

**Prepare the way of the Lord;  
Make straight his paths!**

Luke 3: 5

**St. Veronica Catholic School  
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**Calendar Review**

- Thursday, December 3      Men's Club Meeting  
QSP/Reader's Digest Gift Wrap arrives!  
If you have a large order, please help your child. Gift wrap is coming home today!  
Scholastic Book Fair (8:30-4:30)
  
- Friday, December 4      FULL DRESS – First Friday Mass – 8:30 a.m.  
Toy Drive Collection at Mass  
Book Fair (8:30-3:00/6:30-8:30 – Story Hour)  
OLA Winter Dance – Grades 7 and 8  
*CHAPERONES NEEDED FROM 7:30-10:00.  
PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE!*
  
- Sunday, December 6      Children's Choir at the 9:30 a.m. mass  
School Guild Presents "Breakfast with Santa"  
Book Fair (9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)
  
- Monday, December 7      Vision/Hearing Screening for grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7,  
and all new students (please make sure glasses are at school if worn by your child!)
  
- Tuesday, December 8      FULL DRESS Holy Day of Obligation  
*Immaculate Conception – 9:30 a.m. mass*
  
- Friday, December 11      Hot Lunch orders due (by 2:30 p.m.)  
Christmas Eve Mass sign ups due
  
- Saturday, December 12      *My School is Cool Talent Show* at 11:00 a.m.  
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- Sunday, December 13      Sports Mass – 8:00 a.m. (see flyer posted on the website)
  
- Monday, December 14      **Minimum Day – 12:30 p.m. dismissal**  
Second Quarter Progress Reports issued  
Parish Reconciliation Liturgy – 7:30 p.m.
  
- Tuesday, December 15      Christmas Program – 6:30 p.m. – Church
  
- Friday, December 18      12:30 p.m. dismissal – NO P.M. EXTENDED Care – Please plan accordingly!

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**BINGO SCHEDULE**

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

<i>Wednesday, December 2</i>	<i>Wednesday, December 9</i>	<i>Wednesday, December 16</i>	<i>Wednesday, December 23</i>
<i>Adao, Schirmer, Bonnin, Mendoza, West/Parras</i>	<i>Avelar, Gutierrez, Mitchell, Bosch, Fontenot, O'Reilly</i>	<i>Campbell, Ponce, Agler, Castro, Harper, Ruegg, Wilson</i>	<i>No Bingo</i>

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**It's Advent** As you prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior, please think of something you can do with your family during this season of Advent. Attendance at mass, participating in the Reconciliation Liturgy on Monday, December 14, or assisting in the Toy Drive distribution after school on Thursday, December 17 at the Canal Street Fire Station are all wonderful opportunities! 'Tis the season of giving – giving your presence as a present is a fine gift, too!

***Around the World*** – Congratulations to our two time National Geographic Geography Bee winner Kevin Reynolds (Class of 2010). The students were so well prepared for our annual Bee and did a wonderful job. Join me in congratulating all the contestants:

- Grade 3** Ryan Keiper, Alexandria Marquez, Maya McGee  
Alternate – Marco Morales
- Grade 4** Amanda Carrillo, Eddie Santana, Adeeb Shihadeh  
Alternate – Nate Candler
- Grade 5** Patrick Brosnan, Jasmine Lacanlale, Alexis Luciano  
Alternates – Sofia Cartagena and Aiden Yarwood
- Grade 6** Kesia Langi, Jenna Reynolds (Third Place), Cameron Yap (Fifth Place)  
Alternates – Henry Nibblin and Maryjo Nunez
- Grade 7** Tyler Birch, Kayla Compton (Fifth Place), Paola Santana (Fourth Place)  
Alternates – Indiana Madden and Julia Sequeira
- Grade 8** Dominic Delucchi, Kevin Reynolds (First Place), Justin Yuen (Second Place)  
Alternates – Carrie Brosnan and Marco Romagnoli

***It's All about Safety*** In this time period between Thanksgiving and Christmas, many of the teachers will be completing the Archdiocesan requirement involving child safety. Grades K-3 will be using the Talk about Touching Program. Students in Grade 4 (and hopefully Grade 5) will be logging on to the Shield the Vulnerable website and participating in two different programs. Grades 6-8 will complete the requirement in January. You may visit [www.shieldthevulnerable.org](http://www.shieldthevulnerable.org) and take the adult course (please print the certificate and send a copy to the office for our files) and then, once you have signed in, you may review the courses students in grades 4-12 must take. Please note – if you hope to coach or volunteer in some way, it is to your benefit to take the course. A copy of the Archbishop's letter explaining the Archdiocese's commitment to child safety can be found in the appendix of the Parent-Student Handbook. Check out the school website for the letter distributed last year summarizing the presentation offered at a School Guild meeting explaining the Safety Programs. Finally, a video about how to talk to your child about safety can be check-out from the school office.

***We Did It!*** Last Wednesday, Peter, the director of San Bruno Catholic Worker House, arrived and left with a truck bed filled with canned goods. Thank you so much for all your efforts. A round of applause is extended to our Student Council for sponsoring this event. Now, can we knock the socks off of the South San Francisco Fire Department with another successful drive? Toy Drive begins this Friday!

***So Much to Do*** As we look at our calendar for this busy month, let's keep our Sundays open for all that the Lord wants to give us. We have the Children's Choir this Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. mass. Next Sunday, as a way to encourage play and pray, all sports teams are invited to attend the Sports Mass at 8:00 a.m. in uniform as a team. The third Sunday, our sixth graders from the school and the religious education program will lead us in prayer, and, on the fourth Sunday, we celebrate the first Sunday after Christmas. Making time for prayer can only give us more time to play!

- Looking for Something to Do?***
- ◇ We could use **people to help decorate this Friday evening for Santa's Breakfast** (call Maria Collins if you can).
  - ◇ We could use **chaperones for the dance** (call the office if you can).
  - ◇ We could use **more cooks and servers for breakfast on Sunday** (call Colleen McCarthy if you can).
  - ◇ We could use **children to enjoy story hour at the Book Fair this Friday!**

***Is Your Child an Altar Server?*** Did you remember to return the letter distributed last Tuesday? Preferences for Christmas and other masses are due this Friday. A new schedule has to be developed. We do not want to do it without your input. Thank you!

***Congratulations to the Fernandez Family (Dominic – 3 and Vincent – K) for the birth of Bella on Saturday. May this early Christmas present bring much joy and happiness to all!***

***Holy Day of Obligation  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Tuesday, December 8, 2009***

***Looking for Siblings***  
If you have a child who will be 5 before December 1, 2010, and who would like to be a part of the Class of 2019 – please complete this box, cut it out, and return it to the office by Friday, December 11, 2009. Tell your friends – Information Night 2010 will be on Thursday, January 14, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in Falcon Hall.

***Yes! We have another Falcon!***

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate(s) \_\_\_\_\_