

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MEMO "SAM"
Everything You Wanted To Know
Week of November 9, 2009

This past Saturday night was a great testament that the community spirit continues to be strong at SJF!!! With attendance at an all-time high and generous bidding, our auction was a tremendous success. I offer my sincerest thanks to the many wonderful volunteers who worked so hard to fill our auction with *Golden Dreams* and helped to create *Golden Memories* that will last a lifetime! Diane Voeller, our auction chair, Kirsten Spear, our auction co-chair, and numerous volunteers worked hard to bring the spirit of St. John Fisher School to the zoo. I also appreciate the charitable donations from our entire parent and neighborhood community. Please see the attachment in this weeks SAM for a full list of auction volunteers and donors.

A few extra "bonus wins" from the raffle come to the first grade class who sold the most raffle tickets and to the Lawrence Family (Cooper is in 3rd grade) who sold the most tickets. In case you missed the results, the raffle Grand Prize went to Ed & Kim Lilly (parents of George in 8th grade and SJF graduates Henry and Eddie), 2nd place went to Norwood Stoutenberg, an SJF parishioner, and 3rd place went to Kim Blackmon (ticket sold by the Kneefel family). Special thanks to Eric Schrader at World Accents Travel for his assistance with our raffle prizes. Look forward to final fundraising numbers in upcoming SAM articles and at our general PTC meeting January 13th.

Looking ahead to next week, our annual Thanksgiving Feast will be on Wednesday, November 18th from 11:30-12:20. If you are available to assist in the kitchen, please contact Kathleen Birrell at lunchstaff@sjfschool.org. Additionally, the home stretch is on for the first trimester as the grading period ends on Friday, November 20th. Our teachers are looking forward to seeing all families at our upcoming conferences on Tuesday, November 24th and Wednesday, November 25th. See you then!

CALENDAR REMINDERS:

Fri. Nov. 13th – Gr. 6-8 2nd Trimester Elective Forms due!
Tue. Nov. 17th – NO HOT LUNCH
Tue. Nov. 17th – FT/Gr. 8 Hopkins Demonstration Forest/8:40 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Wed. Nov. 18th – Gr. K-8 Children's Liturgy/9:00 a.m. (led by Gr. 8)
Wed. Nov. 18th – Family Group Thanksgiving Feast Lunch/11:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.
Thu. Nov. 19th – Men's Club Mtg/7:00 p.m. (cafeteria)
Fri. Nov. 20th – Free Dress – Gr. K,2,5 only
Fri. Nov. 20th – End of 1st Trimester
Fri. Nov. 20th – Gr. K-8 End of Month Assembly/2:30 p.m. (cafeteria)
Fri. Nov. 20th – December Hot Lunch Orders Due to www.orderlunches.com
Fri. Nov. 20th – Dr. DeSimone meets with 6th grade/8:15-10:00 a.m.
Tue. Nov. 24th – No School – Conferences 7:30-10:30 a.m. 12:00-2:00 p.m. 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Wed. Nov. 25th – No School – Conferences 7:30-10:30 a.m. only
Thu. Nov. 26th – No School – Thanksgiving Day
Fri. Nov. 27th – No School – Thanksgiving Holiday
Fri. Nov. 27th – Happy Birthday, Brian!

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

Mon. Nov. 16th - Huglin
Tue. Nov. 17th - Harris
Wed. Nov. 18th - Gwydir
Thur. Nov. 19th - Hunt
Fri. Nov. 20th - Blair

If you have a conflict with your scheduled duty, please contact Renee Huglin @ 503-244-2258.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Please note that Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 24th and Wednesday Nov. 25th. Grades K, 1 & 2 will be scheduling individual appointments with conferences being held in their classroom. All other grades and specialists will be available in the gym during the sessions listed below;

Tues. Nov. 24th – 7:30-10:30 a.m. 12:00-2:00 p.m. 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Wed. Nov. 25th – 7:30-10:30 a.m. only

HIGH SCHOOL RECOMMENDATION FORMS

Please note that all High School recommendation forms are due directly to Mrs. Vancil **no later than Friday, December 11th**. All forms must be completely filled out on the front/back and signed in order for records to be released. Forms required include; Principal's recommendation, English recommendation, Math recommendation and Permission to Release Records form. All forms are provided by any of the catholic high schools and may be downloaded from their individual website.

CYO REGION 5 FOOTBALL NEWS

The 7th and 8th grade CYO Football team....Region 5 SAINTSare playing for the Grid Iron Championship on Sunday November 15th at Kiggins Bowl in Vancouver, WA at 4pm vs. CYO Region 4. This is a team made up of many SJF 7th and 8th grade boys, they practice many nights a week at SJF Field under the construction lights! A dedicated group of coaches and young men.....their hard work has paid off and the SAINTS are undefeated this season! Special Thanks Head Coach and SJF Parent Brian Martinek, Asst. Coaches Tim Fogarty, Troy Werner, Marty Alvey, and Joey O'Donnell. The SAINTS have won the CYO Football championship 3 years in a row, and are going for their 4th Grid Iron Championship this year! Also, the 5th and 6th Saints finished up a very successful 5 and 4 season last Sunday. Congratulations to everyone!

All St. John Fisher School football fans, come support our Region 5 SAINTS next Sunday November 15, 2009 at 4pm at Discovery Middle School, Kiggins Bowl , a short drive to Vancouver! Kiggins Bowl is well lit, comfortable football facility, and all the fan viewing stands are covered! Wear your light blue in support of the SAINTS and cheer them on to their 4th CYO Football Grid Iron Championship!

Discovery Middle School, Kiggins Bowl

800 E. 40th
Vancouver, WA 98663

SJF CHRISTMAS FEST

Mark your calendar for December 5th & 6th and plan on attending the Altar Guild's holiday gathering. The annual Christmas Fest will be held in the parish hall and everyone is welcome to stop by. You can help by donating gifts for the Granny Table and sweets for the bake sale. Suggestions for the Granny Table include; homemade items, craft and new or gently used Christmas items. Items can be left in the back of the church any weekend during November. For more information, please contact Barbara Trinchero @ 503-245-0800.

LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

Are you interested to learn more about La Salle High School? Please plan to attend an informational evening at the home of Ed and Kim Lilly located @ 5251 SW Illinois St. on Wednesday, November 18th @ 7:00 p.m. Meet La Salle President, Denise Jones and Director of Admissions Kam Kimball. Discover how La Salle offers a personalized, rigorous, Catholic, college prep education that truly values every student and prepares all students for the college of their choice. Please RSVP to Ed & Kim Lilly @ 503-246-3268 by Friday, November 13th.

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

*SAM – Week of November 9th
Auction Volunteer & Donors List
LaSalle High School Information Night information flyer*