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PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

In front of you is the final formal Parent Newsletter of the 2015 -2016 School Year! Can you believe it? I am having a hard time grasping the idea! We have accomplished so many wonderful things this school year and I truly feel beyond blessed to be a part of it all! On behalf of the faculty and staff, the students and myself, thank you all for all the wonderful treasures, talents, and support you give to our school community. It is a fact that without our fabulous parents, St. Gabriel School would not be the great school we exist to be!

Please read carefully and thoroughly. The next time you will hear from me in writing will be the summer mail in June where we will begin to ready ourselves for another fantastic school year at St. Gabriel!

Many Blessings,

Mrs. Gina Beal
Principal

Upcoming Items

May 2016

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| 6 | 5B trip to NASA
First Communion Afternoon Retreat |
| 7 | First Holy Communion @ 11:00am - St. Gabriel Church |
| 8 | <i>Happy Mothers' Day!</i> |
| 10 | <u>A</u> dventures <u>I</u> n <u>M</u> usic at St. Gabriel for Grades 3, 4, & 5
Awards Assembly for grades 5 - 7 in Church @ 7:00pm |
| 11 | 6th grade visits Rosicrucian Museum |

May 2016 (cont.)

- 13 Eighth Grade Day of Prayer
- 17 4th grade Coloma Overnight Trip
- 18 Grades 1-6 Celebrate Music at 7:00pm in Church - All are invited!
- 19 *Spirit Day: Favorite Sports Team Day*
- 20 Eighth Grade Picnic
Field Day for grades 1 - 7 @ 1:00pm
- 23 **MINIMUM DAY – 12:30PM DISMISSAL**
New Parent Meeting - 7:00pm in Multipurpose Room
School Board Meeting – 8:00pm – Faculty Room
- 24 3rd grade Saints Presentations
- 25 *8th Grade Graduation Mass - 10:30am*
8th Grade Graduation Luncheon following Mass
3rd grade Saints Presentations continue
- 26 *8th Grade Graduation Dance - 7:00pm - Bedford Hall*
3rd grade Saints Presentations continue
- 27 1st & 6th grades visit Parkside Park
8th Grade Graduation Ceremony - 5:00pm - Church
- 30 **Memorial Day Holiday - No School**
- 31 St. Gabriel Chalk Art Day @ 1:00pm

June 2016

- 1 Kindergarten Graduation - 10:30am - Bedford Hall
- 2 **MINIMUM DAY – 12:30PM DISMISSAL**
- 3 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: 10:00AM - 11:00AM**
Dress Up Day for Students
Moving Up Ceremony - Church - 10:30am
- 5 Parent & School Board Meeting & Dinner - 4:30pm
Happy Birthday Father Tom!
- 6 - 9 School Office is open from 9am - 3pm
HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL!

School Tuition & Re-Registration

Families who have completed their tuition payments have received a re-registration packet with forms for the 2016 - 2017 school year. All forms and payment are due Friday, May 20th, 2016.

Your re-registration forms consist of a four page packet: the **white** page is the Family Tuition Agreement (**two-sided**), including all re-registration information, the **green** page is your Parent Information Sheet (**two-sided**), the **yellow** page is a Consent to Photograph for use mostly with the “Trumpet” and our website, and the **grey** page is the Parish Participation Form. Re-registration will be considered complete when all forms are complete and payment submitted, and when final **Extended Care payments are received.**

Those families choosing the FACTS payment option will be contacted later regarding the next steps for online setup of your account.

Tdap Reminder

Parents of incoming seventh graders – remember if your child has not received their Tdap booster and there is no record on file in the school office, their name will not be placed on the 7th grade class list. Please take the time to make an appointment with your physician for this important booster.

Status of Openings for New Students

We appreciate the information coming from some of our present families regarding plans to not return to school in the fall due to movements out of our area. Because of this information, we are able to let new families know if there is room for their child for the 2016 - 2017 school year.

Please notify us if your family is moving or if there are other reasons why your child(ren) will not return in the fall.

Celebration of Music

Our grades 1 - 6 will be performing a **Spring Concert** on Wednesday, May 18th, 2016 in Church at 7:00pm--All are welcome!

Parent Annual Giving

Thank you to our families who have made a pledge to the 2015-16 Parent Annual Giving Campaign. Haven't pledged yet? There are less than 5 weeks left for you to help us reach our goal of 100% parent participation.

A change in lunch for 2016-2017 SY

Effective for the 2016-2017 school year, we will move from LunchMaster service to ChoiceLunch. Hot lunch will be offered Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. All ordering will take place online and by parents. Website information will be sent home in the summer mailing in June.

The Knightly News

As many viewed at the Spring General Parent Meeting this week, our 8th grade students have been working hard on a writing project with Mrs. Debrunner. The Knightly News is our exciting

and informative school news broadcast! Stay tuned for release of the parent password protected website soon!

2016 Celebrate America!

The Fifth Grade teachers, Mrs. Olinger and Mrs. McDonnell, have been notified that four students placed in the top 10 in this creative writing contest, one being the First Place Winner! Alivia Zhao's (5B) entry, "The Rainbow of Immigration", placed FIRST PLACE in the contest! She will receive a cash award and be invited to read her poem this summer at a special ceremony of Citizenship for new American citizens, and her poem goes on to compete at the state level! Great job Alivia!

The following students' poems placed in the top 10:

Ryan Bower, 5A, "My Great Grandmother - The Immigrant"

Tala El Qadah, 5A, "Life Changing Move"

Fiona Martin, 5B, "America"

Fabulous job!!

Mathletics - Achievements & Summer time

Just a reminder that students should keep up on their math skills and will be able to access their Mathletics accounts over summer break. They will be moved into the next grade level after the new school year begins.

2015-16 School Year Achievements:

School wide usage:

700,000+ total points earned

4300+ hours spent

The top classes (time spent & total points earned):

4B - 294+ hours and over 227,000 points earned!

2B - 73+ hours

2A - 69+ hours

1A - 67+ hours

Top students (time spent):

Takeshi Suzuki, 4B - 29+ hours

Chloe Brooks, 4B - 28+ hours

Lindsay Lee, 4B - 25+ hours

Brayden Almendarez, 4B - 24+ hours

Top students (total points earned):

Lindsay Lee 4B - 28,000+ points

Brayden Almendarez 4B - 26,000+ points

Henry Sly 2A - 26,000+ points

Chloe Brooks 4B - 20,000+ points

Quiz Bowl...and the winners are...

On April 23rd, St. Gabriel hosted the Eighth Annual Bay Area Catholic Junior High School Quiz Bowl, sponsored by the Quiz Bowl Club at Archbishop Riordan.

Quiz bowl is a game in which two teams compete head-to-head to answer questions from all areas of knowledge including history, literature, science, fine arts, current events, sports, and popular culture. After more than 16 matches St. Gabriel took first place, Notre Dame des Victoire second, and St. Dunstan finished third.

The 1st place winners were:

- Carina Bagley
- Audrey Hermosura
- Caoimhe Lyons
- Michael Ma

Annual Book Contest

In June of each school year the students in grade 4-8 are given a list of books that will be featured in a book contest held the following May. Students are not required to read these books since the participation in the contest is optional. Each questions in the contest begins with the words, "In which book ...," and students are allowed to consult a list of the books. We recently had the 2016 book contests and the competition was quite exciting!

We are pleased to announce this year's winners:

4th Grade

- 1st Place - Luciano Roberts
- 2nd Place - Tayten Jue
- 3rd Place - Mia Messinger

5th Grade

- 1st Place - Maya Mason & Mateo Alves
- 2nd Place - Elle Karanian

6th Grade

- 1st Place - Emma Dowling
- 2nd Place - Danny Panina
- 3rd Place - JonJon Hermosura

7th Grade

- 1st Place - Michael Ma
- 2nd Place - Sartaj Rajpal
- 3rd Place - Christine Lin

4th grade off to Coloma Overnight!

From May 17th - 18th, Fourth Grade will be traveling back in time to 1849 as they go on their overnight "Gold Rush" field trip to The Coloma Outdoor Discovery School. The students will walk in the footsteps of the 49ers and experience some of the challenges of surviving away from home. They will *live* the Gold Rush in stories, songs, skits and characterizations.

Works of Mercy

Our 6th grade classes raised over \$3,000 with their March Raffle fundraiser. The money will go to Kids For Kids to help villagers in Darfur, Africa, as well as Operation Smile, a local charity, and the SPCA. It is such a wonderful feeling to give!

Summer Activities Resources

If you are still planning activities for the summer time, please visit the SG Parents website <http://new.sgsparents.com/summer-school--camps.html> to help with your planning.

Carnival 2016 is a wrap!

As Carnival 2016 comes to a close, we are busy tallying totals, delivering auction items, packing prizes, and making plans for 2017. We thank you all for a record breaking event! We hope as many good memories were made as funds were raised in our successful weekend. Our committees and volunteers outdid themselves. Individual thank yous to them, our donors, and our sponsors are forthcoming. Please know we couldn't do it without you and THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts!

Until next year....Shirley Artiga & Amy Messinger, Carnival Co-Chairs

Congratulations and Good Luck to the Class of 2016!

Our graduates will be attending the following schools in the Fall:

Carina Bagley	Gateway
John Banzon	Riordan
Ethan Barry	Sacred Heart
Joseph Beima	Sacred Heart
Florenz Blancaflor	Crystal Springs Uplands
Ethan Brillantes	Sacred Heart
Saijai Chaloehtiarana	Lick-Wilmerding
Lauren Chao	Sacred Heart
Carissa Chu	Westmoor
Cliona Cormican	Sacred Heart
Conor Coyle	Sacred Heart
Caitlin Cummings	Lick-Wilmerding
Alexandra David	Mercy SF
Caleigh Davis	St. Ignatius
Michael Dizon	Serra
Steven Elsner	Riordan
Ronan Francis	St. Joseph, Ireland
Dante Giovannelli	Sacred Heart
Audrey Hermosura	Lowell
Lila Horwitz	Convent
Paul Israelyan	Sacred Heart
Alex Jauregui	Sacred Heart
Anne Kelly	St. Ignatius
Mary Kelly	Mercy B
Isabelle Ko	Sacred Heart
Ian Kong	Washington
Jordyn Kosai	Lowell
Joey Ling	Sacred Heart
Cormac Lyons	St. Ignatius
Kellie Lu	St. Ignatius

Catrina Maguire	Sacred Heart
Therese Maguire	Sacred Heart
Finn Malchow	Sacred Heart
Amadea Manalili	El Camino
Michael Malig	University
Mark McAteer	Sacred Heart
Megan McHugh	Sacred Heart
Melanie Miyamoto	Lowell
Alejandra Moissiy	Sacred Heart
Hannah M. O'Connell	St. Ignatius
Hannah R. O'Connell	Sacred Heart
Nico Petrilli	Sacred Heart
Mia Rassam	Sacred Heart
Abigail Rea	Sacred Heart
Isabelle Richardson	St. Ignatius
Dylan Rogers	Sacred Heart
Adrian Saxon	Sacred Heart
Kurt Schober	St. Ignatius
Jaden Shia	Sacred Heart
Carlie Sokol	St. Ignatius
Marielle Sorhondo	Sacred Heart
Catherine Sullivan	Mercy SF
Ashley Tam	St. Ignatius
Samantha Thompson	Sacred Heart
Grainne Tinnelly	Sacred Heart
Michelle Wang	Convent
Nicholas Wiley	Lincoln
Braeden Wong	University
Joshua Wong	Washington
PaulJose Wong	Sacred Heart
Megan Yeung	Sacred Heart