

THE BEAR PAW

MARCH 8, 2010

MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH...

MARCH 2010...

- 8th Mon. * Family Envelopes/Jr. High Cover Sheets Go Home
* Pay 50¢ in classroom for *Spirit Day* (M-TH)
* Student Vision Re-Testing Today
* HOT LUNCH- CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
* Math Peer Tutoring (Library) 2:45-3:30
- 9th Tues. * 7:30 a.m. Student Council Meeting
* Return Family Envelopes/Cover Sheets
* 3RD GR. TO CHUMASH CENTER AT 9:30-1:30pm
* PASTA TUESDAY Hot Lunch
* 12:30-2:30 p.m. Practice for Stations (Church)
* After School Golf Rain Make-Up Day
* 3 p.m. Faculty Meeting
- 10th Wed. * 7:30 a.m. SPBS Choir Practice (Music Room)
* 8TH GR. TO MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE 7am-2:30
* JOG-A-THON "BONUS COLLECTION DAY"
* Hot Lunch
* 12:10 Sign Ministry Practice
* Math Peer Tutoring (Library) 2:45-3:30
- 11th Thurs. ST. PATRICK'S DAY SPIRIT DAY
-See note inside re: Dress Code
* 7:30 a.m. SPBS Choir Practice (Music Room)
* 7:50 a.m. Student Assembly
* STUDENT COUNCIL POPCORN SALE @ a.m. recess
(pre-ordered popcorn available only)
* HOT LUNCH - PIZZA
* 12:30 Practice for Stations of the Cross (Church)
* After-School Chess Class #6
- 12th Fri. * 8:15 a.m. Mass (Gr. 7) - Full Dress Uniforms
* 1:30 p.m. "Interpretive" Stations of the Cross
* MEN'S CLUB FISH FRY 5-7 P.M. HALL
- 13th Sat. * FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP FOR ALL 2ND GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS At 9 A.M. - CHURCH/HALL - REQUIRED
- 14th Sun. FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME-SPRING AHEAD ONE HOUR

RYAN'S WELL III VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, MARCH 12 - Alex Cuiity & David Burkett

LOOKING AHEAD IN MARCH ...

- 15th Mon. * Family Envelopes/Jr. High Cover Sheets Go Home
* *SPRING SING* Ticket Order Forms Go Home
* 9 a.m. Lent Confessions for Gr. 2-8
* HOT LUNCH - CHICKEN TENDERS
* Math Peer Tutoring (Library) 2:45-3:30
- 16th Tues. * NO 7:30 a.m. Student Council Meeting
* Return Family Envelopes/Cover Sheets
* 1/2 2010-2011 Registration Fees Due Today!
* JOGATHON PLEDGE COLLECTION DAY
* PASTA TUESDAY
* 3 p.m. Faculty Meeting:Curriculum Planning-
Re: ACRE Results/Religion/WASC/Technology
- 17th Wed.. HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!
* 7:30 a.m. SPBS Choir Practice (Music Room)
* 7:50 Student Assembly
* HOT LUNCH - BAKED POTATO W/CHILI
* IRISH DANCE ASSEMBLY 1:15 Hall-
All SPBS Families Welcome!

NOTE: Students dancing in the Irish Dance Assembly will meet Coach Poppen at the flagpole at 12:10 (after eating lunch), to walk to Room 1 of the Hall to get dressed. Parents may MEET their children (if desired) at 12:15pm in Room 1 ONLY to help them get dressed...no earlier! Thank you...

- * Math Peer Tutoring (Library) 2:45-3:30
- 18th Thurs.* 7:30 a.m. SPBS Choir Practice (Music Room)
* 8th Gr. OFF-CAMPUS RETREAT 8-2:30
* HOT LUNCH - TACOS
* After-School Chess Class #7
- 19th Fri. HAPPY FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH
* 8:15 a.m. Mass (Gr. K)-Full Dress Uniforms
*Financial Aid Applications Due Today to SPBS
* Individual Stations of the Cross (Church)
* MEN'S CLUB FISH FRY 5-7 P.M. HALL
- 21st Sun. FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS WEEKEND-Anaheim

RYAN'S WELL III VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, MARCH 19 - Monica Estrada & Samantha Varela

INSIDE NOTES:

2010 SPBS JOG-A-THON UPDATES:

What a terrific day we had last Friday! Thank you to our parents, students, and teachers for your hard work and enthusiastic support of this terrific fundraiser. **You are the ones that make this "fun" fundraiser such a fantastic success.**

All students should have received their "lap cards" back today, with the number of laps circled on it, as well as a slip of paper of what we've received in pledges and donations. We have calculated pledges based on actual laps ran, as well as flat donations. Please collect the pledged donations not yet paid.

There are four Jogathon pledge "collection" days scheduled, for students to turn in their pledged donations. They are as follows:

THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10TH at 8:00 a.m. is **BONUS COLLECTION DAY**, and the **LAST "Bonus Ticket Opportunity"**. If students have turned in **100% of their pledged donations by 8am on 3/10**, they are eligible for **20 additional bonus raffle tickets** for our Prize Assembly. **Tuesday, March 16th and Tuesday, March 23rd are also Pledge Collection Days.** We will collect all donations turned in by 8:00 a.m. on those days.

Our FINAL pledge collection day is Thursday, March 25th. All donations collected by 8:00 a.m. that day, will be the final determination for how many tickets your children will have for the Jogathon Prize Assembly, held on March 31st.

STUDENTS! Get your pledge donations in, to increase your chance of winning great prizes at the Prize Assembly, by getting as many tickets as possible with your pledged donations.

Remember — Wednesday is the last BONUS TICKET OPPORTUNITY; Thursday, March 25th is the last day to turn in money for tickets!

If you have any Jogathon or Pledge questions, please call Coordinators: Amy Masino at (805) 241-9927, or Maiya Hutchinson at 805-375-7078. Thank you again for all your support!!!

FROM THE DESK OF THE BOOKKEEPER:**Important Reminders Below:**

~Billing for SPBS Extended Care is included in your Family Envelopes this week. *Please be prompt with your payments for Extended Care.*

~Billing for the first installment of the 2010-2011 Registration Fees were sent home last week. The total registration fee is \$250.00 per student. However, only the first half - \$125.00 per student - is due by next Tuesday, March 16th.

~Thank you to the approximately 150 school families who participate with eScrip! Every time they shop at Vons, a percentage of what they spend is sent directly to St. Paschal Baylon School. The total contribution made to the school through eScrip in 2009 was **\$9,835.41!** If you are not registered with eScrip, please visit www.escrip.com to register to support St. Paschal Baylon School every time you shop at Vons. Also, please see this week's Scrip flyer for information about how you can use your grocery shopping to help St. Paschal Baylon School earn more funds, and help your family earn your remaining *Profit Dollars*. Please consider using Scrip when you shop for groceries this week. The contribution to the school is a little larger, and therefore the contributions to your *Profit Dollars* add up more quickly.

~Albertsons has discontinued their Community Partners program as of February 1st this year. If you are an Albertsons shopper, please now use Scrip when you shop for groceries. You will earn 5% of your purchases toward your *Profit Dollars*.

FINANCIAL AID PROCESS AT SPBS:

Any current SPBS family who is concerned, that they may be unable to meet the financial requirements for the 2010/2011 school year at SPBS, as outlined on the "Re-Admission Form", should request an *Application for Financial Aid* from Priscilla Harding. Completed Financial Aid Applications are due to Mrs. Duffy, along with the required documents, no later than March 19, 2010.

INSIDE NOTES:

Families who received financial aid during this current school year need to apply again, if aid is needed for the 2010/2011 school year. ~We also require that any family at SPBS, who has students at another Catholic/private school and are requesting financial aid from SPBS, provide us with a written letter from the other school, outlining the financial aid currently provided by that school.

WORLD MATH DAY 2010:

Congratulations to all SPBS students who participated in World Math Day last Wednesday. As a school, SPBS answered 77,789 questions correctly. Congratulations to our top 10 participants below. Students will receive their "participant certificates" this week in Computer Class.

NAME	TOTAL CORRECT ANSWERS
Ashley Edington, Gr. 1	3,144
Rita Abed Elahad, Gr. 7	2,746
Jack McMillan, Gr. 4	2,174
Christopher Neibert, Gr. 2	1,651
Colin Flannery, Gr. 1	1,436
Timothy Neibert, Gr. 4	1,406
Scott Carney, Gr. 4	1,400
Andrew McGee, Gr. 2	1,285
Kelsey Garcia, Gr. 2	1,197
Heidi Millman, Gr. 1	1,171

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE FAMILIES!

This Wednesday, March 10, 2010, the 8th grade will be taking a bus to the *Museum of Tolerance*. This field trip is an opportunity for the students to better understand the circumstances during the Holocaust, and to reflect and grow in their own personal views. This is a powerful field trip. In order to achieve the full experience, the bus must leave campus by 7:15am. The students should check in with **Mrs. Dexter** at the bus between 7-7:15am. They do not need to bring anything other than money for lunch. As this is a school event, they should not have any electronic

devices with them. The attire is formal uniforms. Students will be back before 2:30 pm.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

THE WEARIN' O' THE GREEN:

St. Patrick's Spirit Day: This Thursday, March 11, is our St. Patrick's Spirit Day. Students who would like to participate are to bring 50 cents to their homerooms between Monday and Thursday. Students must wear a combination of green and white, and/or St. Patrick's Day theme clothing. Students may not wear pajamas, boxers, slippers or anything that does not follow the usual free dress code. It is okay for students to wear face paint and temporary green hair color. Students who wear three major spirit items will receive a *Bear Paw*. **Two students in each class who show extra will receive a special treat!**

GOLD AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW:

On our March Spirit Day the Student Council is sponsoring a popcorn sale. Some of the bags of popcorn will have candy coins at the bottom (the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow!) Students who find a golden coin in their bag will receive an extra treat! *Pre-orders were due last Friday.* **If you did not order for your child, please remember to send them with a snack. Thank you!**

"GOING GREEN" BOARD:

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, the Student Council is sponsoring a "Going Green" Board for the month of March. Please write down ways your family practices ecology on the *Going Green* Slips included in the Family Envelope last week. ***These are to be returned to the classroom, not the office.*** Every student who submits a *Going Green* Slip will earn a point for their class. Sorry, only one entry per student. **Student Council will compile the ideas, and they will then send the list home prior to Earth Day in April.**

INSIDE NOTES:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS THANK YOU:

Mrs. Roland and Mrs. Horak would like to thank Mrs. Bostic and Miss Ashford, for producing the SPBS *Power Point Stations of the Cross*. We would also like to thank the 8th grade girls for participating in this special Lenten prayer service as liturgical dancers, readers and the candle bearer. You did an awesome job for our awesome God! A special thanks to 8th graders, **Dani Dettorre, Lacey McKelvy, and Tatiana Miranda**, for choreographing the beautiful and prayerful dances.

SPECIAL LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES:

Mark your calendars:

~On March 12, the 8th grade will present a "freeze-frame" Stations of the Cross at 1:45, specially prepared by the 8th grade boys.

~On March 26 the Class of 2010 will present the Living Stations of the Cross at 1:30.

~Also, there will be a Re-enactment of the Last Supper on March 31 at 11:00 in the parish hall.

~All are invited to these special Lenten events.

VARSITY CHEER COMPETITION:

This past Saturday, the SPBS Varsity Cheer Squad competed at Arcadia High School in the Regional Cheer Championships.

OUR BEARS TOOK 1ST PLACE IN THE JUNIOR HIGH CHEER DIVISION, 1ST PLACE IN OVERALL SHOW-MANSHIP, 1ST PLACE IN STUNTING, AND DANI DETTORRE TOOK 2ND PLACE IN THE TOE-TOUCH COMPETITION! CONGRATULATIONS!!

This was their last competition of the year, and we are so proud of their many accomplishments!

A big "THANK YOU" to Mrs. Sue Dettorre, who has coached these girls for the past 4 years.

SPRING SING CONTRACTS:

All main actors for the *Spring Sing* signed "participation contracts" with Mr. Leslie.

Included in today's Family Envelope is a copy of each of these student's contract. Please review it with your child, and make sure they are fulfilling

their responsibilities. All actors' lines must be memorized by March 11. All costumes/props are due by Wednesday, March 24.

UNITED STATES CENSUS 2010:

This month, US Census forms are being sent to all households. The short form has only 10 questions to answer. It is quick and easy, but will provide important information that will allow our government leaders to decide how and where money should be spent. We will be discussing the purpose of Census 2010 with our students in the classrooms. Perhaps you could make the process a family event by discussing it at home too.

HCA NATIONAL PRAYER WEEK:

This Sunday, March 14, begins the Holy Childhood Association's *National Prayer Week*. Enclosed in today's Family Envelopes you will find a copy of the prayer written especially for this week. Perhaps you can use it with your family as you place coins in the HCA boxes. All boxes are due on March 19. Students who bring in a box on that day will receive a certificate to bring up as an offering during our Living Stations on March 26.

PTO TIDBITS

~A big, belated thank you to Laura Shields, for coordinating ALL the Catholic School Week masses on Sunday, January 31. It was so nice to see the SPBS students in their uniforms, greeting, lecturing, and passing out donuts at Masses.

~Thank you to Rosie Frank and Angelique Sieverson, for their hard work, which made the Used Uniform Sale during the recent *Family Picnic* such a success. The Used Uniform Sale occurs three times a year: at the Back to School Coffee; Summer Uniform Sale; and the Family Picnic (January).

~Complimentary new, blue St. Paschal Baylon license plate frames are now available! If you are interested, please complete the flyer enclosed today, and return it in your Family Envelope.

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PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES:

During the season of Lent, all Catholics in good standing are required to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once.

SPBS students in grades 2-8 will receive this Sacrament with their classes on Monday, March 15, during school hours. However, we also strongly encourage our SPBS families to attend any of the upcoming local Parish Penance Services listed below together during Lent as well:

St. Mary Magdalene	Fri.	Mar 12	7 PM
Holy Cross	Mon.	Mar 15	7 PM
St. Maximilian Kolbe	Tues.	Mar 23	7 PM
St. Peter Claver	Tues.	Mar 23	7 PM
St. Julie Billiart	Wed.	Mar 24	7 PM
St. Paschal Baylon	Tues.	Mar 24	7 PM
Padre Serra	Fri.	Mar 26	7 PM

THOUSAND OAKS TEEN CENTER UPDATE:

The *Fabulous Thousand Oaks Teen Center* is now taking registration for the following activities, which are designed specifically for girls:

- There is a brand-new Teen Center Dance Team instructed by Thousand Oaks High School graduate Kayla Harris, which will meet on Tuesdays from 4 to 5:30pm.
- **Girls Indoor Volleyball** is a great way to learn the basics of indoor volleyball with instructor Tish Elias on Tuesdays, from 5:30 to 6:30pm.
- You can also spend your **Wednesday** afternoons, from 6:30 to 8:30pm, having fun in our *Runway Modeling* course.

- **Make-up and Hair Design** instructor, Kristina Goldberg, who is a makeup artist for Lançome and M.A.C. cosmetics, will teach cosmetic techniques, makeup, hair styling, and skin care on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30pm. Also, this class includes a field trip to *Yamaguchi Day Spa & Salon* at the Four Seasons Hotel in Westlake!
- **A Self-Defense Workshop** on Saturday, May 8th, from 1 to 2pm, teaches street-wise self defense to girls.

To register call (805) 494-5156, or go online to: www.thousandoaksteencenter.com

- The Thousand Oaks Teen Center will also be hosting its annual St. Patrick's Day Dance on Saturday, March 13, from 7-10pm, for 7th and 8th grade students ONLY. Features will include: a guest DJ with a sound/light/video show, Teen Center Text Live, an oversized boxing ring and bungee run, plus free pizza and soda. Admission is \$10 at the door. School ID required; and school dress code is enforced.

FINGERPRINTING AT SPB ON MARCH 11:

All SPBS coaches for the new season; Yard Duty workers; and any volunteers who may wish to work with Vacation Bible School this coming June 2010 will need to be fingerprinted through SPB/SBPS. The LiveScan fingerprint machine will be here this **Thursday, March 11**. Please call the Parish Center (496-0222) to make an appointment to be fingerprinted, between noon and 7 PM, here at the SPB Parish Center. This is a great and convenient opportunity to comply with requirements!

HCA PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT:

Through our Baptism, we are called to share Your love and Your peace everywhere. We are Your ambassadors, sent to bring the "Good News" of Jesus to all, beginning in our own communities and reaching "to the ends of the earth". Fill our hearts with the love and peace of Jesus, especially as we meet Him in the Sacraments. Help us to be examples of Your compassion and a source of Your hope to all, especially those who are poor, lonely, suffering, and sick. Give us strength to show others what it means to follow Jesus. Help us to answer the call to be His witnesses, His missionaries.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who is Lord Forever. Amen.