

I set the Lord ever before me;
 With him at my right hand
 I shall not be disturbed. (Ps.
 16:8)

**St. Veronica Catholic School
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Calendar Review

- Thursday, November 12 12:30 p.m. dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences
 Please note – the Middle School Teachers are done at 4:00 p.m. Doors close at 3:45.
- Friday, November 13 12:30 p.m. dismissal
 School Guild Movie Night
 Hot Lunch orders are due
- Saturday, November 14 Volleyball North-South Championship Games
 9:00 a.m. SV6 Lions (Green) vs SV6 Lions (White)
 10:00 a.m. SV6 Eagles vs St. Gregory
 11:15 a.m. SV7 Sharks vs. St. Gregory
 (all games are at St. Pius – Redwood City)
- Congratulations to all our teams for a job well done.
 Thank you to our athletic directors, commissioners, and coaches for great volleyball and baseball seasons!*
- Sunday, November 15 Grades 7 & 8 are invited to lead us in the 9:30 mass
 Baseball North-South Championship Game
 2:30 p.m. SV8 Varsity vs. IHM
 (McGarvey Field – Redwood City)
- Monday, November 16 12:30 p.m. dismissal – Arch. Professional Dev.
- Tuesday, November 17 Basketball Evaluations – Girls
 Mandatory Sacrament Meeting – Grade 2 Parents
 7:00 p.m. – Church
- Wednesday, November 18 Basketball Evaluations – Boys
- Thursday, November 19 School Advisory Board – 7:00 p.m.

Dates to Remember

- Wednesday, November 25 Free Dress – 12:30 p.m. dismissal
NO P.M. EXTENDED CARE
Please plan accordingly!
- Sunday, December 6 School Guild’s Breakfast with Santa
- Tuesday, December 8 Holy Day of Obligation (9:30 mass)
Immaculate Conception
- Tuesday, December 15 Christmas Program – 6:30 p.m.

BINGO SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, November 11	Wednesday, November 18	Wednesday, November 25	Wednesday, December 2
Avelar, Gutierrez, Mitchell, Bosch, Fontenot, O’Reilly	Campbell, Ponce, Agler, Castro, Harper, Wilson	No Bingo	Adao, Schirmer, Bonnin, Mendoza, West/Parras

Blessed – Blessed Are We! Thank you so much for your enthusiastic and supportive participation in conferences. We are so fortunate that you, as the primary educators, have entrusted your most precious gifts to us. Rest assured that we will do all we can to do the best we can for your children.

Sr. Marianne Viani enjoyed her time with us last Thursday. I will not deny that the day was a little stressful, but all went well. She could not say enough about the quality of the faculty we have assembled here at St. Veronica Catholic School. Our teachers are to be commended for responding so readily to their vocation and accepting their ministry with such vigor. As St. Paul said to the community in Corinth,

“I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus!” (1 Cor. 1:4)

Swoosh	Basketball evaluations begin next week. The schedule is as follows:	
Tuesday, November 17 (GIRLS)		Wednesday, November 18 (BOYS)
4:00-4:45	Grade 4	4:00-4:45 Grade 4
5:00-5:45	Grade 5	5:00-5:45 Grade 5
6:00-6:45	Grade 6	6:00-6:45 Grade 6
7:00-7:45	Grade 7	7:00-7:45 Grade 7
8:00-8:45	Grade 8	8:00-8:45 Grade 8

Please be punctual in dropping off your child and picking him/her up. **Also, parents are not allowed to be present in the Parish Center during try-outs.** And, one last note, fourth grade does not “try-out.” They are invited to evaluations so teams may be split evenly for this training year.

PLEASE NOTE – VOLLEYBALL AND BASEBALL UNIFORMS MUST BE RETURNED BEFORE A STUDENT MAY ATTEND EVALUATIONS. PLEASE RETURN THE CLEAN UNIFORM IN A BAG, WITH THE CHILD’S NAME CLEARLY DISPLAYED, TO THE COLLECTION BOX IN THE LIBRARY.

One last note – it always seems that basketball season brings more controversy and conflicts than any other sport in our program. Please remember that all efforts are made to be as fair as possible. Your cooperation and support are greatly appreciated. The opportunity to play should be our focus. We are fortunate to have volunteers who will run our program, an organization that will support it, and a fine facility in which to play. Let’s focus on the positive and try to make our basketball season one that we all can enjoy.

In the Envelope You will find a variety of flyers and other enclosures in this envelope. You will also find your SCRIP and SERVICE HOURS STATEMENT. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Uliana or Mrs. Lynch through the office e-mail. Many will call and say, “I have more service hours.” Then, we will ask, “Did you turn in the form?” and then there is silence! We cannot record what we do not have!

Dennis Daul, our school counselor, does not ask often to put something in the newsletter, so when he does, I do. If you have any thoughts or concerns, Mr. Daul is on site every Thursday.

*Dear Parents,
As a counselor in 6 Catholic elementary schools, I am seeing a trend which is disturbing me. More and more young children are playing in “tackle” football leagues.*

We Are So Proud! Our First Quarter has ended and we are proud to announce our First Quarter Veronicans:

- Kindergarten Daniel Inocencio*
- First Grade Alannah Campbell*
- Second Grade Peyton Snyder*
- Third Grade Peter Nibbelin*
- Fourth Grade Sean Bonitz*
- Fifth Grade Emmanuel Fernandez*
- Sixth Grade Jenna Reynolds*
- Seventh Grade Ryan Cruz*
- Eighth Grade Tatiana Richardson*

Congratulations to each student and their families and we encourage you to keep up the good work!

What I am observing in these children is exhaustion at school, less consistency with homework, poorer academic performance, reports of concussions, bruises and injuries, over aggressive playground play, and absences. I am also concerned about some of the negative things it teaches our children.

I would suggest you carefully consider the impact of any contact sport you allow your child to play. Perhaps you should discuss it with your pediatrician. You may want to make sure you explore the physical ramifications (it appears that many doctors are proclaiming concussions may have long-term permanent effects on the brain) and the psychological ones, too.

Dennis Daul, LCSW
School Counselor

One Down Two to Go The First Quarter of the 2009-2010 academic year has come to a close. We are very happy with the diligence of the students and your collaboration. There are areas of growth for all of us, and I invite you to reflect with your child/ren about what you may be able to put in place for this next quarter. Since this is a season of much thanks and giving, what would it be like if we made a family effort to ... maybe shut off the t.v. next week during National Children’s Book Week and read a little as a family ... or decide to make a sacrifice in an area and donate to a charity that is dear to our hearts ... or maybe create a family games/movie night ... and, I will always suggest, make our Saturday evening or Sunday morning celebration of the Eucharist the center of our weekend. I know ... you are saying, “Ms. Pallitto, you just don’t understand. We have this and then there is that and then there is this and that again.” Believe me – I see all that you do and I stand in awe of your vocation as parents. You truly have an incredible vocation. I just want for all of us to do more than survive – we need to find ways to thrive (and that did not come from a Kaiser commercial!).