

O Lord, my God,
You are great indeed.

Psalm 104: 1b

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Calendar Review

- 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
- 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
- Tuesday, January 12 Graduation Pictures
- Thursday, January 14 Information Night – 7:00 p.m. – Falcon Hall
Tell your friends!
- Sunday, January 17 Family Liturgy – Grade 5 – 9:30 a.m. mass
- Monday, January 18 *Martin Luther King, Jr. – No School*
- Tuesday, January 19 Parent Sacrament Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Church

Dates to Remember

- Friday, January 22 *End of the Second Quarter*
- Saturday, January 23 *Men’s Club Crab Feed*
- Sunday, January 24 *Blood Bank of the Peninsula – Blood Drive*
- Friday, January 29 *Second Quarter Reports issued*
- 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.
- Friday, February 5 *No School – Archdiocesan Prof. Dev.*
- Tuesday, February 9 *Field Trip – Grades 6 and 7*
King Tut exhibit (Please try to remember not to order hot lunch)
Class of 2010 Retreat

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
Adao, Schirmer, Bommin, Mendoza, West/Parras	Avelar, Gutierrez, Mitchell, Bosch, Fontenot, O’Reilly	Campbell, Ponce, Agler, Castro, Harper, Ruegg, Wilson	Dabai, Ledesma, Reynoso, Cole, Marsh, Suarez, Mott

Gift Giving – Hearts Warming! Thank you so much to the many families who sent cards and other generous goodies for the faculty and for me before Christmas. I am most grateful for the additions to my M&M collection, the goodies, gift certificates and kind words of support and gratitude. The faculty is also grateful for the cookies, the breads, and all the treats that helped us see how much we are appreciated and loved. May the warmth and blessings we celebrated in this Christmas season remain with us throughout this new year as we continue to walk together in our journey of faith!

In Our Prayers Please keep Mrs. Murphy in your prayers. Mrs. Murphy's mother passed away the day after Christmas.

Let us also remember Mr. Martin and his family as they mourn the loss of Mr. Martin's father, and Mr. Abaya and his family as they mark the passing of Mr. Abaya's mother.

We are grateful for the gift of our faith which helps us see how life really begins when we enter our heavenly home. May all our loved ones find peace and eternal rest in the arms of our Savior as we find comfort and solace in the strength and refuge of our community.

Calling All Siblings Thank you to the many families who responded with punctuality to our call for siblings. Please note that you should find an application for your child in the envelope (if by chance we erred and forgot to include the application, please accept our apologies and kindly download a copy from the website). Please complete the application and return it with a copy of the birth and baptismal certificates by Friday, January 29, 2010.

Remind your friends who are interested in St. Veronica Catholic School that Information Night is on Thursday, January 14, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in Falcon Hall. We do have some spaces available for next year's first grade, too!

They Really Do Pay Off! Special thanks to Mrs. Jariya for managing the Box Tops for Education program. All the little tops generated \$341.50 for the school. We will use the money from this fundraiser to buy recess balls for the classes. Thank you. Imagine what we could do if we paid a little more attention to this easy fundraiser.

With You in Mind Please note that you should find your Extended Care statement enclosed in this envelope. Also, Mrs. Uliana attached your last year's totals for your tax purposes. Note – the tax ID number is on the statement. If you have any questions, e-mail Mrs. Uliana at the office address or call. She is in the office Tuesday – Thursday.

Are You Late? Enclosed in the envelope are notices for some families who might have forgotten to pay their Men's Club fee for the 2009-2010 academic year. Keep in mind, all families are responsible for paying this fee. Your immediate attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Special Note to the Parents of the Class of 2010

The Class of 2010 will be taking their graduation photos on Tuesday, January 12. Here are a few answers to questions raised and addressed with the eighth graders on Monday:

- *Dress for the day is formal.* Girls are to dress nicely and boys are expected to be in nice pants with a shirt and tie. The eighth graders were told that they are not allowed to drag their parents to the mall for new outfits for this event!
- *There is no mandatory color for the boy's tie.* You many want to look at the graduation pictures hanging in the breezeway or outside of the office to see what color would be best for your son.
- *Girls may apply make up on this day but are asked to exercise moderation.* Please help us emphasize the word moderation! There is no lifting of the ban on highlighting or earrings for this event.
- *On this day, we measure the graduates for their gowns.* Girls are asked to bring shoes which may be comparable to the heels they may be wearing for graduation. It is not necessary to purchase their graduation shoes now – we just need something that is comparable.
- *The envelopes are due on Tuesday if you wish to purchase the class composite.* Lifetouch will send you proofs to select for the graduation picture package you may wish to purchase. You will pay for these pictures at a later date.
- *If I have failed to address your specific question, please call me. I will do the best I can.*

Sacraments – Signs of God's Love This weekend, the young people of our parish will be experiencing, in a special way, the immensity of God's love for them. First, our freshmen will begin to gather on Friday for a weekend of grace as they participate in the Confirmation Retreat beginning this Friday and ending on Sunday afternoon. Let's keep them in our prayers as well as the entire Confirmation Retreat Team and the Confirmation teachers.

On Saturday morning, our second graders will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Let's hold them in our hearts and ask God to bless them with peace and forgiveness as they celebrate with joy the road home and our Father's loving embrace.