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PARENT NEWSLETTER

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November 3, 2014

Dates to Remember

- November 3-6, Book Fair Continues
- Thanksgiving Food Drive Starts (11/3 - 11/21)
- 4, Book Fair Continues: 8AM - 8PM
- 4-6, Parent/Teacher Conferences - **MINIMUM DAYS**
12:30PM Dismissal
- Note:** All Junior High Students will attend their conference with their parents.
- 4-5, Night Conferences are schedule for these evenings.
- 5, Book Fair Continues: 8AM - 8PM
- Parent/Teacher Conferences - **MINIMUM DAY**
- 6, Parent/Teacher Conferences - **MINIMUM DAY**
- Book Fair Ends at 1:30PM
- 7, **MINIMUM DAY - 12:30PM Dismissal for all Students**
- 10-12, First Grade Popcorn Sale Fund Raiser for Martin de Porres Hospitality House
- 11, Parent Board Meeting - 7PM - Faculty Room
- 12, School Tour by Appointment - 8:30AM

- 13, Carnival Committee meets - 7PM - Library
- 15, Beautification Committee Volunteers - 9AM - Noon
- 18, After School Peer Tutoring Starts
- First Communion Parent Session - 7PM - Multi-Purpose Room
- 21, Thanksgiving Food Drive Ends
- 22, Classes 6A & 6B volunteer at Pine Lake with Mrs. Tonegato-Jarrell
- Robotic Tournament at NDV School - See inside for a list of our teams & coaches.
- 24, **MINIMUM DAY** for Teacher Professional Development
12:30PM Dismissal for Students
- 25, School Tour by Appointment - 8:30AM
- School Board Meeting - 7PM - Faculty Room
- 26, **MINIMUM DAY - 12:30PM Dismissal**
- Grandparents Day!
- 10:30 - 11 AM - Registration & Social in Bedford Hall
- 11 - 11:30AM - School Tour
- 11:35 - 12:30PM - Prayer in Church prepared by the seventh grades.
- 27, Thanksgiving Day!
- 10AM Mass at St. Gabriel Church. All are encouraged to attend this special celebration.
- 28, **HOLIDAY**
- 30, First Sunday of Advent

- December
- 1, Jog-a-Thon Awards - 1:45PM - Bedford Hall
 - 3, Advent Reconciliation Day for Grades 6, 7, & 8
 - 4, Crooners sing at Mercy Winter Pops - 7PM
 - 7, Santa's Breakfast

Second Sunday of Advent

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

The first quarter of school ended on October 24th, and once again it is Parent Teacher Conference time. Parents and teachers will meet to discuss student progress and to plan for future months of academic success. This time for mutual sharing has proven to be beneficial for all.

By now you have received your conference schedule. If not, please contact your student's classroom teacher. Each conference is 15 minutes long, so please make every effort to be on time. Parents may park in the parking lot and enter the building through the front door on 41st Avenue or come in through the library and visit the Book Fair. I will attend some conferences and will be available in my office for parent chats. Come say "hello".

PROJECTS THAT HELP OTHERS

1. Each year our Student Council collects Halloween costumes to donate to Hamilton Family Center and to Mercy Housing. This year we sent 225 to the children who live in these homes. Thank you for your generosity.
2. The sock drive that was held in October for St. Vincent de Paul shelters brought in 419 pairs. The three eighth grade organizers exceeded their goal! Well done!!

Reminder - We will be collecting Halloween candy starting on November 3 for the children who live in Mercy Housing homes.

NOVEMBER OUTREACH PROJECTS

Popcorn, Popcorn, Popcorn

Bricks of pink popcorn and bags of regular popcorn will be sold for \$1.50 on November 10th, 11th, and 12th. The sale is organized by our first grade students and their teachers: Tina

Bower and Marta Courtright. The event is an effort to raise money for Martin de Porres House of Hospitality. All donations to the House are used for meals, clothing, soap and other basic needs.

In the past years, this event has been very successful and appreciated by the staff at "Martins".

Food for Families

Our annual Thanksgiving collection of food for families will be from November 3rd to November 21st. We are asking for donations of food that can be stored such as: canned vegetables, canned fruit, soups, tuna, rice, beans, flour, sugar and soap. All donations will be sent to St. Peter's Parish Kitchen. You may send your family's donations to your child's classroom. Thank you to Student Council moderators, Belinda Kensic and Lynn Grier.

AND THE FUTURE

Annual Recycled Book Drive

It's time to clean out your bookshelves again. The third grade students and teachers, Lawrence Ellison and Zhanna Toensing, will be collecting children's used books to give to the Children's Book Project in San Francisco. Last year books were distributed to several places including: homeless shelters, a hospital book buddy program, and to children of migrant workers. Save your books and bring them to school between December 8th through 12th.

EGG DROP RESULTS

Each year seventh grade teacher Miss Hill, guides sixth through eighth grade students to demonstrate their creativity in developing a container to protect a "falling raw egg". The winning entries protect the egg and had the least mass. Congratulations to:

6B

1st - Devin Leung	18 grams
2nd Sartaj Rajpal Joshua Ho	35 g
3rd Jadya Palaby Sarah Bagdon	51 g

6A

1st Tommy Breslin Nico Susbilla	25 grams
2nd Lily Rogers Victoria Mattsson	27 g
3rd Jack Byrne Santi Calero	79 g

3rd Kaitlin Wan 79 g
Evalani Dudum

7B

1st Adrian Saxon 22 grams
Michael Malkig

2nd Anne Kelly 86 g
Kellie Lu

3rd Carina Bagley 137 g
Michelle Wang

7A

1st Nico Petrilli 39 gramns
Mark McAteer

2nd Conor Coyle 40 g
Cormac Lyons

3rd Audrey Hermosura 49 g
Jordyn Kosai

Our eighth grade students were at camp this year and did not participate.

PINE LAKE RESTORATION PROGRAM

September

On Saturday, September 27, 2014, seventeen (17) dedicated eighth graders and three (3) adults participated in the Pine Lake Restoration Program. Dylan Hayes, the Natural Areas gardener at Pine Lake, introduced the students to plant and animal ecology and biodiversity that coexists at Pine Lake.

The students were then divided into two groups and then switched jobs. While one group sawed, chopped, and puled off the invasive Cape Ivy that was engulfing the Arroyo Willow Trees, the other group toured the perimeter of Pine Lake spotting and identifying the myriad of plants and animals that make Pine Lake their home.

Dylan explained the adaptations of Tule Weed, Sage Brush, Alder Trees, Arroyo Willow Trees, Red Stemmed Dogwood and Evening Primrose to the students. In addition the students sighted and witnessed the interactions of the diving Grebe duck, the eating habits of the Coot ducks, Magpie ducks, and conmorants. The students spotted the soaring Red-Tailed Hawk and were entertained by the squawking and gliding Blue Heron. What a busy and enjoyable morning at Pine Lake!

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PARENTS FOR HELPING OUT!

Maureen O'Brien - Mom of Chase (8A) and Spencer (8B)
Tina Wong-Lee - Mom of Alyson (8A) and Katelyn (8B)

AND STUDENTS -

Destiny Bower	Lucca Polacci
Gaby Hernandez	Harris Rutherford
Gabriel Juarez	Angela Schmidt
Alyson Lee	Tyler Tam
Katelyn Lee	Sierra Tyson
Lauren Leung	Megan Van Koll
Erin Louie	Christopher Ying
Albert Ma	Sammy Zhou
Spencer O'Brien-Steele	

AND Mrs. Tonegato-Jarrell!

October

After the morning rains on October 25th, twenty-two (22) seventh graders and four (4) adults participated in the Pine Lake Restoration Program. Dylan Hayes, the Natural Areas head gardener, welcomed the students and described the surrounding fauna and floral at Pine Lake. He took the students on a tour and explained the specific animal and plant adaptations necessary for their survival.

Then Dylan taught the students how to plant 22 Blue Elderberry trees on the south side slope of Pine Lake. The students dug planting holes and very carefully transplanted the nursery grown trees into their designated holes. These trees are native plants and provide an excellent source of food for the native and migrating birds. In addition, the Blue Elderberry trees protect the south side slope from further erosion. Everyone enjoyed the busy morning. Mrs. B. Tonegato-Jarrell

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:

Mrs. Barrozo -	Mom of Amadea - 7A
Mrs. Chaloeintiarana -	Mom of Saijai - 7A
Mrs. Dizon -	Mom of Michael - 7A
Mrs. Sokol -	Mom of Carlie - 7A

Florenz Blancaflor	Amadea Manalili
Lauren Chao	Michael Malig
Saijai Chaloeintiarana	Megan McHugh
Alex David	Melanie Miyamoto
Michael Dizon	Kurt Schober
Ronan Francis	Carlie Sokol
Alex Jauregui	Catie Sullivan
Anne Kelly	Ashley Tam

Kate Kelly
Ian Kong
Catrina Maguire

Grainne Tinnelly
Joshua Wong
Paul Jose Wong

ROBOTICS

The following students have been welcomed to this years robotic teams.

Superior Crepe Squad
Mentors: Mr. Lockee & Mr. Marckwordt

Nerdy Ninjas #7453
Mentors: Mr. Fair & Aurora Hermosura

Carina Bagley
Florenz Blancaflor
Lila Horwitz
Ian Kong
Cormac Lyons
Michael Malig
Amadea Manalili
Sartaj Rajpal
Paul Jose Wong

John Banzon
Brandon Baumann
Audrey Hermosura
Devon Leung
Eileen Lin
Albert Ma
Michael Ma
Melanie Miyamoto
Nico Petrilli

Please come watch the robotics tournament on Saturday, November 22nd, 9AM to 4PM at NDV, 659 Pine Street, right by Union Square. For specifics check out the tournament website: <http://fillsf.com>. You are also welcome to view our team website at: <http://fill.stgabrielsf.com>.

Thank you so much, Mr. Fair.

MEMO

There are times when you, or the adult who usually picks up your student after school is unable to do so. Please let all substitute drivers know that they too must follow our school traffic requirements. Make sure they are aware of the requirements and help them realize we all follow them for the safety of our students.

They should plan enough time to allow them to wait in line and drive slowly around the school area.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Grandparents' Day is Coming! Our annual Grandparents' Day will be held on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 from 10:30AM to 12:30PM. Invitations and messages which you requested for your Grandparents will be going home today. Please be on the look out for

them! When received, please mail or deliver them as soon as possible (see instructions included with invitations/messages). **Be sure to keep the RSVP card.** Parents are to complete the RSVP card for the Grandparent(s) and return them to the Clinic no later than Friday, November 14th. Looking forward to a wonderful day!

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to our parent tour guides who led prospective families through the school at our Kindergarten Open House. They were:

Ty Debrunner
Jennifer Joost

Virginia Scarborough
Kristin Schober

Thanks also to our parents who provided refreshments for our guests. They were:

Corey Bostrom

Eva Li

And, thank you to Kathleen Maguire and all of our parents who referred their friends and family to St. Gabriel School. **You continue to be our best advertisers.** So, keep spreading the word. When you do, you help others with their school search and help keep enrollment strong at St. Gabriel.

PARENT ANNUAL GIVING UPDATE

Participation is rising! **THANK YOU** to all of the families who have pledged so far. Keep those pledges coming and help St. Gabriel earn an extra \$10,000! See the attached flyer for more information on Parent Annual Giving.

ONLINE PARENT ANNUAL FUND GIVING PAYMENTS

Want an easy option to pay your Parent Annual Giving pledge? Just as you can make tuition payments online through your bank, you can set up payments for your pledge. Check to see if your bank offers this service. Indicate St. Gabriel School as the payee. In the "Memo" or "Account" section, be sure to note "Parent Annual Giving".

NOT A GOOD IDEA

We received a phone call that some students who ride their bikes to school are not wearing helmets. It is the law that all bike riders wear helmets. Let's be sure that our boys and girls are safe.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the St. Gabriel Class of '74 who celebrated their 40th reunion on October 18th. They "gifted" the school with a new deluxe podium for our large group meetings. Wait until you see it!

BOOK FAIR

Come to the school library to see a wonderful selection of books for every reading level!

Sunday, November 2 -	8AM to 1:30PM
Monday, November 3 -	8AM to 3:30PM
Tuesday, November 4 -	8AM to 8PM
Wednesday November 5 -	8AM to 8PM
Thursday, November 6 -	8AM to 1:30PM

Teacher's wish lists will be available. Find wonderful Christmas gifts!

We thank you for your support.

Book Fair Committee

STAFF LUNCH

The Staff Christmas Luncheon is Friday, December 19, 2014. Many thanks to those families who have already donated. We appreciate your generosity. Donations are still being accepted.

Anna Totah & Norma O'Connell

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Beautification Committee met on Saturday, October 18th from 9AM to 12PM. The group was able to clean up all litter around the school grounds, pull weeds and rake around the church and school gardens.

A special thank you to "Jenn" at The Urban Farmer Store on Vicente who readily loaned our group a few rakes, brooms and dustpans in a pinch as we needed those tools.

Our parent volunteers were:

Konseti Kioa
Angela Lu

Ariel & Grace Malig
Lead: Judy Breitbarth & Rennel Maneja

Our next Beautification date is Sunday, November 15, 2014.

We are still looking for Beautification Leads for the following dates - any volunteers??

December 20, 2014

January 17, 2015

February 21, 2015

March 21, 2015

April 18, 2015

May 16, 2015

SANTA'S BREAKFAST



Come join us at the Annual Santa's Breakfast. This time honored tradition adds to the joy of the Holiday Season. There will be baked goods, crafts, games, raffles, and pictures with Santa.

Date: Sunday, December 7, 2014

Time: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Breakfast served until 11:30AM

Place: Bedford Hall (St. Gabriel's Gym)

Tickets: Pre-sale ticket priced at \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and students. (Prices at the door will be \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors and students.)

You can also avoid the lines and pre-order your ticket to take a photo with Santa. Pictures are \$20.00 for two 4x6 prints of the same shot and an electronic file.

Raffle ticket prices are \$5 for two tickets, \$10 for five tickets, or \$20 for 12 tickets

So what are you waiting for? Buy a ticket for each family member! Invite your friends and neighbors! Come join in the feast and festivities!

Questions? Please contact Jennifer Joost - 650.359.3370 - jenjoost@gmail.com

Online payment and reservations are now available through December 1st. You can also print a reservation form and send to the Clinic with your payment no later than Monday, December 1, 2014.

Space permitting, you will be able to buy tickets at the door during the day of the event, but it's best to either pay online or print and return completed reservation form & check payable to "*St. Gabriel Parent Organization*" to the Clinic.

*****ONE WARM COAT" DRIVE AT SANTA'S BREAKFAST****

Bring a coat to Santa's Breakfast and be warmed by the knowledge that your coat will go directly to children, women, and men in need. Clean coats in good condition of all sizes are welcome.

Volunteers Needed!

The Santa's Breakfast Committee needs your help to make this event a success! There are many different volunteer opportunities available:

We are looking for parent volunteers to help on Saturday, December 6th and the day of the event, Sunday, December 7th.

Please see our website for all up to date event and volunteer information:

www.sgsparents.com

Parent Volunteers please note: All volunteers must be compliant with Shield the Vulnerable. Please contact Barbara Demartini in the school office to see if you have completed the online training and background check.

Santa's Breakfast Raffle

The Santa's Breakfast Raffle Committee has visions of many festive gift-baskets and a grand prize for our fundraiser. Please take a look at our sample "Wish List" and consider donations of new items and/or cash to create amazing themed-gift baskets to raffle. Feel free to donate other items not listed as well. Every \$15 donated (items valued at or gift cards) is the equivalent of one parent hour. If you wish to donate a gift card, a scrip purchase can count towards your scrip requirement too! Our success depends on your generosity big or small. It is all appreciated!

Wish List:

- iPhone 6 plus
- MacBook Air
- Vacation Get-Away
- Giant's tickets/merchandise
- Tablet
- Apple Watch

- Video Games
- Roku
- Restaurant certificates
- See website for other items

Please send donations to the Clinic by Wednesday, December 3rd,
Attn: Dorothy Gin - SB Raffle

Please note your child's name and grade.
Checks should be made payable to: Saint Gabriel Parent's Organization

Santa's Breakfast Boutique

We are looking for holiday themed crafts or handmade items...like holiday cards, gift tags, ornaments, t-shirts, picture frames, wreaths, Christmas stockings, candles., etc...

We are also looking for donations of new items to sell at the boutique like holiday items, kids toys, books, games, arts and craft kits, dolls, stuffed toys, mugs, platters, decorations, filled gift baskets, calendars, etc...

If you are crafty and want to share your creativity, we welcome your hand crafted items which will be sold at the boutique.

If you are uncertain, you can send monetary donations or gift cards to Target, Michael's, Beverly's, or Joanne Fabrics.

You will earn parent hours for the amount of time spent crafting as well as one hour for every \$15 worth of materials purchased to make items.

For questions, please contact Dinah Manalo 415-812-2408 md_manalo@ymail.com or Cindy Banzon 415-867-7785 Cindy.banzon@yahoo.com.

Donations can also be dropped off to Janet Barry c/o Clinic with your name, child's name and grade.

Santa's Breakfast Bake Shop

It's time once again to dust off your most delectable holiday recipes and start thinking about what you'll bake for Santa's Bake Shop this year!! Santa's helpers look forward to hearing from you soon as they begin to plan for all of those irresistible goodies.

Please make sure to let us know, via our website, what you'll be bringing.

A REMINDER FOR VOLUNTEERS

ALL volunteers must have completed their online training and background check through Shield the Vulnerable. This is **MANDATORY - there are no exceptions**. Please contact Barbara Demartini in the school office if you have any questions.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIRE

The International Food Faire took place Saturday October 4th and was an event enjoyed by the entire family. Over 200 guests were treated to tasty dishes from all over the world prepared and donated by our SG Families and several restaurants as well. Special treats were displayed at the raffle of wonderful gift baskets!

We have so many people to thank for making this event so successful; we couldn't have done it without you:

THANK YOU to all the families who donated food and volunteered to set up, work at the event and clean up, you truly helped make the event a success.

THANK YOU to our 8th Grade Parent Coordinators Linda Yew and Grace Kinajil-Schmidt for overseeing the student volunteers and to our 8th Grade Student Volunteers who worked hard keeping our tables clean and tidy

THANK YOU to the restaurants that donated food, please show your appreciation by visiting them:

Roti (West Portal), Aslams Rasoi (Valencia St), Trader Joes (Stonestown), Pakwan (16th St), Broadway Prime (Burlingame), Zantes Pizza and Indian Cuisine (Mission St), Whole Foods (Ocean Ave), India Clay Oven (West Portal), Kasa Indian Eatery(18th St), Sukhis Gourmet Indian Foods (Hayward), Chipotle (Sloat), Bursa (West Portal), Sports Basement (Presidio)

THANK YOU to our international speaking students for announcing our event in their native languages:

Gianna Gazulla: Spanish

Max Briones: French

Vinny Chew: Italian

Tala El Qadah: Arabic

Yazmine Ergul: Turkish

Liana Rokh: Russian

Amrita Rajpal: Hindi

Ethan Barry: Gaelic

Julienne Blancaflor: Tagalog

And last but not least THANK YOU to the Food Faire Committee for organizing such a fun-filled event, this couldn't have been made possible without all their great input, hard work, and effort:

Janet Barry (Our School Liason)
Meredith Burke
Mehmet and Ebru Ergul
Mala Gurbaxani
Allam and Fidaa El Qadah
Julie Bieber
Karen Napitan
Grace Kinajil-Schmidt
Kristin Schober
Ilona Peck
Linda Yew

Shirley Artiga
Marie Briones
Randy Green
Tina O'Sullivan
Tanya Lewis
Carmen Moissiy
Kaity Kahle
Cynthia Scipioni Baldwin
Kim Tam
Boris Rokh
Kimberly Wiley

Until next year.....

Judy Green

International Food Faire Chair

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SCHOOL'S **PARENT
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Have you made your 2014-15 pledge?

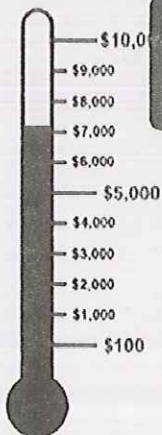
30% of our families have!

We have also received **\$28,795*** in monetary pledges.
Watch these numbers grow with your participation!

You can also help St. Gabriel receive *an additional \$10,000* for our operating budget through the **Rocca Challenge Grant!**
Here's how:

- If you participated in Parent Annual Giving last year and increase your donation, the increase amount will be matched!
- If you did not participate last year (including families new to St. Gabriel School this year), your entire donation will be matched!

* Includes company matching donations. Does not include Rocca Challenge Grant funds.



**STATUS OF \$10,000
CHALLENGE GRANT**

So far, we will receive an *extra \$7,140* for our operating budget!

Help us reach \$10,000!

All families benefit from Annual Giving, that is why all are asked to participate!

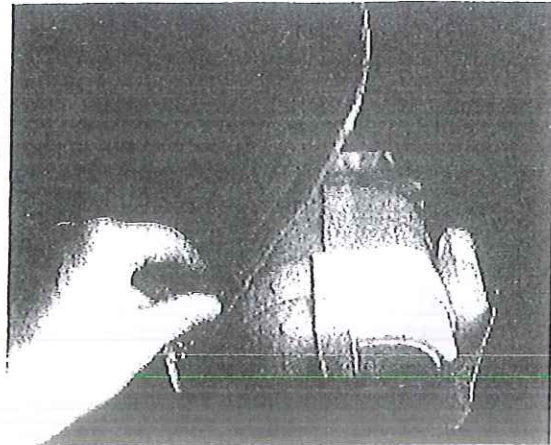
**HERE IS A LIST, BY CLASS,
OF CURRENT PARTICIPATION.**

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

Kindergarten.....	35%
1st Grade.....	53%
2nd Grade.....	15%
3rd Grade.....	31%
4th Grade.....	18%
5th Grade.....	32%
6th Grade.....	29%
7th Grade.....	37%
8th Grade.....	24%

This flyer was sent to parents last April. We're encouraging all students to follow these guidelines.

Thank you for assisting with this.



Beginning Tuesday, April 1st!!!

St. Gabriel will institute a new lunch policy called "Pack it in-Pack it out". Children will be instructed to bring home all compostable (uneaten food and papers) and recyclable items from their lunches with the exception of very messy items such as yogurt or Gogurt containers or wrappers. Wet sticky items like these may be placed in appropriate school containers but all other compostable and recyclable items will go home to be placed in appropriate containers there. Remember, all food and liquids must be packed in reusable, non-glass containers and the lunch bag or box clearly marked with your child's name.

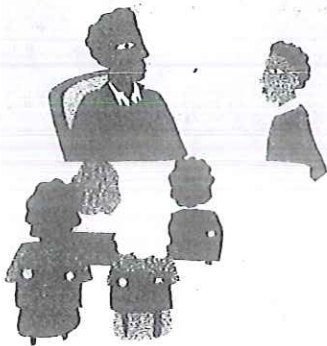
We encourage you to have a conversation with your children about what they like to eat so food (especially on Hot Lunch days) is not wasted.

Thank you for helping us to encourage our students to become environmentally aware caregivers of the world.

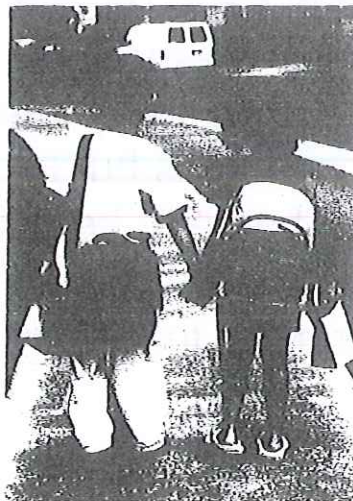
NEED PARENT SERVICE HOURS???

COMPLETE 26-30 HOURS THIS YEAR BY VOLUNTEERING TWO SUNDAYS A MONTH TO TEACH

Children's Liturgy of the Word- during the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday. Children grades 1-4 are brought out of Mass just before the first reading and go to the Chapel to have their own Liturgy of the Word. When the homily is over in the church, the children are brought back to church to join their parents.



Neither of these classes are held on the First Sunday of the month. You share teaching duties with another volunteer.



Interested???

Call Nancy Becerra @ 731-6161 or e-mail: dre@sgparish.org