

*Parents have the first responsibility for the
education of their children
in the faith, prayer, and all the virtues.
Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2252*

**St. Veronica Catholic School
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Calendar Review

- Thursday, September 17 School Advisory Board – 7:00 p.m. – Science Room
- Sunday, September 20 Catechetical Sunday – please come to the 9:30 a.m. Mass as we commission our Catechists and Teachers!
- Monday, September 21 12:30 p.m. dismissal
- Wednesday, September 23 Free Dress for all children in families who have supported the Festival Raffle by buying or selling \$60 in tickets! Thank You!
- Friday, September 25 Free Dress if you wear either the Festival T-Shirt or the Car Show Shirt
12:30 p.m. dismissal – NO P.M. EXTENDED CARE
Please plan accordingly!
Parish Festival 5:30 – 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 26 Parish Festival 11:00-10:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 27 Parish Festival 12:00-6:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 28 NO SCHOOL – LOCAL HOLIDAY
- Friday, October 2 First Friday – 8:30 a.m. mass FULL DRESS
Bible Ceremony for Grade 4
Dance – Grades Seven and Eight – Good Shepherd

- Dates to Remember**
- October 11 Blood Centers of the Pacific Blood Drive
 - October 17 Aluminum Can Drive – Support our 2009-2010 Cheer Squad (continues on Sunday)
 - October 18 School Guild Craft Fair
 - October 24 Santini Golf Tournament

BINGO SCHEDULE

WORKERS MUST ARRIVE BY 6:00 p.m. BINGO NOW STARTS AT 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16	Wednesday, September 23	Wednesday, September 30	Wednesday, October 7
Campbell, Ponce, Agler, Castro, Harper, Ruegg, Wilson	Dabai, Ledesma, Reynoso, Cole, Marsh, Suarez, Mott	Fifth Wednesday Dave will be using volunteers and his most faithful Bingo crew. Please call him if you would like to help.	Adao, Schirmer, Bonnin, Mendoza, Hoang, West

Festival News

We are entering the home stretch! Before we begin, we need to thank Terrie Aquino and all the Booth Chairs for the immense amount of work they have done already. The Festival is an enormous undertaking; it is not just those three days. We are grateful for the countless hours Mrs. Aquino, our Festival Chair, and all the Booth Chairs have committed already. We are looking forward to a wonderful Hoe Down at the SV Corral.

Thank you to the families who went online and scheduled their volunteer hours. What a great showing! 94% of the families took advantage of the online scheduling and are set for their service hours! GOOD FOR YOU! We are off to a great start. Liter bottles can come into the library next week. Please remember your 2 bottle commitment (2-liter bottles please). Keep the donations coming and be sure to make your dinner reservation!

LIGHTS – LIGHTS – LIGHTS

Do you have clear/white Christmas lights stored away that you can find and loan to us for three days? Sharon DeBono and Rachele Lopiccolo, our festival decorating chairs, need those lights to bring life and splendor to our SV Corral. If you can find the lights and are able to loan them to us, please make sure your name is there and send them to the office. We will do all we can to return them to you at the end of the festival. Thank you so much for shining brightly once again!

Drop-Off and Dismissal

We are doing great this year with the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. We have only a few parents that need to be reminded that the loop goes around the Church (please do not exit onto Alida by going through the rectory side); we have only a few who forget that drop off is by the Parish Center and not in the upper parking lot; and, we have only a few who forget to tell whoever is picking up the child to park straight in the lower parking lot. Parking straight and coming all the way into the yard, saves people from backing out. Please remember that students are not to be in the yard until 7:50 a.m. Anyone arriving prior to 7:50 must sign into Extended Care.

Can You Heat Things Up?

We are still looking for a Thursday hot lunch coordinator. This position can be shared by one, two, or three – as many as you would like. Cooking is defined differently when we are speaking of hot lunch. Call Teri Inocencio or Christina Rivera for more information.

By the way – we had an impressive response to the call for volunteers. Thank you so much. As you can see from the menu in the envelope, hot lunch will begin in October. Thank you so much to everyone for keeping this Guild service alive. You are so important to all we do and are at St. Veronica Catholic School! We are truly blessed!

Have You Thought of Advertising in the Parish Bulletin?

As many of you may have heard, Father Charles is looking to expand the Parish Bulletin in order to keep the whole parish informed of the great wonders God is working through our community. If you know of a company that would like to advertise in the Parish Bulletin, please call the rectory. Details can be obtained through the Parish Office (588-1455).

Want a painless, easy way to help the school? SEND IN THOSE BOX TOPS! ALL IT TAKES IS ONE LITTE SNIP!

We Are on Our Way

Tomorrow night is the first meeting of our School Advisory Board for the 2009-2010 academic year. Before we begin anew, we would like to thank *Ricky Pereira* for his many years of service on this Board and for his dedication in helping the Board form its identity and develop a plan of action. As he steps down from his position this year, we would like to welcome *Caroline Balladares* as the new member to our Board. We are looking forward to a wonderful year as the School Advisory Board organizes itself and seeks to devise a Strategic Plan for our school. We are confident in our Chair, *Sharon Oosterman*, and all our members: *Pat Aherne, Mike Brosnan, Jeanne Collora, Mike Coughlin, Linda Delucchi, Cathi Graham, Michele Jariya, Linda Morales, Bob Petrini,* and *Ivan Sequeira* with *Terrie Aquino* and *Dave Collins* (School Guild and Men’s Club Presidents), *Rita Buscher*, the Recorder, and, last but surely not least, *Janet Burke*, the Faculty Liaison. We hope to keep the school community informed of our work by posting agendas and minutes on the school website.

Safety is Number One!

As we open the new academic year, I would really encourage you to have a conversation at home about personal safety. Speak to your child about what he/she is expected to do after school. Have a discussion about conversing with strangers and about what to do if he/she feels threaten or scared. We speak to the children often about staying away from the fence, not speaking to or instigating a conversation with the people who pass, and how to go directly to an adult onsite if they are scared or feel threatened. I feel that this is a conversation worth having with your child. Don’t you?

Please Pray for ...

... the Alterio family. As many of you may have heard at the Men’s Club or at the School Guild meeting, Tony Alterio, a frist grade dad, was injured seriously in a boating incident which occurred at the beginning of our school year. He is still in the hospital undergoing surgery to repair extensive internal injuries. Please keep him and the whole family in your prayers.