

SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON SCHOOL
"BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT" 2010

Dear SPBS Families,

I would like to invite all our SPBS parents/guardians to attend our annual "Back to School Night", next Thursday, September 16th. The entire evening is an important component of our mutual *collaboration* between school and home, and this special evening begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall. The Hall portion includes updates from our Pastor, Fr. Dave; the principal; the new PTO Board President, Mrs. Jennifer McGee; and the Men's Club. I will offer a very brief introduction of our 33 SPBS faculty and staff members while we are in the Hall. We will also have sign-up "boards" posted in the Hall, so that you may select a Parent/Teacher Conference time in December. We will also send home a reminder notice of the time you have selected for your December conference, in the Family Envelope. The doors to the Hall open at 6:45 p.m.

Following the required gathering in the Hall, you will proceed to your child's classroom(s) in the school. Teachers of all grade levels will each run two identical sets of classroom presentations, one after the other. The junior high teachers, however, make two *group presentations*, in the Media Rooms, since they work together as a team. Bells will ring to indicate each session and "passing time". This unique two-presentation format allows our families with more than one child to attend presentations by multiple teachers. Written syllabi, class field trip protocols, and grade-specific information regarding discipline and homework will be provided to you by each of our teachers during their classroom presentations, which are each about twenty minutes.

We will also have our *Fall Library Book Fair* open for your convenience in our school library, AFTER the Hall portion of the evening has concluded. *Please know that the library will not be open from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on Back to School Night, so that all parents may attend the important Hall meeting with Fr. Dave and Mrs. Duffy.*

Please note that there is no admittance into the school buildings, library, or classrooms, until after our general parent meeting in the Hall, as our teachers will be making final preparations for their classroom presentations.

We always have nearly perfect attendance at our annual SPBS *Back To School Night*, and I expect that this year will be the same. Fr. Dave and I look forward to seeing at least one parent from each family next Thursday evening, as we formally welcome you to a new SPBS school year...***CELEBRATING OUR CATHOLIC HEROES.***

Together In Faith,

Mrs. Suzanne S. Duffy, Principal

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SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

SEPTEMBER 2010..

SPBS FALL LIBRARY BOOK FAIR ALL WEEK

- 6th Mon. * **LABOR DAY HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL**
- 7th Tues. * **NO 7:30 a.m. Student Council Meeting**
* Family Envelopes Go Home
* 8 a.m. All Gr. Room Parent Mtg. (Music Room)
* 9 .m. 8th Gr. Room Moms' Mtg. (Music Room)
* **6th GR. RETREAT-"Welcome To Jr. High"**
At 10-12 (Media Room I)
* **11:30 DISMISSAL FOR KINDERGARTEN**
* 12:10 Class Senator Meeting
* 3 p.m. Faculty Meeting-Curriculum Planning
* 7 p.m. PTO Board Meeting (Faculty Room)
- 8th Wed. * **PTO SAFETY DAY #1 at "Pick-up"**
* **7:30 a.m. SPBS Choir Practice**
* Return Family Envelopes/Emergency Forms,
and Signed *Handbook Agreement* Forms
* **11:30 DISMISSAL FOR KINDERGARTEN**
- 9th Thurs.* **PTO SAFETY DAY #2 at "Pick-up"**
* **7:30 a.m. SPBS Choir Practice**
* **NO 7:50 a.m. Student Assembly**
* **Magazine Drive Turn-In Day #1 -**
***EARLY BIRD* Turn-In DAY!**
* **11:30 DISMISSAL FOR KINDERGARTEN**
- 10th Fri. * **PTO SAFETY DAY #3 at "Pick-up"**
* **8:15 a.m. Mass (Gr. 8) Full Dress Uniforms**
Mass Today Said in Memory of
Mrs. Cathie Kourounis' Mother,
Mrs. Shirley Cann - Love, SPBS
* **8th Grade OPENING RETREAT**
9:15am-Noon - (Hall)
* **11:30 DISMISSAL FOR KINDERGARTEN**
- 11th Sat. **SPBS FALL LIBRARY BOOK FAIR BEGINS**
- 12th Sun. **AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND,**
AND CONTINUES NEXT WEEK!
- 13th Mon. * Family Envelopes Go Home
* **INDIVIDUAL PICTURE DAY- Gr. 5-8 Only**
Free Dress for Gr. 5-8 Only
Bring Payment Envelope to Classroom
* **11:30 DISMISSAL FOR KINDERGARTEN**
- 14th Tues. * 7:30 a.m. Student Council Meeting (Library)
* Return Family Envelopes Go Home
* **MAGAZINE DRIVE "TURN-IN " DAY #2**
* **INDIVIDUAL PICTURE DAY- Gr. K-4 Only**
Free Dress for Gr. K-4 Only
Bring Payment Envelope to Classroom
* **11:30 DISMISSAL FOR KINDERGARTEN**
* 3 p.m. Faculty Meeting
- 15th Wed. * **NO SPBS Choir Practice**
* **11:30 DISMISSAL FOR KINDERGARTEN**
- 16th Thurs.* **NO SPBS Choir Practice**
* 7:50 a.m. Student Assembly (Inside)
* **MAGAZINE DRIVE "TURN-IN " DAY #3**
* **11:30 DISMISSAL FOR KINDERGARTEN**
* **7 p.m. "BACK TO SCHOOL" MEETING-**
HALL - REQUIRED - PARENTS ONLY
December Parent/Teacher Conference
Sign-ups Available in the Hall
- 17th Fri. * **8:15 a.m. Mass (Gr. 7) Full Dress Uniforms**
* **CLASS GROUP PHOTOS AFTER MASS**
* **11:30 DISMISSAL FOR KINDERGARTEN**
* *Golden Spoon Frozen Yogurt Orders Due @3*
* **FALL BOOK FAIR CLOSES AT 5pm TODAY**

"Bear Paw" Submissions must be in by Thursday at noon, prior to the Monday it is to be sent home. All notices submitted after that time will be held for the following "Bear Paw". Please email all articles or announcements "print ready" (Comic Sans font-10 point), as an attachment in Word, via email to schoolsecretary@stpascalbaylonschool.org and copy to Mrs. Duffy at school@stpascal.org. All material/information is required to be approved and may be edited by Mrs. Duffy, before going out to our SPBS families. Flyers also need pre-approval by Mrs. Duffy.

INSIDE NOTES:

BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE:

The annual SPBS *Back to School Dance* is on Friday, September 24th at 6:30 P.M. Join us for a **Groovy 60's Family Night!** Once again, we will be serving the great taste of Chuy's food, and holding a special raffle for a brand new iTouch. Also, let's not forget the **50/50 cash Raffle!!!**

Start to fulfill your Volunteer Hours by signing-up to help before, during, or after the dance. Look for the flyer in the Family Envelope. If you have any questions please contact Coordinators: **Evelyn Valtier** at 375-8487, or **Jessica Murray** at 415-6300.

ANGELS OF MERCY COORDINATOR NEEDED:

We are looking for an SPBS parent, who is interested in filling the very important position of Coordinator for the SPBS *Angels of Mercy* program.

Our current Coordinator, **Mary O'Riordan**, is moving with her family back home to Ireland, at the end of November. However, Mary has offered to help "in-service" the new Coordinator of this wonderful SPBS family service ministry, prior to her move.

Many thanks to **Mary O'Riordan** for doing such a great job as our *Angels of Mercy* Coordinator for the past several years!

As the Coordinator of the *Angels of Mercy* project your job would be to create a schedule and organize the program volunteers to provide any assistance our fellow SPBS families might need, when they are experiencing a crisis and have requested our help. This may include meals, carpooling, cleaning, prayers, and/or other assistance.

Please complete and return the form in today's Family Envelope, if you would like to coordinate this great program. If you have any questions prior to deciding, you may contact our current *Angels of Mercy* Coordinator, **Mrs. Mary O'Riordan**, at (805) 529-8877, or our SPBS Principal, **Mrs. Suzanne Duffy**.

MAGAZINE DRIVE NEWS:

~The 2010 Magazine Drive has officially begun! Your students attended a *Kick-Off Assembly* on Friday and received their ordering brochures and forms at that time. *There are many new, wonderful prizes this year.*

~Remember: **45% of the sum of your total magazine**

order will be credited toward your Profit Dollars. This is a great opportunity to get a jump start on satisfying your goal for this year, while purchasing something you already spend money on! In addition, you may also receive credit toward your Profit Dollars, by having friends and family members subscribe through SPBS for magazines they ALREADY receive. Their subscription will continue, and then automatically be reactivated at the time it would have needed to be renewed...and you and SPBS both benefit! Your child brought home the packet with a catalog on Friday, along with a list of your student's magazines orders from last year.

~NOTE: This Thursday, September 9, is the first Order Turn-In Day for the Magazine Drive.

~Renewal coupons received in the mail will be honored as long as they are stapled to the order form. If you want to order a magazine not listed in the catalog, please call the phone number listed on the back of the pink copy to get the code, number of issues available, and price.

~15 orders on the 1st Turn-In Day will enter you in a drawing for one month free hot lunch (\$55 value) at SPBS: There will be three winners. The "Daily Top Seller" for the 1st Turn-In Day will receive a MB2 \$100 Gift Certificate!

~Magazine subscriptions make great Christmas presents. They are a gift that keeps on giving all year long. Extra order forms are available in the SPBS office.

~When you visit the library during the Book Fair, Mrs. Howard will have a list of magazines which you can purchase/donate to benefit the entire school. Turn in those library order forms with payment on the Magazine Drive Turn-In Days, with your regular orders. **Evie Weisenberg, Cathy Pantess, Victoria Schuberg & Tami Walker—Magazine Drive Coordinators**

NEW SPBS FUNDRAISER -

FAMILY PORTRAIT NIGHTS:

Is it time to update your family portrait for your home? Maybe you could use a beautiful professional quality family portrait for your annual Christmas cards? Perhaps you need portraits of the children for grandparent gifts? The St. Paschal Baylon School PTO Board and Cornerstone Photography are working together to provide a unique opportunity for our SPBS families. You will be able to have amazing family portraits, WHILE ALSO making a donation to the school! What could be better? Your family will be able to take advantage of a professional studio sitting at a

discounted rate of only \$40! A normal studio sitting fee is priced at \$75.00, however, it is being offered to our school for only \$40.00. St. Paschal Baylon School receives 100% of this sitting fee!

Your family will receive a 30-minute session in Cornerstone's 4000+ square foot portrait studio in Moorpark. For your convenience, we have four "portrait nights" for you to choose from: Tuesday Sept. 21st, Wednesday Sept. 22nd, Tuesday Sept. 28th or Wednesday Sept. 29th. These dates are also marked on our new SPBS Calendar.

Take advantage of our great session fee, discounted portrait packages, quick turnaround time, along with Cornerstone's multiple photography stations and backdrops. Add to that the creativity provided by Cornerstone Photography's experienced and energetic photographers, and you will be sure to create beautiful studio portraits...just in time for Christmas cards/gifts!

Return the blue flyer enclosed in today's Family Envelopes by Friday September 10th with your requested portrait session. Friends and family can also download registration forms at stpaschalbaylonschool.org under "Forms".

Questions - please contact Evie at 805/529-5762, or Jen at 805/816-2608.

CALLING ALL SPBS MOMS AND DADS:

The St. Paschal Baylon School Hot Lunch Program is looking for parent volunteers to come and help serve your darling students their hot lunches!

We can never have too many parents helping us out, so if you have time from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, come give us a hand! You can work as many days or as few as you prefer (even one day a month). You may bring younger siblings with you! If I have contacted you already, no need to call or email...you're already on my radar! But if you have not yet heard from me, and you are interested ~ Call me...Meredith Dunivin (805)955-0401 or email me...FyeNFlame@aol.com

SPBS FAMILY DIRECTORY 2010-11:

If you would like to be included in this year's *SPBS Directory*, please turn in your form, **no later than next Tuesday, Sept. 14th**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me: Renee Talan @ 805-469-7623.

STUDENT BIRTHDAY SNACKS NOTICE:

We have a new protocol in place for providing class birthday treats at SPBS. Below is the correct SPBS protocol to follow (also in the *SPBS Handbook*), when bringing in a birthday treat for your child's class:

1. Please *pre-schedule* a date with the teacher by requesting in writing two dates in order of preference. The treat may not be on your child's actual birthday, as SPBS Bake Sales for example may already be scheduled. Your treat then needs to be brought into the office *before* morning recess and they will be passed out as the children leave for their morning recess only. This system will help us avoid multiple treats on the same day!
2. Please keep the treat a small portion such as donut holes, as children should not have treats that are so large; they often end-up in the trash.

NOTES FROM THE SPBS BOOKKEEPER:

Invoices for the 8th Grade's \$200.00 required *Graduation Fee* are included in today's Family Envelopes. This fee is due on or before September 28th. Graduation fees are used to fund the many special graduation activities that our graduation class enjoys throughout the year, and especially during the last week of their graduation year.

Please remember to sign and turn in your *SPBS Parent/ Student Policies Agreement and Consent Form* on or before this Wednesday, September 8th as it is a requirement. If needed, we will follow-up in order to receive these forms from each family, so please locate the form at the back of the *Parent Student Handbook*, sign it, and return it to the office.

Please see the flyer enclosed in today's family envelope regarding "Profit Dollars". Each family is required to raise a minimum of \$250 in Profit Dollars during each school year, which is the money that SPBS retains from designated fundraising. Specific fundraisers as indicated below are included in the *Profit Dollar* program: the Magazine Drive, Cookie Dough Sales, participation in the grocery store programs, SCRIP sales, and the spring Jogathon. *Profit Dollars* are designed to help our tuition remain lower than the true cost of educating our students, as it assists with operating expenses. Profit Dollars allow our families to generate income

to SPBS through regular food shopping (when signed-up as indicated below), and other designated fund raisers. *Not all SPBS fund raisers contribute toward a family's Profit Dollar obligation, as each family should really be generating Profit Dollars per each child at SPBS, rather than per family.* In addition, the \$250.00 required amount is not the full amount needed to close the gap between tuition and fees charged, and the cost of educating a student at SPBS. Therefore, we continue to need income from many varied fund raisers each year. We encourage our families to not merely raise their minimum Profit Dollar obligation, but to participate in fund raisers and generate income *beyond the minimum required*, particularly our families with multiple children in SPBS, as they receive an even greater discount on tuition. Profit Dollars are designed to help SPBS continue to provide Catholic elementary education to families of varied income levels.

September is the time to sign-up with Ralphs, and eScrip (Vons) in order to receive grocery rewards toward your Profit Dollar obligation. Instructions to sign-up online are included in the flyer. All families are required to "renew" with Vons, and to sign-up each year with Ralphs. Please follow through, as we do depend on the income from these programs in our SPBS operating budget. You can help family and friends to sign-up too - it doesn't cost them anything, and once you have them signed-up, their purchases contribute to the school... and earn *Profit Dollars* for you, every time they shop!

Enclosed in the Family Envelope today is a statement of your account, showing any past due balances. Please take care of any balances this week, or contact **Priscilla Harding**, if you have questions about your outstanding balances.

Extended Care: Extended care is available from 2:30 until 6:00 PM every school day (except the days before extended holidays such as Christmas or Easter). There is no need to "pre-register" for extended care; you may use it as needed.

Billing for Extended Care begins at 2:30 (We

do allow a 15 minute "grace period"). The fee is \$3.50 per hour for one child, and \$6.00 per hour for two children. These fees have not been raised in the past 15 years...so our Extended Care is literally "the best deal in town", and it provides safety and supervision for your children after school. *Please never tell your child to avoid going to Extended Care, when instructed to do so by a member of the SPBS faculty/staff.* Billing for Extended Care is sent home at the beginning of each month in the Family Envelope. **There is a significant savings in prepayment for Extended Care,** and it is a big help for us. To prepay, estimate your childcare usage for the month, and send a check to the office using a **\$3.00 per hour rate for one child, and \$5.40 per hour for two children.** Please send your check into the office in an envelope marked "Extended Care". (It is still not too late to "prepay" for this September!)

Please email or call the SPBS Accounts Manager/Bookkeeper, Priscilla Harding, in the school office with questions at: PHarding@stpaschal.org or call 495-9340, ext 127.

RYAN'S WELL IV:

We are very pleased to announce that SPBS collected the needed \$2,000.00 last year with our recycling program, to build our third well in Africa, through the "Ryan's Well Program". We now have a certificate framed in our office, which includes a photo of an actual "Ryan's Well". Please stop by and take a look at how your recycling is truly helping to save children's lives. We are continuing the recycling program this year, so please bring in your recycling on Mondays-Thursdays to the bins outside second grade.

SPBS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

If you are available from 11:45 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. any school day, are interested in the safety of our students and want to make \$10.00 for one hour of work, we have an opportunity for you! SPBS needs responsible, vigilant adults to help supervise our students during their lunch time and lunch recess. You will even be paid while you are being trained! A minimum commitment of 2 days per week is preferable. You will need to be

fingerprinted and "Virtus-trained" (a 2 hr. class on keeping children safe). Please call the school office and leave a message for our Yard Duty Coordinator, **Judy Anderson**, 495-9340, ext. 147, if you are interested or have any questions.

SPBS PRESENTS LATE NITE CATECHISM:

'Til Death Do Us Part: Late Nite Catechism

Saturday, February 26, 2011

Please join us in the Hall for a night of interactive theater and your chance to see the latest classic to be unveiled in the hilariously funny series. Look for a *Save the Date* flyer in today's Family Envelope, with all the details about this fun event at SPBS.

JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

ACCELERATED MATH & LITERATURE

CONTRACTS:

Contracts for students in Accelerated Math and Accelerated Literature for the 2010-2011 school year are in the Family Envelope today. Please read the material provided, and return the signed contracts to school on or before September 8th.

Thank you, Mrs. Cinney / Mrs. Roland

SCHOOL MASS PREPARED BY GRADE 8:

Please plan to join the SPBS student body at Mass this Friday, September 10. The Mass will be prepared by the 8th Grade. Their class theme for the year is African Safari, and their class Catholic Hero is Immaculée Ilibagiza, survivor of the Rwandan genocide.

6TH GRADE RETREAT:

Today the 6th grade had a retreat called "Welcome to Jr. High". Besides *spiritual food*, the 6th graders were given handy hints on how to set up their lockers, how to navigate the junior high hallway, and how to manage changing classes. This retreat was planned by Mrs. Horak, and it was facilitated by Mrs. Horak and Mrs. Kourounis.

8TH GRADE RETREAT:

Please keep our SPBS Class of 2011 in your prayers, as they attend their *Opening Retreat* this

Friday, from 9:15 - 12:00. This retreat has been planned by Mrs. Horak, and it will be facilitated by Mrs. Horak and Mrs. Kourounis.

8TH GRADE PARENT MEETING:

8th grade parents only: Please mark your calendars for an important meeting on Wednesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the 8th grade classroom. This is an important meeting and will not be repeated this year. One parent (or an adult substitute) from each family is expected to attend. *Parents who are unable to attend are required to call Mrs. Horak prior to the meeting, as even if you had an SPBS graduate in the past, information has changed.* Parents attending will have the opportunity to sign up for Field Trips and events. Please plan on being there, so you can get your questions answered.

SPBS BUILDING ENTRANCE GUIDELINES:

~We ask that all parents please refrain from coming into the classrooms/hallways immediately before and/or after school, and during morning or lunch recess - unless prior arrangements have been made. Faculty members are busy getting ready for classes and supervising students, so it is difficult to hold an impromptu parent-teacher conference. Please contact teachers through their voice mail number, to arrange an appropriate meeting time.

~Parents and siblings of junior high students need to wait outside the upper building double doors for their junior high student. With so many junior high students, we are unable to accommodate additional people in the hallway, and we are trying to help our junior high students learn to be accountable. All junior high students need to be out of the locker area by 2:40 at the latest.

~If a student forgets something in their locker/classroom, they may come back in the hallway up until 3:00 only.: There are no exceptions to this rule.

CHEER FORMS:

Enclosed in today's Family Envelope is an additional sports team form, which is required by the Archdiocese for all current SPBS Junior Varsity and Varsity cheerleaders. Please sign and return them by Friday, September 10, to Mrs. Horak. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 8TH GRADER:

Congratulations to SPBS 8th grader, Skye Bruce, who competed in the Ventura County Art Fair this past summer. Skye placed 1st in the "Black and White" category with her African mask that she made in Mrs. Horak's social studies class last year. Skye placed

2nd with her Picasso watercolor, completed under the direction of Mrs. Kourounis. In addition, Skye received three 1st place awards for quilts, that she had also made. Skye is currently working on a quilt to donate to an orphanage in Bolivia for "forgotten children." *Congratulations, Skye! What a great way to share your artistic talent...*

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

CLASS COLOR SPIRIT DAY:

The first *Spirit Day* of this school year will be on **Thursday, September 23**. All students who would like to participate are to pay 50 cents in their classrooms from September 20 - 23.

The theme of the **September Spirit Day** is "Class Colors". Students are therefore to wear as much of their class color as possible. Colored hair spray and face paint are permitted on *Spirit Day*. Students may not wear slippers, sandals, immodest, or inappropriate clothing. Please refer to the *Handbook* for guidelines.

Class colors are listed below:

Kindergarten	Light Yellow
Grade 1	Light Blue
Grade 2	Light Green
Grade 3	Purple
Grade 4	Red
Grade 5	Orange
Grade 6	Dark Yellow (Goldenrod)
Grade 7	Dark Green
Grade 8	Dark Blue

STUDENT COUNCIL RECESS SALES:

Once a month, the Student Council sponsors a different recess sale to help support the *Bear Cave* (student store.) These sales are optional; however, most of them require pre-sale orders. Order forms will be sent home through the Family Envelope and are to be returned with payment *by the due date* (no exceptions!) If you do not order, please remember to send a snack with your child/ren.

Our first sale of this school year is a *Golden Spoon Frozen Yogurt* sale on **September 23**. **NOTE:** Pre-Order forms will be sent home next Monday.

SUMMER SAFARI SOUVENIRS:

The SPBS Student Council bulletin board will display vacation photos and items such as brochures, ticket stubs, and postcards from places you visited during the summer. If you need your photo/item returned please be sure to put your **full name and grade** on the

back. Students may submit one photo or one item. All photos/items will earn a "Picture Point" for the class totals. Picture Points accumulate throughout the trimester. Two classes with the most points at the end of the trimester win a treat. Please turn pictures in to your classroom (**not the office**) by September 24. Thank you! Mrs. Horak—Faculty Moderator

STUDENT COUNCIL ANNUAL CAR WASH:

Enclosed in today's Family Envelope are reservation forms for the Student Council Annual Car Wash, to be held **Saturday, September 25, from 1:00 - 4:00**. We have provided two reservation forms for your convenience. *Please fill out one form per car*. Please return payment with each filled out reservation form in an envelope marked "Car Wash". Donations are gratefully accepted, and drop-ins are always welcome. Checks are to be made payable to SPBS. Additional forms are available in the office. **Note:** All student council officers and class senators are asked to sell two tickets each. A prize will be awarded to the student council member who sells the most tickets.

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SPBS INCLUSION PROGRAMS:

SPBS provides comprehensive inclusion programs, which include the current Archdiocesan requirements. We have three separate formal inclusion programs available to qualified SPBS students, who meet the specified criteria.

An in-depth outline of the three inclusion programs available to qualified SPBS students is in our current *Parent/Student Handbook*, which you will receive in today's Family Envelope.

I am requesting that parents of students previously on an SPBS "Action Plan" or any formal Inclusion Program carefully review this material. Please also be aware that previous SPBS *Student Action Plans* were only good for one school year, and therefore must be renewed each school year.

This means that students need to re-apply and re-qualify for an inclusion program during each school year as needed, or when school begins.

Therefore, if you feel that your child will *require and qualify for an inclusion program for the current school year*, I strongly recommend

that you familiarize yourself with the SPBS programs in the *Handbook* received today, and then contact your child's teacher to begin the process of qualifying your child for an inclusion program at SPBS.

Since we administer our standardized ITBS testing during the first two weeks of October, parents of students who may need to participate in a STEP inclusion program which includes any adjustments to our ITBS protocol, should make every effort to meet the necessary criteria prior to ITBS testing, if your child is currently in grades two through eight.

It is important to note that, while SPBS does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services (such as is offered through public school districts) may not be available at SPBS. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student at SPBS are based on the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities, along with the resources available to SPBS, in successfully meeting the student's particular special needs.

Together In Faith,
Suzanne S. Duffy - Principal

FALL LIBRARY BOOK FAIR IS COMING:

SPBS will be hosting our annual Fall Library Book Fair beginning this weekend, September 11 and 12, after all Masses. The Book Fair will also be open every day next week, from 8am until 5pm. We have the best books and great prices! *All your SPBS Book Fair purchases benefit our students and our school.*

PTO TIDBITS

PTO SAFETY DAYS:

Welcome back to school all new and returning SPBS families!

This week we will be having our first three PTO safety days on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during afternoon pick-up.

PTO Board members will be outside assisting the faculty and staff parking lot monitors.

Our primary goal during PTO Safety Days is to help parents learn the correct protocol for safely picking up their child/carpool. We also want to help show drivers how to adhere to the SPBS parking lot rules, which are outlined as well in the *SPBS Parent/Student Handbook*.

Parents, as soon as you enter the SPBS campus, please remember to turn-off all cell phones, drive slowly, and stay alert. Please be courteous and follow the directions of the parking lot monitors, so we can work together to help ensure the safety of our students. Any new parents should feel free to stop and ask the PTO Board for clarifications, and to ask any question you may have, regarding the pick-up procedures. You will be sure to see us...as we will be in bright green safety vests! Thank you for your support and welcome back to school - The SPBS PTO Board

COMMUNITY NEWS

THOUSAND OAKS TEEN CENTER:

The Thousand Oaks Teen Center will be offering dozens of different programs opportunities this fall season. Program areas covered include: sports, dance, instrumentals, arts, and computer science. Most programs run an hour a week for 8 weeks, and are priced about \$45. Programs begin the week of September 13th.

Please see: www.thousandoaksteencenter.com

SPBS PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Sr. Mary Lisa Megaffin, SND, former principal of La Reina High School, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and is undergoing treatment at this time. Sr. Lisa's prognosis is for a full recovery, and our thoughts and prayers go out to her during her treatment.

IN MEMORIAM

† Please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Mr. Bob Flynn, father of Mrs. Monica Estrada, and grandfather to Thomas (7) and Isaac (5) Estrada.

Our thoughts, prayers, and deepest condolences go out to Monica, and the Estrada Family.

May his soul rest in peace...