

***Calendar Review***

Wednesday,	January 27	CYO Outdoor Education Parent Meeting – Good Shepherd (Pacifica) – 6:30 p.m.
Friday,	January 29	Confirmation – 5:00 p.m. – Church Second Quarter Report Cards issued VIP/Grandparents’ Day forms due If you lost your form, you can find it on the website.
Sunday,	January 31	Opening of Catholic Schools Week 9:30 a.m. mass (Sports Mass will be at this time also) – Open House until 1:00 p.m.
Monday,	February 1	MIX-MATCHED MONDAY 12:30 p.m. dismissal
Tuesday,	February 2	PAJAMA DAY – Movie Day (please – no slippers!)
Wednesday,	February 3	Student Council will be selling Hot Chocolate and donuts at recess
Thursday,	February 4	SPORTS DAY
Friday,	February 5	No School – Archdiocesan Professional Development School Guild Bunko Night
Tuesday,	February 9	Field Trip – Grades 6 and 7 – King Tut Exhibit (de Young Museum – SF) Eighth Grade Retreat – St. Peter (Pacifica) 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Saturday,	February 13	First Eucharist – Second Grade – 10:00 a.m. mass

***Dates to Remember***

<i>Wednesday, February 17</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday – Lent begins</i>
<i>Monday-Friday, February 22-26</i>	<i>CYO Outdoor Education – Grade 7</i>
<i>Saturday, March 6</i>	<i>School Guild Luck of the Irish Dinner and Raffle</i>
<i>Monday, March 8</i>	<i>VIP/Grandparents’ Day (12:30 p.m. dismissal)</i>
<i>Thursday, March 18</i>	<i>12:30 p.m. dismissal – NO PM EXTENDED CARE – please plan accordingly</i>
<i>Friday, March 19</i>	<i>No School – Faculty Inservice</i>
<i>Monday, March 22</i>	<i>No School – Faculty Inservice</i>

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**BINGO SCHEDULE**

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

<i>Wednesday, February 3</i>	<i>Wednesday, February 10</i>	<i>Wednesday, February 17</i>	<i>Wednesday, February 24</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>Dabai, Ledesma, Reynoso, Cole, Marsh, Suarez, Mott</i>

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***Haitian Relief***      *What a wonderful outpouring of generosity! We sent a check this week for \$4,102.64 to Catholic Relief Services for the ongoing efforts to help rebuild Haiti. The success of each class is commendable and the dividends for life presented by Catholic Schools are evident in all that we do together to become stewards for our world. Thank you so much for all your generosity! By the way – Grade Five will be picking the movie for Tuesday, February 2!*

**Big Deadline!** Please remember that the form for VIP/Grandparents' Day went home last week. In order to send the invitations out and to secure the returns, we need your form by Friday, January 29. We really need to be informed of numbers for this event and your punctuality is extremely important. Often, at the last minute, we are asked to accommodate a forgotten grandparent. It is so hard to make these adjustments at the last minute. We are dealing with a huge number of participants at this event and we want so much to make everyone happy. Please help us by being punctual with your papers.

**Hats Off to the Men's Club and the Seventh Grade Parents!** What a wonderful evening! Thank you to all those who worked so well for the success of the annual Men's Club Crab Feed. A special thank you to Cathi Graham and Chris Krol for organizing this service project. All the parents did an incredible job and the seventh and eighth graders were great assets – true dividends! Thank you again for all you do! Now – from crab to corned beef and cabbage!

**Do You Feel Lucky?** The School Guild is sponsoring our annual Luck of the Irish Dinner/Dance. Only 250 tickets are sold for the cash prize. I always buy the winning ticket, but I guess I am telling the wrong person! Please feel free to speak to friends and family about sponsoring a ticket together. We put an envelope in the faculty room and when we reach \$100 in donations, we buy a ticket together. We usually buy at least two tickets for this event. Be creative. Have fun with it – and if you want the prize all to yourself, purchase your ticket now! Just one reminder – each ticket comes with only one complimentary dinner. I am sure you understand why.

**Service, Please!** Service Commitment forms for anything from October 31 – January 22 are enclosed in this envelope. Please remember – we can only record what we receive. The deadline for these forms is Wednesday, February 3. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**On Center Stage!** As Father noted in his column, Catholic Schools Week is upon us. Student Council is preparing a week of celebration and fun. We begin with mass this Sunday. Please do all you can to focus on this liturgical celebration at 9:30 with your family. Since it is also a week of home games, we will have our sports mass. **Students may come in any kind of uniform. Sports members can be in their team colors while full dress is asked of all the others.** We are looking forward to giving thanks, celebrating around the table of the Lord, and counting the numerous blessings for all that we live and give to our community of faith. Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday!

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parents at St. Veronica School,

**Confirmation:** This Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, Archbishop George Niederauer will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 64 of our young men and women. The Spirit of the Lord will come upon them, as the same Spirit was upon Jesus himself (Luke 4). Congratulations to these young people and to their families! Confirmation, as we know well, is only the beginning. Now is the time for these young men and women to turn the power of this Sacrament into a life of faith, love, and service. One of the ways they can easily and concretely demonstrate it is by being part of the weekend Mass. It's where we as parish community gather week after week to be "called and sent out" as disciples and apostles of Jesus Christ.

**Catholic Schools Week** is observed from January 31 to February 6. The theme this year is "Dividends for Life." The dividends of a Catholic school education are suggested as "faith, knowledge, morals, and discipline." Catholic Schools Week is a joint project of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

"As part of Catholic Schools Week, National Appreciation Day For Catholic Schools will be observed Wednesday, Feb. 3. National Appreciation Day was established to encourage supporters nationwide to showcase to elected officials the great accomplishments and contributions of Catholic schools. In Washington, a delegation of Catholic school students, teachers and parents will visit Capitol Hill to meet with congressional leaders to promote Catholic schools."

Let's celebrate our own St. Veronica School for its devotion to "faith, knowledge, morals, and discipline." May our school flourish as a hallowed place where Catholic faith and values are imbibed and cherished for a lifetime. A fundamental Catholic insight is that our life is not about ourselves. It is about others. How can I serve others? How can I make others happy? In serving and helping others, we truly discover our identity--and our destiny.

**Haiti:** It is heartening to see how generous our parish has been in coming to the aid of our brothers and sisters in distress in Haiti. Our second collection last weekend for Haiti amounted to \$7,867.00. Thank you for your amazing spirit of compassion. You have demonstrated through this donation the conviction of the universality of the Church and her mission. Let's continue to keep Haiti in our hearts and prayers.

Your friend and pastor,

Father Charles Puthota