



Junior Kindergarten through Eighth Grade

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November 12, 2008

Principal's Newsletter

Upcoming Events

November 13	7 th grade Principal's Coffee
November 18	PTG Meeting/5:45
November 20	St. Martin School Fall Open House/6-7:30 pm
November 21	Faculty In-Service/No School
November 26	Minimum Day/No ext. care after 12:30 dismissal
November 27, 28	Thanksgiving Holiday

Last Friday's Mass

Thanks to the 6th grade for preparing last Friday's Mass. St. Vincent de Paul will benefit from the collection.

Friday Mass

Friday's Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 pm. The 4th grade will be preparing the Mass. The collection will benefit St. Vincent de Paul.

Teacher In-service

There will be no school on Friday, Nov. 21. Extended Care will be provided if there are a sufficient number of families who need it. We have extended the sign up time until Friday, Nov. 14th. If there is not a sufficient number signed up at that time, we will have to cancel the service.

Fall Open House

Help spread the word! Share your excitement about St. Martin School with your friends, neighbors, co-workers or fellow sports/activities club parents. Our fall Open House is on Thursday, November 20 from 6pm to 7:30pm. Prospective families can meet us, tour the school, ask questions and discover the difference a St. Martin School education can make. Please pass along the enclosed flyers to anyone you think may be interested in a faith filled education. See Kathy Odeguera if you need more flyers. The family who refers the most families is eligible for a \$50.00 gas card drawing.

Principal's Coffee

All seventh grade parents are invited to have coffee with Mrs. Florczyk, Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Lydon on Thursday, Nov. 13th in the library immediately following the prayer service.

PTG Meeting

There will be an Internet Safety presentation during the PTG meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 18. This presentation will be given by the Sunnyvale Police Dept.

Book Fair

Thanks to all who visited the Fall Scholastic Book Fair last week. Due to your support, the Fair earned over \$1,400.00 in free books for the classrooms and over \$600.00 in cash for our school. The teachers are so appreciative for all the books they were able to add to their classroom libraries. The Book Fair was a success due to the dedication of some very special volunteers: Terry Relos, Elza Raj, Liliana Munoz, Daniella Rebelo, Myla Ramos, Marisela Iraola, Luis Bast, Monica and Alan Tachibana, Janice Eggers, Christie Vo, Nada Gad, Yee Lee Carter, Esther Alva, Susan Colon, Theresa Fears, Rose Magee, Nida Esperacion, Jennifer Reilly, Carol Heenan, Angelica Gutierrez, Alejandra Uribe and Luz Gutierrez. The Book Fair will be back again in the Spring.



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Class News

Congratulations first graders on reading 100 books during the month of October. You reached your goal for Classroom Cares! October was a very busy month with a variety of Halloween activities. In math, Jack-O-Lantern spinners were used in a fun activity on probability and pictures of bats and cats were used in logic games. Children had fun writing and illustrating their own Halloween word problems. In writing, the children wrote and illustrated the story, In a "Dark, Dark House." Each child had their own surprise ending. In science, it was a great time to study the skeleton. The children worked in teams using play dough (for the brain), a styrofoam cup (for the skull), and a coffee cup (for the helmet) to predict and experiment about brain protection. November 4th, it was the first time that the first graders voted for president.

Third grade have become reading machines! We have already read over 30,000 minutes as a class. We are getting closer to our goal of 100,000. This week we will begin reading *The Tale of Despereaux*, to be followed by a field trip to see the movie, which comes out in December!

The class recently experienced animal adaptations up close on their field trip to the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Next we will be exploring animal habitats and the different effects humans and other animals can have on them.

In social studies we are beginning our unit on geography. We will be studying our place in the world in relation to continents, countries, states, cities, and counties. Our special focus is on our local area, so we will be learning many new things about Santa Clara County. Do you know who founded the city of Sunnyvale? Soon, the third grade will be able to answer that question and tell you the story!

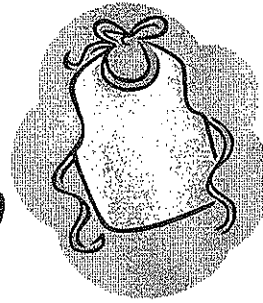
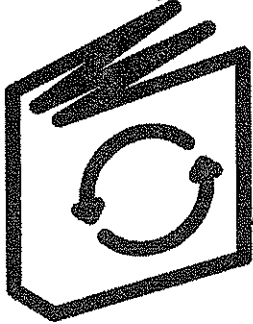
5th Grade

Well, the first quarter is over already. I just can't believe how fast the weeks have flown by.

First, I would like to mention how well the fifth graders prepared Mass last Friday. With little preparation, the readers and the choir did a fantastic job celebrating with Fr. Dave and the student body. The fifth graders are in the middle of reading *Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth Speare. It is a great story about an American boy who is left alone in the wilderness of Maine, in 1750, to survive by himself while waiting for his family to return. After the boy's life is saved by an Indian, the story unfolds to tell of a great friendship between two very different boys and their cultures. The fifth graders have also been busy in the computer lab. We spent ample time in the lab last week learning to use "Microsoft Word." The students can now create documents, type summaries, research on Google/Yahoo, cut and paste photos, and soon will be able to make a simple power point presentation. They are currently working on an animal report to present next week. Some students are finding fascinating facts and can't wait to share these with the class. We just finished our grammar unit studying nouns, adverbs, predicates, adjectives and my personal favorite; prepositions! I also want to take this opportunity to thank our kindergarten buddies for sharing their Halloween lunch with us. We enjoyed being wrapped up like mummies, and the pizza was delicious too. Thanks to all the parents from both kindergarten and fifth grades who helped out. We could not have celebrated Halloween together without your help. The fifth grade thanks all of you very much. Happy Holidays!

St. Martin School Novena
December 1 - 11, 2008

As you begin your holiday shopping, please remember those in our community who are less fortunate than we. Your donations will benefit the Diocese of San Jose Layette Program, the Mercury News books program, and Sunnyvale Community Services.



Monday, December 1

New and gently used books

Tuesday, December 2

Layette items

Wednesday, December 3

Non-perishable food items

Thursday, December 4

Toys 1 - 7 years old

Friday, December 5

Toys 8 - 14 years old

Monday, December 8

Towels and washcloths

Tuesday, December 9

Toiletries

Wednesday, December 10

Children's sweatshirts

Thursday, December 11

Adult sweatshirts

**See's
CANDIES**

Candy Fund Raiser!!

Please turn in your orders to the front desk by
November 20, 2008

Make Checks Payable to:
St. Martin PTG

Questions – e-mail
Angela Tomaka
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*Palo Alto Medical Foundation
Camino Medical Group*

A Sutter Health Affiliate

November 3, 2008

Greetings Sunnyvale Neighbors:

The Palo Alto Medical Foundation and Camino Medical Group invite you to the next in our series of neighborhood meetings to hear an update on our proposed reconstruction project at 301 Old San Francisco Road.

When: Wednesday, November 19th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Where: St. Martin's School gymnasium (not the church) at 597 Carroll Street (off of Old San Francisco Road).

Why: To discuss changes to the proposed site plan and construction schedule, communications, and review the scope of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

This is another opportunity for you to voice any ideas or concerns you have and hear from representatives of the medical group, our architect and the City of Sunnyvale planners overseeing our proposed project.

Light refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please call our neighborhood liaison, Cynthia Greaves, at 650-934-8614.

We hope you can join us on Wednesday, November 19.

Sincerely,

Rich Slavin, M.D.,
President, Camino Division, Palo Alto Medical Foundation

**Proposed Major Expansion of
Palo Alto Medical Facility at
201, 301, 401 Old San Francisco Road**

**Please come and hear about the
potential impact this may have on the
school.**

**Environmental Impact Report meeting
On**

Wednesday,

November 19th, 2008

6:30 pm

597 Central Ave
(St. Martin Parish Hall

Please bring your concerns.

SunnyvaleHeritageNeighbors@yahoo.com