

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.
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**St. Veronica Catholic School
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Calendar Review

- Thursday, December 19 Toy Drive Sorting – SSFFD (Canal Street Station)
After school – come one, come all!
School Advisory Board – 7:00 p.m. – Library

- Friday, December 18 FREE DRESS (but remember we are going to mass)
12:30 p.m. dismissal – NO P.M. EXTENDED
CARE – Please plan accordingly!

- Sunday, December 20 ***Grade 6 – Family Mass – 9:30 a.m.***

- Monday, January 4 Classes Resume – 12:30 p.m. dismissal

- Thursday, January 7 6:00 p.m. Mandatory Meeting for at least one parent
if your only or oldest child is in the seventh
grade – we need to organize the Crab Feed!
Men’s Club Meeting – 6:45 p.m. – Falcon Hall

- Friday, January 8 Confirmation Retreat begins – Let’s keep our
Confirmandi and the entire Confirmation
Team in our prayers!

- Saturday, January 9 First Reconciliation – 10:00 a.m.
Remember to pray for our Second Graders!

- Sunday, January 10 It’s the Second Sunday – little more “noise” at the
9:30 a.m. mass – come join us!

- Monday, January 11 School Guild – 6:30 p.m. – Falcon Hall

Dates to Remember

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Friday, January 22</i> <i>Saturday, January 23</i> <i>Sunday, January 24</i> <i>Friday, January 29</i> <i>Sunday, January 31</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>End of the Second Quarter</i> <i>Men’s Club Crab Feed</i> <i>Blood Bank of the Peninsula – Blood Drive</i> <i>Second Quarter Reports issued</i> <i>Catholic Schools Week begins</i> <i>Catholic Schools – Dividends for Life</i> <i>9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Celebration</i> <i>Open House after mass until 1:00 p.m.</i> |
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BINGO SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, January 6	Wednesday, January 13	Wednesday, January 20	Wednesday, January 27
<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>Dabai, Ledesma, Reynoso, Cole, Marsh, Suarez, Mott</i>

Sensational! I am actually writing this before the Christmas Program, but based upon our dress rehearsal on Monday, I am sure you delighted in the performance of the students as much as I did. I cannot say enough about our faculty and all our students. It is truly a blessing to be a part of this community. You and all your support are the topping on the cake. Though sometimes we may have misunderstandings and we do not always agree, and changes may occur which can be puzzling and challenging, I am confident that moments like these will carry us through all the trials and confusion. The important thing is to remain like Mary and Joseph as they traveled to Bethlehem not quite knowing the full extent of their role in this wonderful plan of salvation – let’s keep our eyes and our hearts open, our minds centered upon Christ, and our feet moving! God will give us our own little Bethlehem!

In Our Prayers Please keep Mrs. Esola and her family in your prayers. Mrs. Esola lost her mother last week. The funeral was yesterday. May her mother, along with all our dearly departed, rest eternally in the heavenly embrace of our Father.

Note - I apologize for not sending out an e-mail. I remembered one thing at the expense of another. I really do need a silent night! The middle school represented us well and was so good at the funeral mass. Thank you to all the parents for remembering to make sure they had their sweaters.

It's Coming The annual Girl Scout "One Warm Coat" drive is coming in January. As you enjoy the new, and look to dispose of the old, save that gently used coat to donate. More information will follow!

Tickets, please! Thank you so much for your enthusiastic support of the Cheer Squad Christmas Raffle! Wow – they sure sold a lot of tickets! Congratulations to our lucky winners. Did you see them? The Rocha and the Collora family enjoyed prime seating while the Wilborn family went shopping! Thanks again for your support.

Thank You! Thanks to Bernadette Flynn, Pauline Lee, all our dancers, the Irish Dancers and our Hula Girls, and all the parents of our budding dancers for their participation in the My School is Cool entertainment at Tanforan. I wish I could have been there, but St. Mary's was calling! I heard that our girls did a great job. Thanks for shining like stars and for making St. Veronica Catholic School look so good!

One More Shining Star! Congratulations to our very own Kayla Compton (Grade 7) for her achievement in the Pied Piper Players. Kayla was awarded the Gypsy Rose award given to the ensemble member who best exemplifies the philosophy of the Pied Piper Players. She just finished a performance of Roald Dahl's *Willy Wonka*.

This is what was said of her in the play's program: "*Kayla is the epitome of a Pied Piper Players Gypsy Robe recipient. She rehearses in performance mode, much to all the staff's delight. She works hard, even when she thinks no one is watching.*"

*Congratulations, Kayla,
thanks for showing how high
Falcons can fly!*

Food for Thought As you enjoy the Advent Season and move through the Christmas Season, I hope you are journeying closer and closer to your community of faith, our Parish. That is, I hope you are seeing the value and the gift we have in our Parish and, most especially, the liturgies we share together. St. Veronica Catholic School is a PARISH school. We were founded by the families of the parish; we continue on the strength of our parishioners. As parishioners of this parish, we should do all we can to support it.

Father Charles, as Chief Administrator of the school, and I are consoled as we watch you become more and more active in the parish life. It is the dream of every pastor. Every pastor would like to see the school and parish in one vision.

It is also the dream of every Catholic school administrator. As a parish school, we, the faculty and staff of St. Veronica Catholic School, are only collaborating with you in the faith formation of your child. You are the primary educator and in the warmth of your home, your child experiences Christ. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* has a lot to say about the role of the parents and the life of the parish:

**"Parents have the privilege of
EVANGELIZING THEIR CHILDREN."**

CCC, #2223

**"Parents have the mission of teaching
their children to pray and to discover
their vocation as children of God."**

CCC, #2226

**"The parish is the Eucharistic community
and the heart of the liturgical life
of Christian families;
it is a privileged place
for catechesis of children and parents."**

CCC, #2226

As you go forth along this journey, let's do all we can to dream together and continue to build a school lived in the Parish. One way we can do this is by coming together to pray. This Sunday, all the sixth graders and their families are asked to lead us at the 9:30 a.m. mass. We come together to build a community nestled around the manger in adoration. We come together and give what we can in our envelopes every week. As parishioners, we place the needs of our parish in the forefront of our minds and hearts and we pray for each other and support each other on this journey of faith. May your experience of "Church" help you and all those you love, see the support and unity we enjoy around the table of the Lord.