school year, as well as other important information, will be announced.

SPORTS NEWS



All are invited to come out and cheer for our Basketball teams (see schedule below). All home games will be played at St. Polycarp*. For updates on games, as well as maps to each location, visit the Parochial Athletic League website at www.parochialathleticleague.org .



GO EAGLES!!

GIRLS' "A" BASKETBALL			
Date	Time	Opponent	Location
1/30	3:30PM	Sts. Simon & Jude	Sts. Simon & Jude
1/31	5:30PM	St. Hedwig	St. Hedwig

BOYS' "A" BASKETBALL (REVISED)			
Date	Time	Opponent	Location
1/31	6:30PM	St. Hedwig	St. Hedwig
2/1	3:30PM	Sts. Simon & Jude	Sts. Simon & Jude
2/9	3:30PM	St. John the Baptist	St. John the Baptist

GIRLS' "BEE" BASKETBALL			
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1/30	4:30PM	Sts. Simon & Jude	Sts. Simon & Jude
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OUR LADY OF FATIMA TOURNAMENT WINNERS!!

Both teams had a very successful and fun-filled weekend! We are proud of all of you!!



CONGRATULATIONS to the Boys "Bee" Basketball team for their 2nd Place victory at Our Lady of Fatima tournament the weekend of January 20-22. The boys played awesome! Great job, team and coaches!!



CONGRATULATIONS to the Girls "Bee" basketball team. They beat St. Lucy and St. Matthias to secure the 3rd Place spot at the tournament. The girls played great team defense, and shared the ball on offense; everyone contributed and played great!



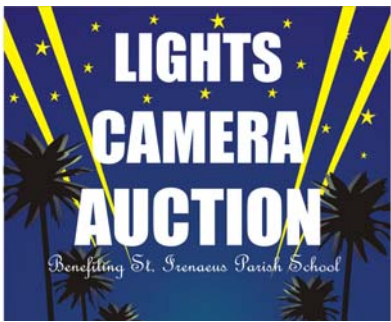
FISHing Hole
January 30, 2012



Bible Study – Every Thursday in the Ed Building at 9:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (**Parish** FISH Act. #520)

HOPE Food Distribution – Saturday, February 4th. Volunteer help is needed to distribute food to registered recipients. Meet at the convent garage at 8:00 a.m. (FISH Act. #541)

FISH Reminders: Year-to-date FISH totals will be posted on our website next week. Families who have not turned in any FISH hours will be charged a **\$200 FISH penalty** for hours not submitted, as well as a \$10 late fee. If you have any questions, or need assistance with FISH hours, please contact the FISH Coordinator, Mrs. Barbara Maxon, at 714/827-4500, Ext. 143, or by email at fish@stischoolcypress.org .



TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO GET TICKETS TO "LIGHTS, CAMERA, AUCTION"!!

Your support is needed! Our dinner-dance and silent auction is less than two weeks away!! "Lights, Camera, Auction" will be held from 6:00-10:00PM at the El Dorado Country Club and Golf Course in Long Beach on Friday, February 10th, and is sure to be an exciting night! **Tickets are \$45 a person.**

Funds raised from "Lights, Camera, Auction" will help provide new equipment and materials to furnish our new science lab. See our newsletter today with details on our silent auction items. Classroom baskets are due at the end of this week - check with your room parent for details.

SAVE THE DATE!



**IT TAKES HEART
TO BE A HERO!**



Our school is proud to partner with the American Heart Association to help kids with special hearts! Mark your family calendars NOW for our upcoming **Jump Rope For Heart** event taking place on:

FEBRUARY 13, 14 & 15

You can help the American Heart Association by helping your child make a web page. It's **safe, effective, & saves YOU time** for raising life-saving donations online.

Visit www.heart.org/jump and click on '**Students Sign Up**' to get started today.


The American Heart Association's Mission: To build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

REFLECTION:

TOP 10 REASONS TO CHOOSE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

1. Catholic tradition and academic excellence in a community grounded in faith.
2. Balanced curriculum that includes art, music, and fitness.
3. Emphasis on moral development, service to others and leadership skills.
4. A 99% High School graduation rate.
5. Strong preparations for further education.
6. Safe and disciplined environment.
7. Exceptional faculty who help students reach their highest potential.
8. Individual attention in a caring community.
9. Commitment to technology use to enhance education.
10. Good stewardship of resources.

February 2012

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Just present this flyer to your server
and we'll donate 20% of your food and
beverage purchases back to your school.

Thank You!

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