



# SAINT GABRIEL SCHOOL

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## PARENT NEWSLETTER

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April 1, 2015

### Dates to Remember

April

2. Holy Thursday - **MINIMUM DAY** - 12:30PM Dismissal  
6PM - Parish Community Dinner - Bedford Hall  
8PM - Mass of the Last Supper
- 3, Good Friday
- 4, Holy Saturday  
Parents/Parishioners Volunteer at the Food Bank
- 5, Easter Sunday
- 6-10, Easter Vacation
- 13, Adventures In Music at St. Gabriel for Grades 3, 4, & 5  
Testing of New Students Grades 1-8 for 2015-2016 -  
2:45PM
- 14, Parent Support Group - 6:30 - 8:30PM - Library  
All are Welcome  
Parent Board Meeting - 7PM - Faculty Room
- 16-17, Classes 4A & 4B to Coloma, CA overnight
- 18, Beautification Committee Volunteers - 9AM - 12Noon  
Spaghetti Dinner - Bedford Hall - 6PM

- 19, Mass honoring St. Gabriel Parish High School Graduates at 5:30PM. Dinner for Graduates, Parents and Teachers follows in the multi-purpose room.
- 22, Earth Day Prayer Service - 2PM - prepared by the 4th grade classes - Church
- 23, **MINIMUM DAY - 12:30PM DISMISSAL**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences
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- 25, Education Revolution - Reimagine the Learning Journey! For families of students with learning & attention differences - AT& T Park - 9AM - 4PM
- 26, 12Noon Mass & Reception for St. Gabriel Graduates of 1965!  
Sacrament of Confirmation at 5:30PM Mass - Bishop Tom Daly presiding
- 27, **MINIMUM DAY - 12:30PM DISMISSAL**
- 28, School Board Meeting - 7PM - Faculty Room
- 30, Crooners sing at Mercy High School, SF's Spring Concert - 7PM

May

- 1, Pastor's Holiday - **NO SCHOOL**
- 1 & 2, Spring Carnival Days - More information on SGS Parent Website
- 3, Crooners Sing at 10AM Mass
- 5, Cinco de Mayo - Teacher Appreciation Day
- 7, Parent Board Meeting - 6:30PM - Library  
**General Parent Meeting - 7PM - Bedford Hall**

## STUDENT'S SUCCESS

1. CONGRATULATIONS to the following sixth graders who competed and placed extremely well in the 33rd Annual San Francisco Science Fair at Randall Museum on Saturday, February 28, 2015:

|                    |                   |  |
|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| Devin Leung -      | 1st Place -       | Got Wind Power                                     |
| Jadeyn Palaby -    | 2nd Place         | I've Got 99 Problems and Drought Isn't One of Them |
| Johnny Bhaskar -   | 3rd Place         | Panels Meters and the Sun                          |
| Sartaj Rajpal -    | 3rd Place         | Condense-Collect-Conserve: Can We Benefit?         |
| Michael Ma -       | Honorable Mention | Steel Rods, What Are They Good For?                |
| Victoria Mattson - | Honorable Mention | Can You Hear What I Hear?                          |

In addition, Devin and Jadeyn will join the other 1st Place and 2nd Place winners on the Derek M. Baylis, a research vessel, on Friday, April 17, 2015. They will sail on the San Francisco Bay and learn about navigation, plankton, and water sampling. Way to Go!

Congratulations to all of you - and to Mrs. Tonegato-Jarrell! St. Gabriel had the most sixth grade winners of all Catholic, public and private schools participating!

## 2. ACADEMIC DECATHLON

The nineteenth Archdiocesan Academic Decathlon took place at St. Pius School in Redwood City on Saturday, March 7, 2015. About 300 Catholic elementary schools throughout the state of California participate in this event on the same day in their local diocese. Winners from each region move on to the state championships. St. Gabriel School has participated in seventeen (17) of these regional events and has won first place eleven (11) times qualifying for the state championship.

This year our teams placed third overall. Congratulations to them and to individual winners:

|                |              |                  |
|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Logic          | Second Place | Team Effort      |
| Fine Arts      | First Place  | Jacob Lam        |
| Literature     | First Place  | Clarissa Madar   |
| Religion       | Third Place  | Julian Hermosura |
| Science        | Third Place  | Joaquin Turek    |
| Current Events | Third Place  | Serra Tyson      |

Coaches: Donna Bruno, Barbara Cecchin, Lawrence Ellison, Lynn Grier, Mara Hill, Charlene McDonnell, Bernice Tonegato-Jarrell, Pat Tucker, and Mrs. Esther Lam.

Congratulations Everyone!!

3. In late March, seventh and eighth grade students celebrated Pi Day by investigating circles and the mathematical uses of pi through art and hand-on activities. Every year the students are challenged to memorize as many digits of the infinite digits of pi as they can.

The following students memorized 75 or more digits - Congratulations!!

|                        |                     |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Seventh Grade</u> - | Mia Rassam          | Marielle Sorhondo   |
|                        | Conor Coyle         | Ethan Barry         |
|                        | Joey Ling           | Carlie Sokol        |
|                        | Megan Yeung         | Joe Beima           |
|                        | John Banzon         | Kellie Lu           |
|                        | Melanie Miyamoto    | Hannah M. O'Connell |
|                        | Hannah R. O'Connell | Anne Kelly          |
| <u>Eighth Grade</u>    | Paul Gouchon        | Chris Ying          |

8th grader, Liana Rokh memorized 120 digits and 7th grader, Ian Kong memorized 150 digits!

All students were treated to a slice of pie by Miss Hill.

4. They Did It - A Second Time!

A raffle fundraiser was held in March to raise funds for a water filtration system. The fundraiser was a tremendous success and the students were able to raise a total of \$4565.88. The water filtration system was installed on March 22, 2015 (World Water Day) at the Sambhota Tibetan School, Dikyiling, Uttarakhand State, India. The water filtration system will benefit the 179 students and 30 staff members at the school. This system will enable the school community to maintain a high level of

general health and protect them from various waterborne illnesses including typhoid and cholera. Having surpassed their fundraising goal which was \$2500 the sixth graders voted on donating the remaining funds to two additional charities which are "Kids for Kids" in Darfur that helps children living in abject poverty and "Family House" in San Francisco that helps families of children living with cancer.

We are very grateful to our donors who generously provided the goods for our baskets. They include:

- Mr. Josh Bruck at Apple Stonestown
- Peets Coffee at Sloat
- Costco on Hickey
- Bi-Rite Markets
- Santini Foods
- Tcho Chocolates
- Canyon Market
- Mission Minis
- Arizmendi bakery

The sixth graders did an amazing job and we are very proud of their efforts!

#### 5. National Geographic Bee

Albert Ma, 8B, qualified as a semi-finalist to participate in the California state level competition of the National Geographic Bee. The state Bee was held on March 27, at California State University Fresno. Albert made it through the preliminary round.  
Good job!

#### LENT HAPPENINGS IN KINDERGARTEN

Everyday during lent the children do good deeds and leave "heartprints" behind. They record their deeds each evening and share them with the class on Fridays. At that time, a heart with their name goes onto the heartprints bulletin board! You should see it!

#### SCHOOL TUITION & EXTENDED CARE NOTICE

School: April is the last billing month. All payments are due on Monday, April 13, 2015 unless specific arrangements have been made with Sr. M. Pauline. Re-registration forms will be sent home on May 1st to families who have paid the total 2014-2015 tuition.

Extended Care: The last Extended Care bill will be mailed to you after the last day of school. This bill is DUE to be paid by Monday, June 15, 2015. Payment can be mailed to

school or dropped off any time at the Parish Center. We need to have all of our accounts up-to-date to close the books by June 30th.

**Notes:**

1. School re-registration cannot be considered final until extended care is paid in full.
2. Extended Care re-registration cannot be considered final until school tuition is paid in full.

Please call Sr. M. Pauline if you need to discuss the above.

**LAST CALL FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE**

The Archdiocesan Family Grant tuition assistance process is still available. You need to apply online at: [www.tads.com](http://www.tads.com). The deadline is April 15, 2015.

Award letters will be sent to families in May.

**PARENT ANNUAL GIVING**

Thank you to our families who have made a pledge to the 2014-15 Parent Annual Giving Campaign. Haven't pledged yet? Only two (2) months left to participate and help us reach our goal of 100% participation! See the attached flyer for more information.

**PHOTOS WANTED**

The Development Department is always looking for photos! We could especially use photos of offsite and after school activities such as field trips, extra-curriculars, and sports. Photos can be sent on CD, Attn: Development. For other alternatives (such as Dropbox), contact Alice Lawrie at [sgs@stgabrielsf.com](mailto:sgs@stgabrielsf.com). High-resolution photos preferred. Thank you.

**IN A PINCH NEWS**

When people within our community are encountering a serious illness or are suffering a major loss of some kind, In a Pinch can help. We can offer the organization of meals, play dates or carpools. In a Pinch is a part of our St. Gabriel community. You don't need to do anything to join because you already belong. Sometimes, people seek out opportunities to cook for families outside of their grade and circle of friends because they enjoy the experience of sharing food. Some people like to earn parent hours through their time and money spent in this way.

Most recently, we have provided meals for our Pastor, Father Tom Hamilton. He has appreciated the generosity and kindness of our meal makers and the prayer messages of good will!

Looking forward...

When you hear of someone in our community who could use a helping hand, and you think they might be aided by meals, play dates, or carpools, please notify me or call Sister Pauline.

There is also an ongoing Rosary vigil for the Sick on Tuesday nights at 5:45PM. It is held in the Chapel inside the Parish Center and all are welcome.

You can make a donation designated for **In a Pinch**... We sometimes purchase gift cards for Waiters on Wheels or some other meal delivery system. Send a check made out to St. Gabriel School with **In a Pinch** on the notation line.,

Tina O'Sullivan

Dear Friends,

Well here I am...Now numbered among the corps of cancer survivors, I have one kidney left to my name. The other one was sacrificed so as to be rid of a rapidly growing carcinoma characterized as a stage 3 (most aggressive form of kidney cancer).

Together with some post-operative internal bleeding, it all proved to be a very interesting experience indeed. I want to thank so many of you for the get well cards, remembrances in prayer, and other messages and offers of help. I am immensely grateful.

Touching as well were the homemade get well cards from the almost 500 students of St. Gabriel School. They have been kind enough to assure me of their prayers, and the fact that I have been missed. Many expressed their eagerness to once again have me offer the Eucharist and one young man said he misses my preaching --- during which he hardly ever falls asleep!!

I have experienced the graciousness of people who have ministered to me..., "In a Pinch", an organization that steps up to help people on short notice with a home cooked meal, delivered each day to my door until I was able to get out on my own...my sister Sharon who came to stay with me for 5 weeks...friends and parishioners who have shopped for me and transported me to appointments and procedures.

I thank all of you!

God's grace is evident in our lives in many ways, and while much of this has been difficult for me...it has also been a time when compassion and hope abounded. And for this, I am grateful!

Many of the young well-wishers of our school admonished me: "DON'T STOP BELIEVIN" ...  
Thanks for reminding me that GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME!

Fr. Tom

### CORRECTION

Dylan Lew's name was left off the list of students who volunteered to participate in the Pine Lake Restoration efforts on January 31, 2015. Sorry Dylan.

### A POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Last month we introduced online articles focusing on nutrition, along with the correlation of aggressive behavior and video games. We hope you found these articles helpful. This month's online articles focus on the importance of getting enough sleep, and positive discipline.

#### **Secret Weapon for School Success--Sleep!**

<http://www.greatschools.org/parenting/health-nutrition/620-sleep-the-secret-weapon-for-school-success.gs>

**Positive Guidance and Clear Limits:** <http://parentsplaceonline.org/positive-guidance-clear-limits-effective-behavioral-approach/>

The article on positive discipline is an introduction to the April 14th Parent Support Group meeting. Mechele Pruitt from Parent's Place will provide us more insights on the topic of positive discipline. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please contact Milena Tapia to reserve a seat ([mtapia@stgabrielstg.com](mailto:mtapia@stgabrielstg.com)). Space is limited.

### CRAB RAFFLE

Thank you to those who purchased tickets for the Annual Crab Raffle. Thanks to the generosity we raised over \$7,500 for St. Gabriel School. The winners were:

|                |                |  |
|----------------|----------------|--|
| Bonus Raffle - | Giants Tickets | Donna Engman   |
| Grand Prize -  | \$2,000        | Emmet Hegerhorst   |
| 2nd Prize -    | \$500          | Nessa Connor   |
| 3rd Prize -    | \$250 -        | Dan O'Connell (Mr. O'Connell generously donated one half back to St. Gabriel School) |



4th Prize - \$100

Mala Gurbuxani

Special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Belinda Kensic for folding, stuffing and stamping the raffle mailing.

### SPAGHETTI DINNER - SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

#### Tickets are on Sale Now!

Enjoy an evening out and socialize with friends over a delicious spaghetti dinner. Dinner starts at 6PM in Bedford Hall.

*Meal includes:* Spaghetti with your choice of sauce (meat, marinara, pesto, or plain pasta w/butter), Caesar salad, garlic bread, dessert, and beverages.

#### *Tickets purchased by Sunday, April 12th:*

Price: Adults: \$8.00, Children: \$5.00 - 2 & under Free  
Maximum per family: \$25.00 (2 parents & 2 or more children)

#### *Tickets purchased after April 13th:*

Price: Adults: \$10.00, Children: \$6.00, 2 & under Free  
Maximum per family: \$30.00 (2 parents & 2 or more children)

DON'T WAIT ... purchase tickets online now at [sgsparents.com](http://sgsparents.com).

Information on volunteering and donating for parent hours is also available on the website. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Anna Flaviani, Anjie Chew & Andrea Prete

### ST. GABRIEL CARNIVAL

St. Gabriel Carnival is Friday, May 1, 4-10PM, and Saturday, May 2, 11AM - 4PM and 6:30 - 9:00PM.

What's new this year?

Friday Night BBQ with local celebrity Pitmaster, Chef Jim Modesitt - Friday 5-9PM

Jim has been featured on the Food Network, BBQ Pitmasters, and many local programs. He offers award winning Tri Tip, Pulled Pork and many other specialties. Advance tickets are available on [sgsparents.com](http://sgsparents.com).

### Wine and Beer Tasting - Friday 6-9:30PM

Enjoy an evening exploring new wines and beers, while you nibble on appetizers, listen to live music, and try your hand at some adult only Carnival games. Advance tickets available on [sgsparents.com](http://sgsparents.com) \$15 per tasting, which includes 3 - 1oz pours plus a full pour of your favorite taste.

### Raffle

We are offering four (4) great raffles this year. Tickets have already been sent home. Additional tickets are available on [sgsparents.com](http://sgsparents.com).

- Free Dress for a Week
- Opus One bottle of Wine - 2011 Vintage
- mac Book Pro 13" with Retina Display
- Half a year Tuition to St. Gabriel School

### Two Days of Rides...

We will have twice as many rides plus a Super Slide. On Friday, we will have a Rock Climbing Wall. Buy your wristbands in advance and save over 30%. Friday and Saturday have unique wristbands - so you will need to buy TWO wristbands for unlimited rides BOTH days.

Order forms will come home the week after Easter break, but you can BUY them NOW online at [sgsparents.com](http://sgsparents.com).

Questions - [carnival@sgsparents.com](mailto:carnival@sgsparents.com)

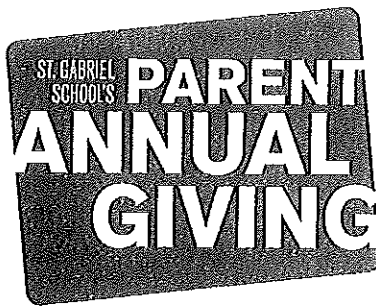
### VISION SCREENING

Thank to my vision screening volunteers.

Kellie Foy  
Marisa Chiu  
Michelle Rivadeneyra  
Eva Li  
Michelle Lee

Janette Boquiren  
Clarisse Rey  
Sarah Karanian  
Maria Kong  
Jim Snyder

Jennifer Quirante Snyder - Chair



## 2014-15 Parent Annual Giving

So far this year,  
percentage of Parent Participation: **60%**  
Total Monetary Pledges: **\$85,285\***

\*Includes company matching funds paid & pending

Our goal is **100%** Parent Participation!  
Percentage still needed to achieve this goal: **40%**  
*You and your family benefit from annual giving.  
That is why we ask you to participate!*

Questions: Allce Lawrie, Development Office at [sgs@stgabrielsf.com](mailto:sgs@stgabrielsf.com)

### A COMMUNITY EFFORT!

Parent Annual Giving is a community effort for the benefit of each and every family in the school. Our program, therefore, has been designed so participation creates ***no hardship on any family.***

All families have the ability to pledge their prayers and/or thoughts for St. Gabriel School. Then, we ask you to consider a monetary pledge. You choose if and how much to give.

***It's that easy! So, please pledge today!***

### HERE IS A LIST, BY CLASS, OF CURRENT PARTICIPATION.

If you have more than one child, credit is given to each class

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Kindergarten..... | 68% |
| 1st Grade.....    | 74% |
| 2nd Grade.....    | 46% |
| 3rd Grade.....    | 62% |
| 4th Grade.....    | 63% |
| 5th Grade.....    | 56% |
| 6th Grade.....    | 55% |
| 7th Grade.....    | 65% |
| 8th Grade.....    | 56% |



**ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL**  
 Parent Annual Giving Program  
 Supporting Education at St. Gabriel

- Yes! I/We pledge support of St. Gabriel School through a pledge of Prayers and/or Thoughts for St. Gabriel School, a monetary pledge or both.

**Part A: Pledge of Prayers and/or Thoughts**

- I/We pledge to keep St. Gabriel in Prayer/Thought throughout the school year.

St. Gabriel is far more than a building. It is a community of people. Your pledge of prayers/thoughts is a show of care for St. Gabriel and our community. It is support when times are tough, and in thanks for our blessings. As a Catholic School, this benefit is greatly valued. *We, therefore, ask all families to make this pledge.*

**Part B: Monetary Pledge**

- I/We pledge to St. Gabriel School (if you are able to make a monetary pledge, please be as generous as you can):

- \$5,000     \$1,200 (apprx 1 mo. tuition 2 children)     \$600 (apprx 1 mo. tuition 1 child)  
 \$350 (avg. gift)     \$150     Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

Enclosed is my/our full/initial payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and/or  
 I/We will make payments:     Monthly     Quarterly     Other \_\_\_\_\_

- My employer has a Matching Gifts Program:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I will provide forms    or    \_\_\_\_\_ match has been submitted

Please use this gift for (optional):     the greatest school need     staff development  
 curriculum enhancement     Scholarship/Endowment Fund  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address OR Email Address(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**HELP US SAVE PAPER:** To receive an acknowledgement by email, please clearly print your email address(es) above.

Child(ren)'s Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Your gift is TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Please make check payable to St. Gabriel School. **THANK YOU!**



**PARENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM 2014-2015**

**To: All Parents and Guardians**  
**From: Sylvia Tam (415) 216-6088 / sylviaytam@yahoo.com**

REMINDER REMINDER REMINDER REMINDER

**Two-parent families are required to perform 40 hours of parent participation between July 2014 and May 2015. Single-parent families are required to perform 20 hours of parent participation between July and May.**

**Because of Archdiocesan policy, families may not "pay off" their required hours. However, if families purchase materials for the school, they will be credited with one parent hour for each \$15 worth of materials purchased.**

**Families who do not perform the required parent participation will be placed the following school year in tuition Plan B if they are eligible for the Parish subsidy or in tuition Plan D if they are not eligible for the Parish subsidy.**

**You may use the form on the reverse to report your 2014-2015 parent participation hours. Don't stop counting at 20 or 40 hours. It's important for fund raising purposes that we know all the volunteer hours you have contributed.**

**Return the form to us at the end of the school year. We have a mailbox in the clinic.**

**Thank you!**

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| <p><b>Forms are due by: May 8<sup>th</sup> - Eighth Grade families</b><br/><b>May 22<sup>nd</sup> - for all other families</b></p> |
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