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PARENT NEWSLETTER

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March 2, 2015

Dates to Remember

March

- 3, Parent Board Meeting - 7PM - Faculty Room
- 4, The Whale Bus comes to St. Gabriel for First Grades
- 5, Magazine Sale - March 5 - 29

Archdiocesan Choral Festival at Archbishop Riordan High School - Gabriel's Crooners participate

Carnival Booth Committee meets at 7PM - Library
- 7, San Francisco Archdiocesan Academic Decathlon at St. Pius School in Redwood City

All the best to the St. Gabriel Team and Thank You to their Coaches
- 8, Daylight Savings Time Begins - SPRING FORWARD!
- 9, Milk Day

Fifth Grade Parents In-serviced for Angel Island overnight - 7PM - Library
- 10, First Communion Parent Meeting - 7PM

Parish Council - 7:30PM - Parish Center
- 12, Carnival Operations Committee meets in the Library-7PM

- 13, **Student Holiday - Day of Prayer for Faculty**
- 16, Adventures In Music Concert performs at St. Gabriel for Grades 3, 4, & 5
- Milk Sale Day
- 17, Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- 18, Lenten Reconciliation Services for Grades 3, 4, & 5
- Class 5B goes to Angel Island overnight
- Alumni Board Meeting - 7PM - Meeting
- 19, Feast of St. Joseph
- Class 5A goes to Angel Island overnight
- Carnival Food Committee meets at 7PM in the Library
- 20, **End of the Third Quarter of School**
- 21, Beautification Committee Volunteers - 9AM to Noon
- Art Show of Students Work - 10AM - 4PM
- Multi-purpose Room - All are Invited
- 22, First Communion Prayer Partner Mass - 10AM
- 23, **MINIMUM DAY** for Teacher Professional Development
12:30PM Dismissal
- Milk Sale Day
- 24, Star Lab comes to St. Gabriel for Sixth Grades
- School Board Meeting - 7PM - Faculty Room
- 25, Lenten Reconciliation Services for Grades 6, 7, & 8
- 28, Junior High Students participate in Archbishop Riordan High School's "Quiz Bowl" - Good Luck!

Teacher Job Fair at Star of the Sea School for Catholic Elementary Schools - 10AM - Noon

29, End of the Magazine Drive

30, Milk Sale Day

Stations of the Cross - Presented by the Fifth Grade Students - 2PM - All are Invited!

31, Carnival Operations Committee meets in the Library at 7PM

April

2, Holy Thursday - MINIMUM DAY - 12:30PM Dismissal

Mass of the Last Supper - 8PM - St. Gabriel Church

3, Good Friday - Fifth Grade Students present Stations of the Cross during three hours

4, Holy Saturday

5, HAPPY EASTER

6-10, Easter Vacation

ACADEMIC DECATHLON DAY - March 7, 2015

The San Francisco Archdiocesan Academic Decathlon will be held at St. Pius School in Redwood City this Saturday. Our ten eighth grade students who are representing our school are:

Julian Hermosura -	Religion
Mark Kearney -	Social Studies
Jacob Lam -	Fine Arts
Alyson Lee -	Logic
Katelyn Lee -	Logic
Clarissa Madar -	Literature
Amsel Tegene -	English
Joaquin Turek -	Science
Chris Ying -	Math

To those of you who are new to this event the Academic Decathlon is a competition consisting of three parts: (1) individual subjects, (2) a logic quiz, and (3) a super quiz. The last two are collaborative team efforts. The logic quiz has 20 rigorous math and logic puzzles, spatial or geometric visualizations and word math. The super quiz is composed of 50 questions on five broad academic themes.

Thank you to the coaches who have spent hours meeting with the team in preparation for this academic event: Donna Bruno, Barbara Cecchin, Lawrence Ellison, Lynn Grier, Mara Hill, Charlene McDonnell, Bernice Tonegato-Jarrell, Pat Tucker, and Mrs. Lam. What a Team!

TUITION REMINDER

April is the last tuition billing month. Re-registration forms will be sent home the first week of May. Tuition must be paid in full to receive re-registration forms.

The Department of Catholic Schools asks schools to develop next years budget earlier this year. Because of these preparations, and also the testing of new students, we'll need to know as soon as possible if present St. Gabriel students will be moving and not attending St. Gabriel next year. Please send a note to Sr. M. Pauline as soon as possible.

TEACHERS VOLUNTEER

Each year the Department of Catholic Schools asks for teachers/principals to volunteer to serve on school evaluation teams. These volunteers are responsible to read over the school's self study report and then spend three days at the school verifying the report. The team then writes what it considers significant accomplishments and critical goals based on the report, their interviews and their observations. This final report is shared with the staff of the school being evaluated.

This year, Mrs. Charlene McDonnell volunteered to serve on an evaluation team at St. Matthew School in San Mateo.

Ms. Colleen Maniere has volunteered to serve on the Archdiocesan Common Core English Language Arts Curriculum committee. This will be a three to four year commitment.

Thank you to both for your generosity.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Mrs. Tonegato-Jarrell will teach summer classes in math and science for students entering next year's seventh and eighth grades.

These classes will be in the science room. Registration forms were sent home during the past week.

STUDENTS ASSISTANCE

On Saturday, January 31, 2015, 6A and 6B students participated in the Pine Lake Restoration Program for the first time. Dylan Hayes, the Natural Areas gardener at Pine Lake gave the students a very thorough and interesting introduction to the floral and fauna biodiversity present at Pine Lake. The students saw dabbling, skimming, and diving ducks, a Great Blue Heron camouflaged in the Tule patch, and tasted lemony Oxalis (Wood Sorrel). Lastly, the students watered the 22 Blue Elderberry trees that 7A and 7B planted on October 29, 2014. These Blue Elderberry trees curtail soil erosion on the south side slope and serve as an excellent food source for butterflies and native and migrating birds. Everyone enjoyed the morning!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:

Mrs. Bagdon (Sarah's Mom)
Ms. Deng (Selena's Mom)
Mr. & Mrs. Gutierrez (Matthew and Melissa's Dad and Mom)
Ms. Gurbvuxani (Sartaj's Mom)

Sarah Bagdon	Hannah Lin
Matthew Gutierrez	Jadeyn Palaby
Melissa Gutierrez	Sartaj Rajpal
Devin Leung	Mylei Settergren
Aster Li	Selena Yu
Christine Lin	

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

1. The following seventh grade girls participated in Mercy Burlingame's "Girls For Science", Science Fair on February 25. Congratulations to the following for qualifying.

Florenz Blancaflor - 7A	"House Hunters"
Lauren Chao - 7A	"Something's Brewing in What You're Chewing"
Marielle Sorhondo - 7B	"Detergent or Deterrent"

AND - a big congratulations to

Kellie Lu, 7B, who won First Place in "Most Creative" for her project - "Victory to Vitamin E"! Of course, thank you Mrs. Tonegato-Jarrell!

2. Spell-a-Thon Update

Classes 2B, 5B and 8B have earned free dress for 100% participation in the Spell-a-Thon (day to be determined).

Prizes for the maximum donations brought were awarded to:

Kailee Rustia - 3B	\$30.00
Mia Delaney - 4A	\$15.00
Sierra Tyson - 8B	\$15.00

Thanks again for making this a very successful fundraiser.

A POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

For the remainder of the school year, we will share online articles with you that affect the daily dynamics of a classroom. Sometimes, there are factors that may cause a student to play rough during recess, be less patient or just too tired to stay focused in class. As a community, we work together to provide a safe and nurturing environment for everyone to learn. This month's articles focus on the subjects of nutrition and video games.

Nutrition for Kids: <http://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-living/childrens-health/in-depth/nutrition-for-kids/art-20049335>

Video Games and Aggressive Behavior: <http://www.pamf.org/parenting-teens/general/media-web/violentgames.html>

HOW ARE WE DOING-----

on conserving and recycling?

During this past week, three teacher attended an evening in-service sponsored by the S.F.P.U.C. on protecting and preserving our water resources. They received grade level lesson plans and information on free field trips. Fourth grade teachers Mrs. Arce, Mrs. Clark, and sixth grade teacher Mr. Lockee will now present the information to the faculty and to their students.

STUDENT ART SHOW

Mark your calendars! St. Gabriel's Third Annual Art show is Saturday, March 21st, 10AM - 4PM in the multi-purpose room. Each student will have an art piece on display. The art show will highlight the gamut of art projects and fabulous works of our artists.

Needed: Set-up: Friday, March 20th - 12:30PM on
 Break-down: Saturday, March 21st - 4PM on

Please email Esther Lam at esther@pobox.com if you are available. Thank you!

IMMUNIZATION REMINDER

In October, letters were mailed home to all families with students entering seventh grade in the fall of 2015, regarding the California Department of Public Health requirement for the Tdap (pertussis booster). This booster is required for all students entering seventh grade.

So far only 15 out of 56 sixth grade students have responded. This is a serious matter and students will not have their name placed on the seventh grade class list without this booster.

Please take the time to make an appointment with your doctor, get the booster, and send proof of the immunization to the office.

PARENT ANNUAL GIVING - NEW CHALLENGE GRANT

A new Challenge Grant has been established! Haven't pledged yet? There is still time for you to pledge AND help St. Gabriel receive an extra \$10,000! See the attached flyer for more information. Don't forget, you and your child(ren) are benefitting from Annual Giving. That is why we ask you to participate!

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, April 18, 2015
6:00PM - Bedford Hall

This is a family-friendly event. Dinner includes spaghetti, Caesar salad, garlic bread, beverages and dessert. Information regarding tickets, volunteering and donating can be found on the website.

Hope to see you there!

GREAT ALUMNI

As they do every year, our school alumni treats the students and staff to a Catholic Schools Week lunch. They donate funds, prepare and serve the meal.

This years donors and helpers were:

Celina Al-Asfour	Jessica Perez Livsey
Antonio Alves	Cecilia McDonagh
Eileen Laffey Barry	Jim O'Connell
Angie & Dave Chew	John O'Connell
Mary Dante	Brenda Peralta
Ty Fegan Debrunner	Reidy Family
Bill Flaherty	Mike Rouan
Michelle Fisher	Donald Schmidt
John Fogarty	Jean Fogarty Shriver
Judy deGuzman Green	Sandra Hession Sweeney
Janet Hession	George Totah
Cynthia Huey	Georgia Wasley
Dennis Hughes	Cathy (Costello) Wells
Gloria Keeley	Marry Anne Zamarripa
Carol Lavelle	

CARNIVAL NEWS

Carnival Silent Auction

Silent Auction Committee is busy putting together another wonderful auction, slated to take place during our annual Carnival, May 1st and 2nd.

WE'D LOVE YOUR HELP TO TAKE THIS OVER THE TOP!

Our wish list: Gift cards, gift cards, and MORE gift cards.

- Target
- Macy's
- Michael's
- Beverly's Fabrics
- Amazon
- Bed, Bath & Beyond
- Dick's Sporting Goods
- Sports Authority
- Best Buy
- William Sonoma
- Sur La Table

New or very gently used baskets.

Remember---you get one (1) hour of your parent hours for every \$15 you spend. Buy the cards through our SCRIP program, and work towards fulfilling your SCRIP commitment.

You can email us at carnival@sgsparents.com with questions. Please send your donations -
Attn: Carnival c/o Clinic

Thanks for your support!

Wine and Beer Tasting at the Carnival

Yes, the rumors are true! *We will be hosting wine and beer tasting at the Carnival this year.* Mark it on your calendars now. This will be THE can't miss adult only event at the Carnival!!

Live entertainment...raffles...games...and more!!

Friday, May 1 - 6PM - 9PM

If you are interested in helping...

If you have any connections in the adult beverage industry...if you'd like to donate a bottle or a case of your favorite beverage...if you want to donate money or gift cards to Bev Mo or Safeway...

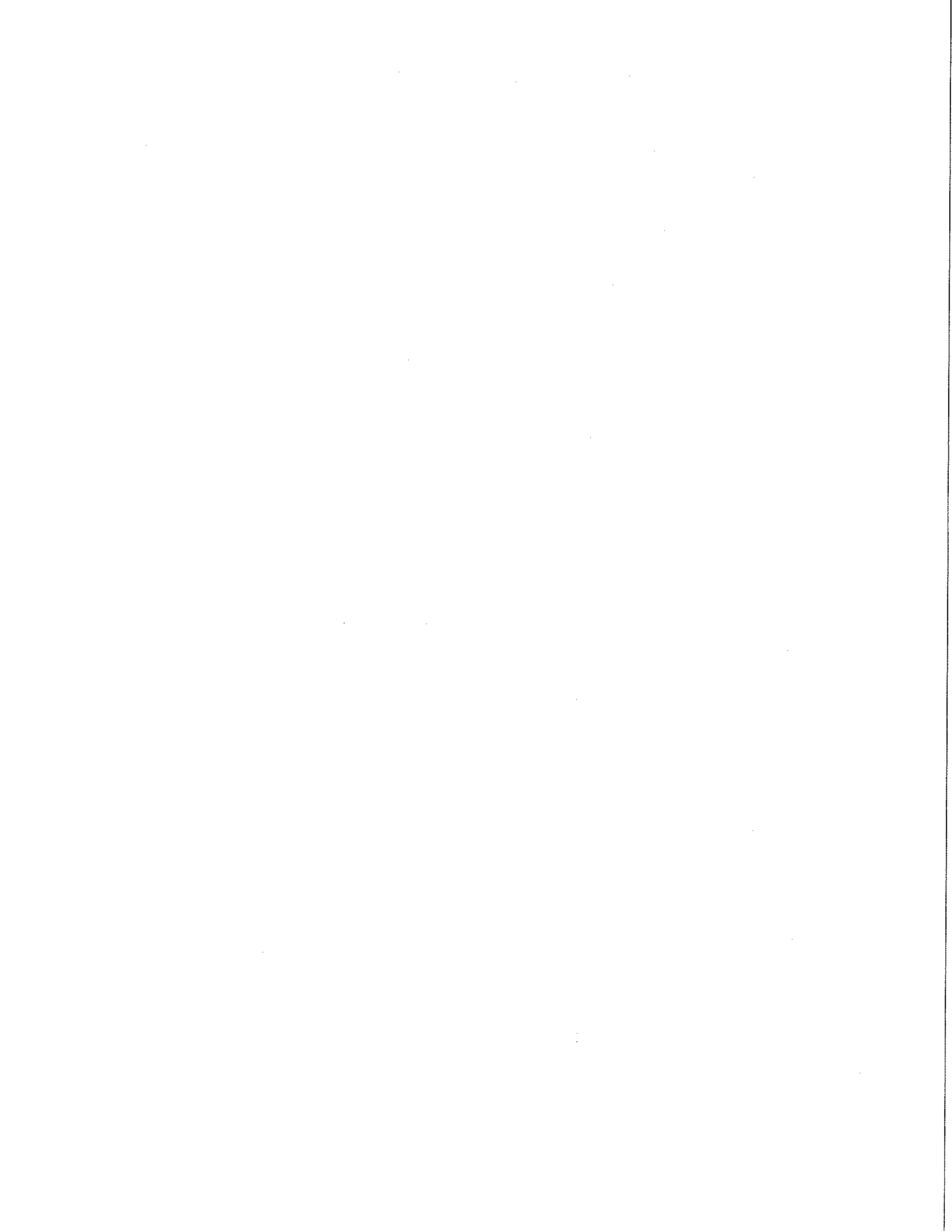
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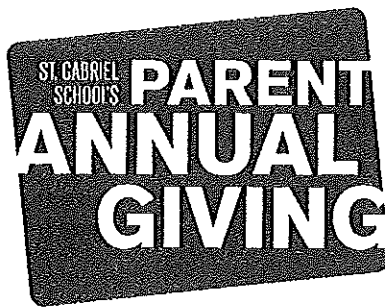
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A SNEAK LOOK AT 3B'S SCIENCE CLASS

During our science class, Mrs. T-J gave us an assignment. I was so excited. All of my class were supposed to build air crafts (one for each group). First we made a blue print. Next we took bits of the other peoples' ideas from their blue print. Then we were ready to land them on the planet Oobleck that our science teacher made for us. She told us there would be a lot of trial and error, but that's what engineers do. Our landers worked because they landed. Today every table showed theirs on the screen through air play. We all shared the strong parts of our spacecrafts. In conclusion, we learned that we need to communicate with our group. It was very fun. I hope our science teacher lets us do this again., It made me feel like an engineer.

Helena Martinez, Isaiah Martin, Eoin Murphy, and Briget Panina - 3B





2014-15 PARENT ANNUAL GIVING WE ARE BUILT ON COMMUNITY

THANK YOU to the 49% of families who have already participated in this year's campaign!

Have *you* made your pledge?

We need you to make our goal of 100% participation!

Just as **community is the hallmark of St. Gabriel School's success**, community is also the backbone of Parent Annual Giving.

Have you wondered why our goal for Parent Annual Giving is 100% participation and not a dollar goal? Parent Annual Giving is not a competition of who can give the most. **Parent Annual Giving is a community effort for the benefit of each and every family in the school.** That is why we ask each and every one of you to participate.

Because community is key to annual giving, the program has been designed so participation creates no hardship on any family. Participation is as easy as pledging your prayers and thoughts for St. Gabriel for this school year.

Then, we ask you to consider if a monetary pledge is possible and, if so, to be as generous as you can. You choose if and what you can give. That is easy, too.

We hope you will join in this community effort and pledge today. A Parent Annual Giving pledge form is on the reverse for your convenience.



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!