

My strength and my courage is the Lord,
and he has been my savior.

Isaiah 12: 3

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Calendar Review

- Thursday, December 10 Did you get your raffle ticket in for the front row of the Christmas Program – HURRY!
- Friday, December 11 Hot Lunch orders due (by 2:00 p.m.)
Christmas Eve Mass sign ups due
My School is Cool Performance at 6:00 p.m.
Tanforan – Our Hula Dancers!
- Saturday, December 12 *My School is Cool Performance* at 11:00 a.m.
Tanforan – Our Irish Dancers!
- 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
- Wednesday, December 16 Last day for the SSFFD Toy Drive!
- Friday, December 18 12:30 p.m. dismissal – NO P.M. EXTENDED CARE – Please plan accordingly!

Please do not forget that Monday, December 14, 2009, is a 12:30 p.m. dismissal. Extended Care is available. Also, please be reminded that there is NO HOMEWORK CLUB ALL NEXT WEEK. Thursday, December 10 is the last day for Homework Club until 2010!

Dates to Remember

- Monday, January 4, 2010 Classes Resume – 12:30 p.m. dismissal
- Saturday, January 9 First Reconciliation – 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, January 12 Class of 2010 – Graduation Pictures
- Saturday, January 23 Men’s Club Crab Feed
- Sunday, January 31 Catholic Schools Week begins
Catholic Schools – Dividends for Life
9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Celebration
Open House after mass until 1:00 p.m.

BINGO SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, December 9	Wednesday, December 16	Wednesday, December 23	Wednesday, December 30
Avelar, Gutierrez, Mitchell, Bosch, Fontenot, O’Reilly	Campbell, Ponce, Agler, Castro, Harper, Ruegg, Wilson	No Bingo	No Bingo

Are You Preparing the Way? We are blessed by our faith community in so many ways and should do all we can in this season of Advent to build our faith and that of our community. If you have not been to Reconciliation in a long time and have wondered how you can bring yourself and your family to receive the gifts of this beautiful experience, why not attend the Reconciliation Liturgy on Monday night? It is a perfect opportunity to reopen the doors to forgiveness and reconciliation. If you have forgotten what to do, honestly, just go to the priest and say, “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. I cannot tell you since my last confession, and I need your help to get through this one!” The priests are so open and will guide you through the sacrament. It would be a wonderful family outing. You would not throw a gift away just because you did not know how it works, would you? Why throw this gift away?

The Eucharistic Celebration is always there for us as we journey in faith. This Sunday, our Sports teams have an opportunity to remind themselves who their #1 player and fan really is – Christ our Lord. Please do not forget the Sport’s Mass at 8:00 a.m. this Sunday! (Note – if you are assigned to serve another mass this Sunday, please remember that the mass you are assigned to serve should take precedence).

**Christmas Program 2009
A Night to Remember**

As many of you know, we have been working hard on our Christmas card to you! Please join us this Tuesday for our annual Christmas Program. It will begin at 6:30 with a stunning performance from our School Band. When you see how many budding musicians we have on campus, your mouth will drop! After the band, each class will entertain you with Christmas thoughts. Please remember that we do not go into Church and reserve rows after school – only Ms. Pallitto can do that for the faculty. Yet, you can still enter the Cheerleaders Raffle – do not pass up the chance to win the first, or second, or third row!

Students are asked to be in their classrooms by 6:15 p.m. You can drop your child off in Falcon Hall at 6:00 p.m. (no earlier please). Students stay in the classroom until the end of the show. It is not fair that we leave and make the other classes feel less important. We promise to sing on key, to be cute, and to be as delightful as we can be. After the Christmas Program, please go to the classroom to pick up your child. Please drive carefully that evening since the lot will be full and there will be many happy children about. See you on Tuesday evening!

THE FINAL SCRIP ORDER FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE THIS WEEK. YOU MUST HAVE YOUR ORDER IN THE OFFICE BY 9:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10. ANY ORDERS TURNED IN AFTER THIS TIME CANNOT BE GUARANTEED AN ARRIVAL DATE PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS BREAK.

Calling All Hoopsters! Basketball Pictures are set for Thursday, December 10, 2009, in the Parish Center after school. Please check with your coach for your appointed time. Be sure to **ARRIVE, IN UNIFORM, 10 MINUTES EARLY.** Picture envelopes must be complete at the time of the team picture and orders are due at the same time. Thank you!

One More Meeting – the Seventh Grade Service Project is nearing. The Men's Club Crab Feed is set for Saturday, January 23, 2010. If your only or oldest child is in seventh grade, this is your project. A mandatory meeting to organize this event will be held on Thursday, January 7, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. (right before the Men's Club meeting). At least one parent from each family participating in this project must attend. Remember – the more the merrier; and the merrier the lighter the load!

Wonderful Testimony! Everywhere I looked last Sunday I saw a wonderful testimony of the beauty that we are as a community. Thank you to Colleen McCarthy, Maria Collins, the Cheer Squad, Santa, our Train Engineers, and to all those who flipped a pancake, sold tickets, turned sausages, scrambled eggs, served coffee or simply sat and enjoyed breakfast. Congratulations to our School Guild for hosting such a warm and delicious event!

Then, I went to the Parish Center – thank you to Lori Brosnan and Rita Buscher and the multitude of moms who sat in the cold Parish Center for all those days and hosted our annual Book Fair. Thank you to Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Coleman and to our sixth grade helpers for a spectacular Story Night.

Then, I went to Church. Thank you to all the families who are making it a point to be more active in parish life this Advent Season. I am sure you will see what a difference it makes in your hearts and you will not want to stop! But, the singing – oh, that brought us to our feet! Congratulations to our Children's Choir and their Director Chris Lindstrom! What a wonderful proclamation of joy and celebration. Keep it up!

Quite Impressive! Our Toy Drive began last Friday with our First Friday Eucharistic Celebration. What a job we did! There is still time to donate – the Toy Drive ends next Wednesday. Come and look in the library to see the depth of your generosity. Thank you!

Just a little note from Peter, Director of the Catholic Worker Hospitality House:

*Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for your generous collection of food in support of our work with those in need in our community. Your kindness will help us to continue providing hot and hearty meals to all our guests.*

*Peace,
Peter*

Can You Believe It! Second Quarter Progress Reports will be issued on Monday, December 14. Please take some time to discuss with your child his/her progress and return the signed Progress Report to the classroom teacher by Wednesday, December 16. I am sure this does not have to be said, but please do not take the teacher's time on Tuesday evening to discuss the Progress Report. If you have any questions or concerns, please leave a note for the teacher or call the office to schedule an appointment. Thank you!

Looking for Siblings – Last Call

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) _____