



NOVEMBER 19, 2010

IMPORTANT UPCOMING
SCHOOL EVENTS/DATES



Thursday - 11/11-29
Signature Fundraising

Wednesday - 11/24
Food Drive during Chapel

Early Dismissal
Preschool and Kindergarten
11:45am
1st. through 8th Grade 12:00
pm

Thursday - 11/25
Thanksgiving Service 10 am

**Thursday & Friday -
11/25 & 26**
No Classes/Thanksgiving
Break

Wednesday - 12/2
Washington DC Meeting for
7th grade students and
parents

Friday - 12/3
Parent/Teacher Conferences

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24



This year our Thanksgiving Food Ingathering will focus on donations for the Episcopal Community Services Head Start program families in Chula Vista. This program serves 127 children from 126 families.

Head Start and Early Head Start are comprehensive child development programs, which serve children from birth to age 5, pregnant women, and their families. They are child-focused programs and have the overall goal of increasing the social competence of young children in low-income families. Social competence means the child's everyday effectiveness in dealing with either his or her present environment and later responsibilities in school and life. Social competence takes into account the interrelatedness of social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development.

Head Start services are family-centered, and parents are respected as the primary educators and nurturers of their children. Head Start offers family members opportunities and support for growth and change, believing that people can identify their own strengths, needs, and interests and are capable of finding solutions.

We will be collecting food bags on Wednesday, November 17th and 24th during Chapel.

Fr. Bill Wade will be out of the office from 11/29 to 12/3/10.

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The Rev. Canon Jenny Vervynck is responsible for all School communications. Please send any event or calendar information to Sandy Martinez at sandy@saint-johns.org, with a copy to Jenny@saint-ohns.org. For the Weekly E-News, please have information to Canon Jenny by Wednesday of the week of publication and for the Eagle Newsletter by the 15th of the

Here is what Head Start needs: Please bring a bag filled with these items.

\$15.00 - \$25.00 Grocery Gift cards
Instant Mashed potatoes
Can of gravy
Can of cranberries or cranberry sauce
Can of chicken broth
Rolls
Pumpkin pie
Apple pie
Can of corn
Can of yams
Any other Thanksgiving items

Thank you for your contribution. Our goal is that every Head Start family will be blessed with our thankful giving.

***EARLY RELEASE ON
WEDNESDAY 11/24/10***

Wednesday, November 24th is an early release day. Preschool and Kindergarten release at 11:45 am and First through 8th release at 12 pm. Please remember to pick up your children or make arrangements for someone to pick them up. WE DO NOT HAVE CHILDCARE ON MINIMUM DAYS.

***SIGNATURE FUNDRAISING
CONCLUDES NOVEMBER 29***



Christmas is almost here your child has brought home the Signature Fundraising catalogue. It's the perfect opportunity to purchase your holiday wrapping paper and raise money for your school. Signature Fundraising will run from November 11 - 29. St. John's will receive 50% of the proceeds from the sales, so please pick out your favorite Christmas wrapping paper, offer it to your friends

month.

Thank you!

Please forward this email to family and friends.

If someone forwarded the school e-news to you and you wish to receive future mailings, please click the button and add your information.

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and family and help your school. Return your order and money in the order envelope to your child's teacher by November 29. Please make sure to write your child's name on the envelope and seal it before turning it in.

GENTLE REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS

Dear Parents,

We kindly ask that you do not go directly to your child's classroom during class time. If you need to pick up your child early or if your child arrives late, go directly to our Student Services office. If you need to talk to your child's teacher, contact your child's teacher by email and make arrangements to meet at a time convenient for you and for the teacher. Unexpected visits to the classroom are disruptive and take learning time away from the children. We thank you for your cooperation.

WASHINGTON DC MEETING

On December 2nd at 2:15 pm there will be a 7th grade students and parents meeting at Saint John's church regarding information and registration for next year's Washington DC trip. Please make every effort to attend and plan for this very exciting and rewarding trip.

ART CLASS UPDATE



We just completed the first trimester of Art club. The second trimester will begin in January when we return from winter break. A form will be sent home for parents to fill out and return if their child will be attending the second trimester art club. Many thanks to Mrs. Stanfield for all her time and talent.

Some of the children's paintings are on display in the main office, stop by when you have a moment! We look forward to next semester's projects.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Dear Parents,

We would like to remind you that Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on December 3rd. Please remember to sign up for your conference time with your child's teacher. Also, please make arrangements for your child to remain at home if possible so that the conference time can be devoted to conversation

between the parents and teachers. Thank you for your cooperation.

ART AUCTION

This year Saint John's School will be having an **Art Auction**. The students have been hard at work creating all kinds of unique and interesting pieces of art in their art classes this month. The purpose of the Art Auction is to raise funds to integrate technology and learning in the classrooms. The Art Auction will be held on **December 3rd during parent-teacher conferences**. It will be a silent auction and all art work will be displayed in Nale Hall from 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. All parents and family members are welcome to visit and see all of the creative masterpieces of our Saint John's students.



BOOK FAIR COMING SOON!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming! It will begin on December 6th and will be open until the week ending on December 10th. Students will be attending the book fair throughout the week during school hours but parents and students are welcome to visit before school and after school. To preview some of the great books that will be sold please visit our Scholastic book fair [website](#) .



We look forward to seeing you there!

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL PREPARES FOR EMERGENCIES

St. John's School continues to improve its emergency preparedness for the safety of our students and staff. Mr. Bruce Givens, one of our fifth grade teachers, is serving as our Emergency Preparedness Officer. He has planned three emergency drills, for earthquakes, fire and a lockdown in the event of an intruder to our campus.



As a part of our preparations for emergencies, we are purchasing emergency backpacks for each classroom and office. After much research, we have selected backpacks from Quake Care which supplies backpacks to the Red Cross and approved by the California Department of Education. Each Safety Backpack Survival Kit contains emergency supplies designed for a classroom, fieldtrip, or office. This comprehensive survival kit contains the most effective emergency supplies for emergency preparedness including the emergency food, water, lighting, radio, first-aid, sanitation, and shelter supplies to prepare for all disasters. This deluxe kit also contains a Solar / Hand-Crank Powered Flashlight, Radio, Flashing LED Siren & Mobile Phone Charger.

Each backpack costs \$100 including shipping. If you would like to pay the cost of the backpack for your student's classroom, please send a check for \$100 to St. John's School/Emergency Backpack. Remember that all your donations are tax deductible. If you need a receipt for tax purposes, please contact Sandy Martinez at sandy@saint-johns.org or 619 422-4141. Thank you so much for your support.

PARENT WORKSHOP

How to Raise a Trailblazer - a Program of the University of San Diego

Teaching Your Child to Blaze a Trail for Lifelong Success

In an ever-changing, increasingly complex world, raising an autonomous, successful, confident child has become a challenge. Our job as parents is to become obsolete. Your child's teenage years are a critical window to endow them with powerful skills that will serve them for the rest of their lives. This workshop is designed to help you to guide your child be their very best self.

Program Benefits

- * Learn why helicopter parents don't raise Trailblazers and how to avoid helicopter parenting behavior
- * Learn why your child is a brand in the age of modern technology and how to keep your child safe while remaining active in social media
- * Teach your child to have critical conversations with authority figures
- * Learn the 10 Critical Business Development skills that every professional WISHED they had learned when they were 13 and the simple ways you can nurture these skills in your child.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Registration Fee: \$100.00 per Person or \$125.00 per family (limits up to 2 persons)

Day: December 2nd, 2010 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: Manchester Conference Center Questions: contact Adriana Serrano aserrano@sandiego.edu or at 619.260.5976

CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

Fresh & Easy
in Rancho Del Rey



Dear Parents:

Our school has joined the Shop for Schools Program with Fresh & Easy groceries market. Now through December 31st. every time we shop at Fresh & Easy in Rancho del Rey, our school will get 5% cash back. We just need to keep the receipt and turn it in to our receipt box located at our school near the bulletin board hallway. No need to subscribe online or call anywhere. Just remember to have your child or yourself put in your receipt in the box every time you shop for groceries. It is that simple.

You will also have an opportunity to shop on Monday, December 6, from 4 to 8 pm. St. John's school will receive 5% of all sales that evening. We need 10 volunteers to help in the store that evening. Please contact Melania Magoni at melaniamagon@pacbell.net if you are able to help. We appreciate any amount of time that you are able to volunteer. As a volunteer, you will receive a very nice t-shirt!

Fresh and Easy grocery store is located on H Street near Costco in the Rancho del Rey area of Chula Vista.

Thank you for supporting St. John's School!!

Handy Links

Click on the images below:

St. John's Website



Lunch Menu



*School
Calendar*





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