

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord!
 Jeremiah 17: 3

**St. Veronica Catholic School
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Calendar Review

- Friday, February 12 Hot Lunch orders due by 1:30 p.m.
 Free dress for any child in a family who has purchased one or part of a Luck of the Irish Raffle ticket!
- Saturday, February 13 First Eucharist – Second Grade – 10:00 a.m. mass
 Let’s keep our second graders and their families in our prayers!
- Monday, February 15 No School – Presidents’ Day
- Tuesday, February 16 Valentine’s Day/Mardi Gras celebrations
- Wednesday, February 17 Ash Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. mass – FULL DRESS
- Thursday, February 18 Altar Server Training – One of three options – 4:30 p.m.
 School Advisory Board – 7:00 p.m. – Science Room
 Chevy’s Night – Sponsored by the Men’s Club
- Friday, February 19 Free dress for any child in a family who has purchased one or part of a Luck of the Irish Raffle ticket!
- Saturday, February 20 Keep Lisa Stenson, our school Spelling Bee Champion, in your prayers. She will be at USF taking the written test to qualify for the Oral Bee sponsored by the San Francisco Chronicle! Go Lisa!
- Sunday, February 21 Family Mass – Grade 4 – 9:30 a.m.

Dates to Remember

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

*Save the date for Summer School! June 21- July 16
 July 4 holiday July 2 and July 5*

BINGO SCHEDULE

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

<i>Wednesday, February 10</i>	<i>Wednesday, February 17</i>	<i>Wednesday, February 24</i>	<i>Wednesday, March 3</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>	<i>Adao, Schirmer, Bonnin, Mendoza, West/Parras</i>

My Error *I erred in last week’s newsletter. There is Bingo scheduled for Wednesday, February 17. I hope the third week crew accepts my apologies. Even I make mistakes – believe me – lots and lots!*

Calling All Girls in Grades 6-8 *Skyline College is sponsoring its 30th Expanding Your Horizons Conference on Saturday, March 20, 2010. This is a great opportunity for girls to explore various careers in the area of math and science. If you are interested in attending, flyers can be found in the office. I would recommend you register early so you can get your first choice of workshops. I have attended this in the past and it is well done and very beneficial for our young ladies. Please have your daughter pick up a flyer if she is interested. More information can be found at www.skylinecollege.edu/eyh.*

Did You Hear? Next year we really want to go paperless. Do you want to try now? Call the office and set yourself up to receive everything online! We're moving with the times!

Final call for the Cheer Squad Hot Lunch Raffle! The drawing will be on Friday. If you are the winner and have already submitted your hot lunch order, your check will be returned. What a great deal! Good luck and thank you for supporting our Cheer Squad!

School Guild News

Anniversary Logo Shirts and Sweatshirts Still Available – A very limited supply is up for grabs!

1 Grey Sweatshirt (Medium)
3 Green Fleece (Medium)
4 Green Fleece (Large)
8 Green Fleece (variety of youth sizes)
7 White Polo (Medium)
1 White Polo (Large)
3 White Polo (X-Large)
Polos are only \$5 and sweatshirts are \$10. Call Lucy Grubbs if you are interested.

Help – Hot Lunch helpers are needed for Monday! Can you lend a hand? Call Teri Inocencio or Christina Rivera.

More Hands – a few more volunteers are needed for VIP/Grandparents' Day. Can you take the time on Monday, March 8 and be a greeter or a server? Call Sharon Oosterman or Vicki Ottoboni if you are available.

Box Tops – We have another window open for those Box Tops! Get them in now! Next mailing set for February 25! Thank you for taking the time to cut them out and to turn them in! We appreciate your attention to the small things!

My School Is Cool Yes, we are cool! But, we need your help – please remember to send in those receipts! That would be really cool!

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins next week with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on February 17. Though this is not a Holy Day of Obligation, it is always nice to begin our Lenten season with this liturgical celebration. Masses will be celebrated at St. Veronica Parish at the following times: 6:30, 8:30, 9:30 (school mass), 4:00 and 6:30.

FYI – for our mass on Wednesday, we will be taking up a collection in support of Heifer International. This organization will use our donation to buy livestock for a needy village. Student Council will be sponsoring a collection during Lent for Holy Childhood Association. More details will follow.

From Baby Steps to a One Giant Leap Forward: What's Next for St. Veronica Parish

St. Veronica Parish is poised to take one giant leap forward. In June of 2010, the use of the convent will change to meet the growing needs of this vibrant faith community. The first floor of the convent has housed the kindergarten, resource rooms, extended care, various offices, and storage for the parish school beginning in 1980. In 1989 an upgrade was made so more of the space could be used to enhance the programs of the school. In 2007, Father Ed Bohnert (Pastor from 2002-2008) allowed the administration of the parish school to conduct a feasibility study to explore the possibilities of the vacant upstairs of the convent. After much discussion, the administration, along with School Advisory Board, decided an addition to the area on the east end of the school would be much more feasible and all intentions of using the second floor for the school program were tabled due to the issue of cost.

Now, it is this parish administration's turn to see how best to utilize the space in the convent and expand the use of this building for the growing needs of the community. A Feasibility Committee was gathered by Father Charles Puthota (the current Pastor) in July of 2009 to conduct this study. The Feasibility Committee brainstormed and examined different options looking at every perspective to see how the current use of the convent could be integrated with dreams for the future. The scope was to move the parish offices into the convent and create meeting rooms and other space for the different organizations of the parish. The idea of a Pastoral Center was born. How could the parish use the remaining space to create a Pastoral Center? Could the side entrance be used for parish needs? If the side entrance would not work, maybe the school could move to the side and the parish could take the front? What configuration would work best to meet the evolving needs of the community and secure the safety of the children in our parish school?

Well, the study has been conducted, all points have been considered, and we are ready to announce that at the end of the current academic year, the parish school will be vacating the convent and using a new modular building which will be placed on the grassy area by the school office near the flagpole for the activities of the Learning Center and Extended Care. The Pastoral Center Committee has shifted from a feasibility study to a planning committee focused on utilizing the convent to its full potential and serving the parish as a center of spiritual enrichment, fellowship, and service to the parishioners. The new Pastoral Center will be an addition to the parish which could only bring us all one giant leap forward to greater faith and unity.

*Yours in Christ,
Father Charles Puthota, Pastor
Teri Pallitto, Principal*