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PARENT NEWSLETTER

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February 3, 2016

Dear Parents,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! It has been so nice to see how grateful we all are for the Catholic education St. Gabriel School offers to our community! This tradition of celebrating Catholic schools lends nicely into preparing to celebrate the pinnacle of our liturgical calendar, Easter. We enter into Lent next Wednesday, Feb. 10, please join us at 10:45 am for Ash Wednesday Mass.

As the days of Lent prepare us to celebrate Easter and welcome new members into the Church, families can spend time together in reflection of this liturgical season. The rites and observances of Lent invite us to strengthen our bond with Jesus and to join with him on his journey to Jerusalem, where he suffered and died for us.

Throughout Lent the Church constantly proclaims that by dying, Jesus brought us new life and taught us how to live as People of God. Through the cross of Christ, new life was given to the world. During Lent we are invited to undertake this journey wholeheartedly through the works of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We pray for others and ourselves. We give something up. We share our time and ourselves more generously with other people. These traditions of Lent remind us to take up our "cross" each day to live as disciples of Jesus, People of God, ultimately bringing new life, and helping us prepare for the greatest celebration of the liturgical year, Easter.

May God bless you and your family during this Lenten season,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mrs. Beal". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Mrs. Gina Beal
Principal

Upcoming Items

February 2016

- 3** Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools Week
- 4** Student Appreciation Day - Free Dress for students. Please follow Casual Dress guidelines in Parent Handbook.
- 5** **Archdiocesan Curriculum Conference – All Day – STUDENT HOLIDAY**
- 8** New Student Testing for 16-17 school year
- 9** Spell-a-Thon Pledges Due
4th grade field trip to Recycle & Transfer Station
8th grade field trip to Academy of Sciences
Parish Council Meeting – 7:30PM – Quinn Center
- 10** Ash Wednesday – First Day of Lent – 10:45AM Student Mass prepared by Classes 5A & 5B – All are welcome
- 11** 5th grade field trip to Academy of Sciences
- 12** **Local Holiday**
- 14** Happy Valentine's Day
- 15** Presidents' Day – **SCHOOL HOLIDAY**
- 16** Zoomobile to visit 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B
- 18** Pizza Lunch with Mrs. Beal for Spell-a-thon winners of each class.
- 19** 3rd Grade field trip to Marine Mammal Center
- 20** Beautification Committee Volunteers at 9AM
- 22** **MINIMUM DAY – 12:30PM Dismissal**
Teacher Professional Development
- 23** AIMS Performance for grades 3, 4, & 5
School Board Meeting – 7PM – Faculty Room
- 27** **SGPO Casino Night:** Doors open at 7:00pm

March

- 1** Parent Board Meeting – 7PM – Faculty Room
- 2** Lent Reconciliation for grades 6, 7, & 8
- 5** San Francisco Archdiocesan Academic Decathlon Day at St. Pius School in Redwood City – St. Gabriel’s Team Participates
- 10** Archdiocesan Choral Festival at Riordan High School – Crooners Participate

Tuition

Just a memo that April is the last billing month for tuition. The 2015-2016 family tuition must be paid in full in order to receive a re-registration form for the next school year.

All eighth grade tuition is due in order for students to participate in end of the year eighth grade activities.

Thank you all for the effort you are making to stay current. We rely on the budgeted income for each month’s expenses.

Three Cheers for Safety Patrol

A BIG Thank You to our first group of safety patrol members who helped make our initial car line dismissal so successful! We would like to acknowledge the following students for pioneering this new safety responsibility: Michael Artiga (6A), Jake Green (7A), Lila Horwitz (8B), Ian Kong (8A), Danny Panina (6A), Declan Poland (6A), Mylei Settergren (7B), and Kayla Yee (6B).

Thank you, also, to Mr. Lockee and his entire troop of safety patrol students! They help make arrival and dismissal safe for all.

Geography Bee

Congratulations to the 10 students who qualified for the school finals of the National Geographic Geography Bee. All ten answered seven questions correctly out of seven.

They were Braden Wong (8A), Steven Elsner (8A), Lila Horwitz (8B), Anne Kelly (8A), Kurt Schober (8A), Joe Beima (8A), Maria Dooley (5B), Noah Gazulla (7A), Sartaj Rajpal (7A), and Justin Bautista (7B).

Our top three school winners are:

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| 1st Place - | Steven Elsner, 8A |
| 2nd Place - | Maria Dooley, 5B |
| 3rd Place - | Noah Gazulla, 7A |

Steven will now take a challenging written test to qualify for the next level. This will be the fifty (50) top students in California. Good Luck Steven!

Thank you to Mrs. Debrunner & Ms. Hill, Jr. High Teachers, for guiding these students.

2015-2016 ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM

On March 5th, St. Gabriel's Academic Decathlon team will do intellectual "battle" with other schools throughout the Archdiocese of San Francisco to compete in the 20th Annual Academic Junior High Decathlon at St. Pius School in Redwood City.

The students representing St. Gabriel School are:

Michael Malig - Religion
Marielle Sorhondo - Literature
Joey Ling - Science
Braeden Wong - Fine Arts
Kellie Lu - Social Studies
Caitlin Cummings - Current Events
Megan McHugh - English
Joe Beima - Math
Florenz Blancaflor - Super Quiz
Ethan Barry - Super Quiz

Our Coaches: Barbara Cecchin, Lawrence Ellison, Lynn Grier, Mara Hill, Belinda Kensic, Colleen Maniere, Bernice Tonegato-Jarrell, David Tucker, and Pat Tucker.

Immunization Reminder

Last October letters were mailed home to all families with students entering seventh grade in the fall of 2016, regarding the California Department of Public Health requirement for the Tdap (pertussis) booster. This booster must be given on or after a child's seventh birthday and is required before entering seventh grade.

Students without this booster will not have their names placed on the 7th grade class list for the fall.

Please take time to make an appointment with your physician for your child's booster, and send the verification to the school office. Thank you.

ARCHDIOCESAN FAMILY GRANT APPLICATIONS – FINAL NOTICE

The Archdiocese has chosen *TADS* to process all applications for the Archdiocesan Family Grant tuition assistance program. All families applying for assistance need to fill out applications **online**. To apply for the Archdiocesan Family Grant, parents should go to the TADS website, www.tads.com. Once on their homepage click the link "Apply for "Financial Aid" on the right side of the page which is under the "Parents & Families" heading. Once you have completed filling out the online form, submit it online and your application will be processed. The deadline for completing the application for **elementary school assistance** is **April 15, 2016**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give the school office a call.

Kindergarten Open Enrollment for 2016-2017 SY

Screening for the 2016-2017 kindergarten class is well underway. If there are still school families who have not returned their applications, please do so as soon as possible.

Applications are also being given out for grades 1-6. Pass on this information to those you know who might be interested.

Let us know if you will be moving and **not returning to St. Gabriel School**. We need to know if spots will open up in some classes for new students.

Casino Night by SGPO

When: Saturday, February 27th 7pm to 11pm

What: Appetizers, desserts, dj and dancing, casino games for prizes

Cost: \$45 per person

· Cash prizes awarded at the end of the evening.

Reservation Form: Go to the Parent website; sgsparents.com, Click Casino Night

Volunteer opportunities: Contact Joy Fogarty at joygeorgiana@yahoo.com

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Save the date! Saturday, March 5, 2016

St. Patrick's Day dinner and dancing in the gym!

\$25.00 per person/\$50.00 per couple /Adults only

Details in upcoming Parish Sunday Bulletins

Questions? Rich O'Toole: (415)412-1292

Calling All Irish Dancers!

All Irish dancers are invited to participate in this year's St. Patrick's Day Dinner show. Please see flier attached to this newsletter if you are interested. Questions? Contact [Rose Murphy](#).

Carnival 2016 – Save The Dates!

Friday, April 29th – 4:00 - 10:00PM

Saturday, April 30th – 12:00 PM – 4:00PM & 6:30 – 9:00PM

Rides, Games, Wine Tasting, Silent Auction, Food, Entertainment

Game Booths

Look for information from your Room Parents about your classes' participation choices.

Gotta Sing! Gotta Dance!

We want to add outside entertainment both days of Carnival. We need a stage, outside sound system, and karaoke equipment. Any leads or help would be awesome!

Can you sing? Can you dance? In a band or dance group? Show off your talent and share with our St. Gabriel. More details to follow!

Going to the Highest Bidder

We are looking for a Silent Auction leader or leaders. We have a great committee looking for a new leader....

Silent Auction is looking for some big ticket items like:

- Professional Sports tickets
- Hotel or timeshare stays
- Frequent flyer miles for airfare
- Music or theatre event tickets
- Gift cards to Nordstrom, Amazon, Sephora, MK/Coach/Burberry, or Nike Store
- Cash donations

Wine and Beer

Wine and Beer tasting Committee is looking for some members to help with planning. Please contact [Georgia Wasley](#) to volunteer.

[Email](#) us with any questions, suggestions, or offers of help. We are so excited to make this year bigger and better than ever!

Parent Annual Giving

Thank you to the 45% of families who have participated in the 2015-16 Parent Annual Giving Campaign. Haven't pledged yet? There is still time for you to pledge! Remember, you and your child(ren) are benefitting from Annual Giving. That is why we ask all families to participate. See the attached mid-year report for more information.

Faculty & Staff Lunch--Thank You!

On behalf of the Faculty & Staff Christmas Luncheon we would like to personally thank each and every one of the families who donated either with gift baskets or monetary donations. Without your support and your generosity; this event could not have happened.

We were able to raise enough money this year to have some of the luncheon catered by Roti Indian Cuisine and Trattoria Da Vittorio. We were also able to have all of the teachers walk away with a Raffle Basket and 4 lucky winners with door prizes also.

We would especially like to thank those who helped the day off with either set up, picking up off items and clean up. We could not have done this without you and are extremely grateful and thankful.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Kenny Ved. The donations of the personalized pens were appreciated by the whole staff.

Santa's Breakfast Thank You's

Santa's Breakfast Committee would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers and generous donors who made this year's event a success. It was a fun and joyous start to our holidays.

A big thank you to our students that did a wonderful job setting up, serving and cleaning up at the event.

A special thank you to our Santa's Breakfast committees, who worked very hard to plan and organize this wonderful event:

Ellen & Alan Arnold (Julian 4A)	Cindy Banzon (John 8B)
Rony David (Alexandra 8A, Aidan 5A)	Jennifer D'arcy (Michaela 4A, Gavin 1A)
Angela Isola (Alessandra 2A)	Rudy Jauregui (Alex 8B)
Jennifer Joost (Benjamin 4B)	Lisa Kenyon (Camille 6B, Kurt 2B, Henry KA)
Gus Ko (Isabelle 8B)	Raina Macaire (Angelina 6A)
Cecelia McDonagh (Bella 6A, Joseph 3B)	Maire Spiers (Ellen 7B, Martin 3B)
Lea Suzuki-Rutherford (Constance 5A)	Toby Wiley (Margaret 7A, Samantha 2B)
Kinsley Wong (Ian 2A)	Amber Yeung (Megan 8B, Madison 4B)

Thank you to all of our generous St. Gabriel Families (apologies if we inadvertently left anyone off this list) :

Ariel & Dina Alcayde (Isaiah 5B & Arianna 2B)	Brian & Dena Boeddeker (Brooklyn 2B)
Dominic Brodachar & Renie Hippler (Hope 2A)	Francis & Mary Cris Brillantes (Ethan 8B)
Dina Brooks (Chloe 4B)	Spencer Chopp (Astrid 2A)
Sarah Davis (Caleigh 8A)	Ty Debrunner (Dominic 2A, Jack KB)
John Doyle (Saoirse 2B)	Allam & Fidaa El Qadah (Sarah 7A, Noor 5B, Tala 5A)
Gino & Zena Filice (Sofia 3A, Adam KA)	Arleen Jauregui (Alex 8B)
Dorothy Gin & Daniel Kosai (Jordyn 8A)	Paul & Tanya Lewis (Rachel 3A)
Emily Hall (Winston KA)	Amy Messinger & Enrique Palos (Mia 4B)
Michael & Eva Li (Kaitlin 1B)	Katie Oshita (Emily 1B)
Maria Pain-Reyes (Isabella KA)	Michelle Rivadeneyra (Matthew 2A)
David & Cynthia Quintos (Bryce Christian 5B)	Danielle Sly (Henry 2A)
Mea & Merrick Rustia (Kailee 4B)	Michelle Torres (Makayla 1B)
Leon & Nicole Sorhondo (Marielle 8A)	
George & Anna Totah (Victor 5A & Alyssa 2A)	

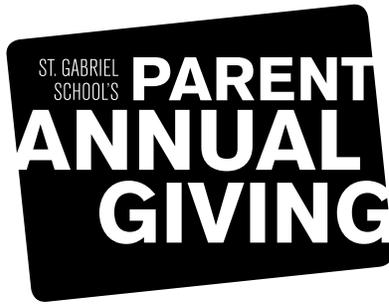
And to our Business Donors:

Atlantis Hotel	Blue Line Pizza
California Academy of Sciences	Chrome
Cummings Moving Company	Goorin Brothers Hats
De Young Museum	IN-N-OUT Burger
Java Beach	Marriott San Diego Hotel
Olive Garden	Other Avenues

Pete's Coffee on Sloat
Spiral Sushi
The Counter
University of San Francisco

Small Fry's
Standard 5 & 10 Store
Travel Flight 001

Last but not least, A big THANK YOU to all of our bakers, who brought in those delicious goodies.



2015-16 PARENT ANNUAL GIVING MID-YEAR REPORT

Percentage of Parent Participation: **45%**

Total Monetary Pledges: **\$60,133***

*Includes company matching funds paid & pending

Our goal is **100%** Parent Participation!

Percentage needed to achieve this goal: **55%**

All families benefit from annual giving. Therefore, all are asked to participate.

Remember, participation is as easy as pledging your prayers/thoughts for St. Gabriel for the school year. **Please send in your pledge today** (Pledge Form follows)!

Thank you to our parents (listed below) who pledged so far this year!

Questions: Alice Lawrie, Development Director, sgs@stgabrielsf.com

NUMBER PER AMOUNT PLEDGED (DOES NOT INCLUDE MATCHING FUNDS)

Total Pledges of Prayer/Thought: 94
(with and w/o monetary pledge)

Under \$100	27	\$500 - \$749	15
\$100 - \$249	50	\$750 - \$999	1
\$250 - \$499	35	\$1,000 and over	11

Average gift: \$325*

*Does not include company matching gifts

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

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

Kindergarten	37%
1st Grade	33%
2nd Grade	62%
3rd Grade	37%
4th Grade	54%
5th Grade	47%
6th Grade	40%
7th Grade	49%
8th Grade	39%

Thank You to our parents who have pledge so far this year!

Ariel & Dina Alcayde
Frank & Cynthia Almendarez
Nelson & Shirley Artiga
James & Cindy Banzon
Doug & Margi Beima
Vin Bhaskar & Nora Sheriff
Jack & Bien Blancaflor
Jean-Sebastien & Jennifer Blot
Bernardo & Mary Rose Bonifacio
Dominic Bordachar & Renie Hippler
John & Tina Bower
Mike & Marie Briones
James & Dina Brooks
Bob & Karen Byren
Pieter & Jennifer Capozzi
Adriano Castro & Alexandra Medina
Peter & Kathy Cazanis
Thwen & Jennifer Chaloemtiarana
Jack Chen & Sammy Yu
Mr. & Mrs. David Chew
Lawrence & Marisa Chiu
Michael & Shelley Cramer
Eddie & Melida Cruz
Craig Cummings & Irene Otten
Dianne Daly
Sarah Davis & Troy Chakarun
George & Ty Debrunner
Kyra Delaney
Derio & Judith Dito
Dom & Joyce Dizon, Jr.
John Dowling & Angela O'Neill
John Doyle & Jirayu Sirirueng
Allam & Fidaa El Qadah
Alex & Raquel Elsner
Julie Fieber (Spinuzza)
Michael & Joanne Fiske
Eric & Ernestine Flores
John & Joy Fogarty
Denis & Jenette Francis
Matt Friend & Kristine Loepky
Gordon Fung & Jennie Siu
Carlos & Davina Gazulla
George & Kelly Graziadei
Randy & Judy Green
Jose Guardado & Sarah O'Neil
Elias Gutierrez & Mila Tan Gutierrez

Emily Hall (Hall-Campbell)
John & Raine Harbison
Ryan & Katheryn Henspetter
Sandra Hession (Sweeney)
Joel Horwitz & Danielle Marone
Alex Huang & Jennifer Lau
Joe & Bernadette Hurley
Jeff & Angela Isola
Rudy & Arleen Jauregui
Collin & Maria Jew
Eric & Trisha Jue
Walter & Sarah Karanian
Andrew & Tiffany Kearney
Barclay & Lisa Kenyon
Christina Keyes (McKissick)
Panom & Ladwan Khamvatee
Andrew Klimenko & Raina Macaire
Robert & Lulu Kong
Rob & Ann Kutner
Gary & Aurora Lee
Sherman & Danielle Lee
Charels Leung & Primrose Wong
Ju Li & Elaine Ma
Shan & Mandy Lin
Heng-yi & Wendy Liu
Michael & Jessica Livsey
Anson Louie & Bernice Lew
Roger & Angela Lu
Steve & Gabe Lucey
John & Kathleen Maguire
Andrew & Yuko Mak
Ariel & Grace Malig
James Manalili & Angeline Barrozo
Mel & Dinah Manalo
Mike Mann & Rani Singh-Mann
Patrick & Arleen Manzano
Sylvia Martin (Subilla)
Gabriel & Brandy McDill-Zamarripa
Paul McHugh & Linda Astabie
Michael & Renee McKenna
Amy Messinger & Enrique Palos
Paul & LeeAnn Miyamoto
Juergen Moll
Anthony Murphy & Gina McDonald
Naiel & Manuela Nasrah
Jim O'Connell & Norma Lynch

Ken & Tina O'Sullivan
Thomas & Tina O'Sullivan
Thomas & Diana Orgain
Kerry & Katie Oshita
Dominic & Colleen Panina
Joy Paredes (Lim)
Paul Pereira & Regina Sung
The Petrilli Family
The Poland Family
The Rajpal Family
Scott & Erin Rea
Pat & Mary Reidy
Dale Roberts & Savitamia Sahi
Tom & Kari Rocca
Merrick & Mea Rustia
Mark & Lea Rutherford
Mark & Christine Sanbrailo
Philip & Virginia Scarborough
The Schober
Andy Shi & Helen Han
The Shia Family
Tom & Danielle Sly
Jim & Jennifer Snyder
Leon & Nicole Sorhondo
Dan & Maire Spiers
Bill Strachan & Michele Gachowski
Lisa Suzuki & Family
Marc Swanson & Katherine Alba-Swanson
Bryan & Karen Takamoto
Romer Tamayo & Christine Gay
Johnny & Maisha Tawasha
Aidan Tinnelly & Caroline O'Halloran
Mark & Michelle Torres
George & Anna Totah
Kenny Ved
Austin & Kate Walsh
Eddie & Wilme Wan
Brad & Cathy Wells
Toby & Kate Wiley
Christian & Andrea Winther
George & Beverly Wong
Pablo & Khena Wong
Kinsley Wong & Elaine Zhong
Alison Yee
Yang You & Joanna Ren
Xinhua Yuan & Rachel Wang
Brian Zhao & Joyce Ng



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
 Art program
 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!

CALLING ALL IRISH DANCERS!

Please help us put together a wonderful show for the
St. Patrick's Day Dinner!

All Irish dancers are invited to participate in this years St. Patrick's Day dinner show. We will be doing an assortment of dances so all ages and levels are invited! The dinner will be **March 5th** in Bedford Hall. We will be having a **rehearsal** on **March 4th** after school in the gym at 3pm to put the show together. We have been asked to perform at 8pm on March 5th. We will meet in the library at 6pm to run through the show and get dressed.

If you would like to participate please fill out the form below and return it to school or parish center no later the February 26, 2016.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Rose Murphy by email at rmurphy17@siprep.org or by phone at (415) 602-0468.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Dance School: _____

Level (circle one): Beginner Novice/Prize Prelim/Champ

Other (please explain): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Email or Phone Number: _____