

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MEMO "SAM"  
Everything You Wanted To Know  
Week of November 30, 2009

Thank you very much for attending our annual Parent/Teacher Conferences last week! Conferences provide an excellent opportunity to connect school life with home life and we appreciate you making these visits a priority! Additionally, I would also like to say "Thank You" to John Herrmann and Bain Associates, INC, for underwriting the teacher lunch for the conference day! With teachers working almost a 13 hour day the first day of conferences...it was greatly appreciated!

This Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please join us for our Mass celebration at 9am. We will not have our school Mass on Wednesday as we will celebrate on Tuesday as a community.

As we look ahead to the coming winter months, and with our local weather forecaster predicting snow for Wednesday, I wanted to remind all families of our school closure policy:

- If Portland Public School District is closed, St. John Fisher School is closed
- If Portland Public School District has a late opening, St. John Fisher School has a late opening
  - there is NO before school care
  - doors open at 10:00am
  - school begins at 10:15am
- St. John Fisher School reserves the right to make an independent decision regarding closure or late opening. In such a case, local radio stations will be informed.

To help keep you up-to-date with the latest closure information, we utilize our school website and the Flash Alert network to post late opening and/or school closure on local television and radio.

As I end this weekly update, I have one more thing on my mind...don't miss the big game tonight-6pm-ESPN! May the game be fair, all fans good sports and no matter who's the winner, both teams should celebrate a great season!

**CALENDAR REMINDERS:**

Thur. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – "Civil War" Oregon State Beavers vs. University of Oregon Ducks @ Eugene

Fri. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – Free Dress

Sat. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – SJF Parish Christmas Festival/4:00-7:00 p.m. (parish hall)

Sun. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – SJF Parish Christmas Festival/8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (parish hall)

Mon. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> – Gr. K-8 Advent Prayer Service/8:20 a.m. (cafeteria)

Mon. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> – PTC Exec. Bd. Mtg/5:30 p.m. (cafeteria)

Tue. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – Gr. K-8 Children's Liturgy/9:00 a.m. (led by Gr. 6) FeAst of Immaculate Conception

Wed. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – No Children's Liturgy

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Thur. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Gr. 4 Confessions/10:00 a.m. (church)

Mon. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – Gr. K-8 Advent Prayer Service/8:20 a.m. (cafeteria)

Mon. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – SAC Mtg/5:30 p.m. (conference room)

Tue. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – SJF Parish Reconciliation service/7:00 p.m. (church)

Wed. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – Gr. K-8 Children's Liturgy/9:00 a.m. (led by Gr. 5)

Wed. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – Gr. K-5/4-8 Band Concert/7:00 p.m. (cafeteria)

Thur. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – NO HOT LUNCH!

Thur. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – Gr. 3 Confessions/10:00 a.m. (church)

Fri. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – NO HOT LUNCH!  
Fri. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – Gr. K-8 Class of Month Assembly/11:00 (gym)  
Sat. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – Happy Birthday, Ms. Benner!  
Sun. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – January Hot Lunch Orders due to [www.orderlunches.com](http://www.orderlunches.com)  
Mon. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> – Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> – No School - Christmas vacation!  
Mon. Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – 2010-2011 Registration begins!

**PLAYGROUND DUTY SCHEDULE/11:30 a.m.-12:40 p.m.**

Mon. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> - Kath  
Tue. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - Amparo  
Wed. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> - Ulring  
Thur. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Smith/Cyphers  
Fri. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – Williams-Kneefel  
If you have a conflict with your scheduled duty, please contact Renee Huglin @ 503-244-2258.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE**

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Drive began on Monday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Boxes will be packed on Friday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The Blessing and Food Delivery starts @ 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. Students are asked to participate by bringing their donations to their classroom before placing in the containers provided in the cafeteria. St. Vincent de Paul is requesting the following items; canned vegetables, peanut butter, canned pasta products, toiletries, tissue, soap

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

The parish reconciliation service is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. Come and receive this beautiful sacrament of grace as we prepare for Christmas. Students in grade 5-8 did not receive the sacrament as part of their religion class this year so, please encourage your children to attend this parish-wide service.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation and is Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Mary, as the Immaculate Conception, is the patron of our Country and Archdiocese.

**MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Come celebrate a St. John Fisher tradition and join the men of the parish community. Chef Mark Timoney will be back, again, to provide succulent mouth watering prime rib. In addition to our own gift giving shenanigans, we will work with the St. Vincent de Paul group to provide gifts to the SJF sponsored migrant camp families. Please join us as we welcome in this Christmas season together among friends and support this wonderful cause. All of the men of SJF parish are encouraged to attend.

Date: Thursday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.

Location: SJF Cafeteria

Cost: \$55, seniors: \$34

RSVP REQUIRED! Please call Tom Lenth @ 503-452-3686

**Note: \$55.00 is a suggested donation, however, we would love for all to attend so any donation will be accepted.**

### **CYO VOLLEYBALL NEWS**

The Volleyball season was a great success, concluding with all of our teams doing very well in the post-season tournaments. Our special thanks go out to Cecelia and Tony Flores who will be leaving the program after this season. The SJF Volleyball program is better off because of their efforts and those of all who have contributed and responded to their leadership. We wish them the best in the future.

Please look for the following information that is included in today's electronic email:

*SAM – Week of November 30th*  
*MUSE Band Newsletter*  
*SJF Parish Christmas Festival flyer*

***NOTE: All January Hot Lunch Orders are due to [www.orderlunches.com](http://www.orderlunches.com) no later than Sunday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>!***