



# St. Emydius School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

December is a very busy month for all of us. Included below are important dates for St. Emydius School events. Please save them and refer to them as needed.

#### **DECEMBER 7—WASC PARENT SURVEYS**

Included in your newsletter for this week is the WASC Parent Survey. Please fill it out and return it to school. All families who return this survey by Monday, December 14 will receive a raffle ticket. This ticket entitles you to be included in a raffle. The winner will receive credit for one child's candy drive sales (\$100). Please return this important survey as soon as possible. Thank you for your attention.

#### **DECEMBER 8—FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Tuesday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is also a Holy Day of Obligation. The school Mass and December birthdays will be celebrated at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The eighth grades are in charge.

#### **DECEMBER 7-11—SANTA'S SECRET SHOP**

The viewing of the items will be on Monday, December 7th. The items will be sold on Tuesday, December 8 to Friday, December 11. This is a great opportunity for your children to purchase gifts for their family and friends.

#### **DECEMBER 11—OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PROCESSION**

Additional information will be given at a later date.

#### **DECEMBER 13—FAMILY MASS**

Our monthly Family Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, December 13, the Third Sunday of Advent. The 5th and 6th grades are in charge. The donation envelopes are also included in this week's mailing. Thank you to those families who gave donations at the previous two Family Masses. Please bring your envelope to Mass with you on Sunday and place it in the first collection. All donations are designated to provide additional funds for St. Emydius School and the education of our children.

#### **WEEK OF DECEMBER 14—CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The Christmas Program will be held on Monday, December 14 at 5:00 p.m.-6:15 p.m. in the church. The program will include all grades. You will be notified by your child's teacher regarding what to wear. A reception will be held in the auditorium following the Christmas program. Refreshments will be available for purchase. We are looking forward to seeing all of our families and enjoying a fun evening with our students.

Thank you Ms. Ponce for coordinating St. Emydius School's participation in all the social justice activities. A special thanks to 8B who are in charge of the events and collecting the payments.

Sincerely,

Miss Socorro Mendoza  
Principal



**THANK YOU.....**

Thank you sincerely to parents who paid bills owed to our school. It makes my job and that of Denise so much easier when all accounts are current. We, too, have many bills which we have to pay. A friendly reminder: Semester Exams are scheduled for mid January. All tuition and fundraisers must be current in order for your child to take these exams.

**REMINDER:**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECTS....**

**DOLLAR ROLL...**

The dollar roll is scheduled to take place on December 8, 2009. Please bring in your dollars in order to help the "Adopt a Family Program" sponsored by Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral in Los Angeles. The funds collected will be used to help a needy family during this Christmas season. Please be generous.

**DONATION TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL...**

Several students from Ms. Ponce's class are having a fundraiser for the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles. Please see the flyer that was sent home last week to see what your child's grade is collecting. Items are due on Friday, December 11.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....**



Giselle Revolorio	K	12/9
Charles Howald	2	12/11
Rocio Mercado	5	12/9
Mark Williams	6	12/8
Carlos Chacaltana	8B	12/10
Sarah Panduro	8B	12/12

**ABCs Of Student Success  
N is for NOTHING**

Was "Nothing" your child's response to the question "What did you do at school today?"

--Instead of asking about the day as a whole, ask about math or lunchtime or recess or...

--Don't ask yes or no questions. Ask What did you think...? or How did you decide...?

--At dinnertime, ask each member of the family to tell the best and worst thing that happened that day. That opens the door to conversation, sharing experiences and tips for handling frustration, and emphasizing that something good happens every day.

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**CHRISTMAS VACATION.....**

The last day of school is Friday, December 18. Dismissal will be at 12:00 noon. Please pick up your child/ren on time. **THERE WILL BE NO DAY CARE ON DECEMBER 18.** School will reopen on Monday, January 4.