

**The Lord has done great things for us;  
We are glad indeed!**  
*Psalm 126: 3*

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**Calendar Review**

- Friday, October 23 *Due date for QSP/Reader's Digest Gift Wrap and November Hot Lunch Orders*  
*The Men's Club and School Guild thank you!*  
**FREE DRESS FOR ALL THOSE WHO DONATED TO THE CHEER SQUAD'S ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE – THANK YOU!**
  
- Saturday, October 24 *17<sup>th</sup> Annual Santini Golf Tournament and Dinner*
  
- Tuesday, October 27 *Altar Server Training from 3:10-3:45 p.m.*
  
- Thursday, October 29 **Student Council's Law and Disorder**  
**Haunted House**  
**NO HOMEWORK CLUB**
  
- Friday, October 30 *End of the First Quarter*  
*Annual Halloween Parade @ 1:00 p.m.*  
**NOTE – GRADES ONE THROUGH EIGHT ARE DISMISSED AT 2:30 p.m.**  
*Parish Festival Teen Dance (7:00-10:00 p.m.)*

Last day to turn in **Box Tops** for this cycle! Please snip and send!

**Dates to Remember**

- Tuesday, November 3 *Falcon Hall is a polling site!*
- Thursday, November 5 *School Visit from the Associate Superintendent, Sr. Marianne Viani*
- Friday, November 6 *First Quarter Report Cards issued*  
*First Friday Mass – Candy donation*
- Mon.-Thurs., November 9-13 *Parent-Teacher Conferences*  
*12:30 p.m. dismissal all week*
- Friday, November 13 *School Guild Family Movie Night*

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**BINGO SCHEDULE**

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

<i>Wednesday, October 21</i>	<i>Wednesday, October 28</i>	<i>Wednesday, November 4</i>	<i>Wednesday, November 11</i>
<i>Campbell, Ponce, Agler, Castro, Harper, Wilson</i>	<i>Dabai, Ledesma, Reynoso, Cole, Marsh, Suarez, Mott</i>	<i>Adao, Schirmer, Bonnin, Mendoza, West/Parras</i>	<i>Avelar, Gutierrez, Mitchell, Bosch, Fontenot, O'Reilly</i>

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**God's Grace** Thank you to the families for their participation in last Sunday's 9:30 liturgy. I realize many people had volleyball commitments and attended other liturgies or were scheduled to serve other masses, but it seems that we have launched our family liturgies to new heights. Next month, we would like both eighth and seventh grade families to take a role in the liturgy and we will work with students from both classes as liturgical ministers. Thank you again for making a difference and coming forward. Also, our gratitude is extended to our fine musicians – Mr. Birch, Mr. Lucy, Mrs. Marquez, Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Vallecorsa, and Mr. Yee. It was great seeing so many of you at mass and we look forward to greater and greater participation. This is the heart of our school – with Christ at the center, all things go well.

**JUST ONE REALLY BIG ANNOUNCEMENT** No matter what may be on the docket for the day – there is no pulling in past the gate (= beyond the final speed bump in the upper lot) and no parking by the church or in front of the parish center before or after school. Please advise all people who may be picking up your child/ren. We had many grandparents pulling up by the church for pick up on Monday and leaving from behind the church. What confusion!

Once we take care of this issue, we will talk about the u-turns, the children crossing Alida Way unaccompanied, and the double parking in the morning on Alida.

***Student Council's Haunted House "Law and Disorder"***

Student Council's Annual Haunted House will be presented after school on Thursday, October 29. Tickets will not be sold for this event. **Student Council is asking for a donation for the relief efforts in the Philippines, Indonesia, Samoa, and America Samoa. No donation is too big or too small.**

*A little reminder regarding procedures for the Haunted House: after school on Thursday, students participating in the Open House will line up as they usually do before school. Lines will be escorted to the Learning Center (our new name for the old Kindergarten/convent building). Students exit the Haunted House and return to their line to retrieve their belongings. We will try to start a little early for kindergarten and first grade (around 2:30 or so).*

*On Friday, the parade is set to begin around 1:00 p.m. As usual, we will parade in the lower parking lot. Students will change into their costumes after lunch (unless your child is in kindergarten – please refer to Mrs. Kilmartin's newsletter). Please, while deciding what to pack for school, remember that accessories and make up can be done later. It is not necessary to go all out just for the parade. Parents are asked not to enter the school so as not to add to the confusion of the day. Please be sure to label all items. After the parade, classes return for their parties. Grades one through eight will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m.*

***My School is So Cool Corner***

***Did you go online to read all about the program? More information is on the website. Also, did you know we could earn up to 200 pts. per participant at the Tanforan Halloween Parade and Party on Friday, October 30 from 3:30-4:30? Why not! They are already dressed!***

***One More Nice School Guild Family Activity***

Check out the flyer on the school website for the First Ever Family Movie Night here at St. Veronica Theatres on Friday, November 13, 2009. Bring the whole family and enjoy each others company and fun treats as we watch Monsters vs Aliens. Thank you to our School Guild for thinking of the whole family on this one!

***The 2009-2010 Parent-Student Handbook*** has been posted. Why is it coming out now? Well, in May, nobody really reads it and September is lost to us because of the festival. I would appreciate your diligence in reading the Handbook with your child/ren and then returning the contract form by Friday, October 30. There are very few changes. The one you may appreciate is the lifting of the requirement for belts for boys. This rule was put in place to avoid a style that is no longer in vogue. Our boys are done sagging and the little ones have such a difficult time unbuckling their belts. Besides, we are not going to check under sweaters and sweatshirts – it is difficult to enforce. Yet, we are asking for CREW or KNEE socks for all because that can be seen and enforced. And, with the trend for longer hairstyles, we are still asking for the boys to keep hairstyles conventional and hair off the ears and collars (and out of the eyes for all!)

Thank you to the many parents who returned their conference slips so punctually. We will be sending conference assignments along with procedures for conferencing with the middle school teachers in next week's envelope. Look for both of them!

***Keeping our School Cool***

I see smiles on the faces of children as they go through the Hot Lunch line. Thank you to the School Guild for providing this wonderful service. Our coordinators, Teri Inocencio and Christina Rivera, have formed a great team of wonderful workers. Do you want to join them? They could use a few more hands on Thursday.

And, would you like to be the most popular person on campus every Friday? Maggie Murphy is to be commended for her many years of coordinating the ice cream sale (and we thank her), but she would like to let someone else enjoy this happy role. Could it be you? Please contact Maggie Murphy if you are interested. It is really a very nice way to serve. The children love you almost as much as they love the ice cream!

***Don't Forget the Men's Club***

QSP/Gift Wrap is on its way! We are almost done. In order for the items to arrive before Christmas, we need to place our orders now. Final call for orders is this Friday.

And, as you send in your orders, let's think forward to Saturday's Santini Golf Tournament. Thank you to Bing Collora and Bob Oosterman (and Mrs. Collora and Mrs.Oosterman) for spearheading this event. It should be a nice day for a round of golf and a wonderful evening for dinner. If you would still like to sponsor a hole or are looking to have a nice dinner, consult the flyer on the school website. Also, thank you to the many families who are working for the success of this event.

Just a little reminder – a car left in the lot is safer for all!

**THANK YOU TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO VOLUNTEERED TO HELP AT THE SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO HAUNTED HOUSE THIS SATURDAY. BE SURE TO BE AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING BY 3:30 (YOU'LL BE DONE BY 8:15). THANK YOU FOR REPRESENTING US SO WELL!**