



## SAINT GABRIEL SCHOOL

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### PARENT NEWSLETTER

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November 3, 2015

Hello Parents,

We all have much to be thankful for during this season! Take some time to talk with your family about the many things we can thank God for each and everyday of the busy “holiday season” this year.

#### PRAYER OF A THANKFUL HEART

*Thank you Lord for this day,  
May I glorify You in every way.*

*Thank you for the food we eat,  
The clothes on our back and the shoes on our feet.*

*Thank you for all the memories of good times,  
That bring a smile to my face when they cross my mind.*

*Thank you for my friends and family,  
Even on the days when it tests my sanity.*

*Thank you for Your mercy and grace,  
For the joy in my heart that cannot be replaced.*

*Thank you for Your promises and protection,  
With You in my life I can triumph over any affliction.*

AMEN

~Tanya Brow~

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gina Beal'.

Mrs. Gina Beal  
Principal

## Upcoming Items

- November**
- 1-5 Book Fair in Library**
  - 6 Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins (11/6 – 11/23)**
  - 3-6 Parent/Teacher Conferences – MINIMUM DAYS**  
12:30PM Dismissal  
3rd & 4th: Night Conferences are schedule for these evenings  
  
Note: All Junior High Students will attend their conference with their parents.
  - 5 Book Fair Ends at 1:30PM**
  - 6 MINIMUM DAY – 12:30PM Dismissal for all Students**
  - 10 Parent Board Meeting – 7PM – Faculty Room**
  - 18 First Grade Nacho Sale Fundraiser for Martin de Porres Hospitality House**
  - 19 School Tour by Appointment – 8:30AM**
  - 21 Beautification Committee Volunteers – 9AM – Noon**
  - 22 Robotics Tournament at Lowell High School – See inside for a list of our teams & coaches.**
  - 23 Thanksgiving Food Drive Ends**
  - 23 MINIMUM DAY for Teacher Professional Development  
12:30PM Dismissal for Students**
  - 24 School Board Meeting – 7PM – Faculty Room**
  - 25 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 7th gr.**

<b>November (cont.)</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day! HOLIDAY - No School</b>
		<b>10AM Mass at St. Gabriel Church. All are encouraged to attend this special celebration.</b>
	<b>27</b>	<b>HOLIDAY - No School</b>
	<b>29</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Advent Reconciliation Day for Grades 3, 4, &amp; 5</b>
	<b>6</b>	<b>Santa's Breakfast</b>
		<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

The first quarter of school ended on October 23rd, 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 everyone involved.

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 by to say "Hello!"

### **A Change of Date: First Communion**

The First Communion Parent Night for November 17, 2015 has been canceled. The next Parent Night will be January 26, 2016 @ 7:00 pm in the Church for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### **Safety First In Extended Care**

Parents, please remember and remind others, who might be dropping off and/or picking up your child(ren), that a parent/guardian must sign students in and/or out of Extended Care. Dropping students off in front of the EC gate is not allowed in the morning. Also, double parking and leaving your vehicle unoccupied is not allowed. Please keep these rules in mind to keep our kids safe.

### **Projects That Help Others**

Each year our Student Council collects Halloween costumes to donate to Hamilton Family Center and to Mercy Housing. This year we sent over 180 to the children who live in these homes. Thank you for your generosity.

*Reminder* – We will be collecting Halloween candy starting on November 2nd for the children who could not trick-or-treat this Halloween.

### **Nachos!**

Nachos in November! On November 18th our first grade students and their teachers: Tina Bower and Megan Fu will sell nachos 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.

*Keep an eye out for the flier and pre-sale sign up!*

### **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 dried food that can be stored such as: rice, beans, lentils, pasta, tea, flour, sugar and cooking oils. Safeway gift cards in any denomination are also appreciated. 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.

### **Robotics**

The following students were welcomed as this year's robotics teams:

#### **Grouchies** (Coached by Dora Diaz, Mr. Fair, and Jaime Marckwordt)

Amadea Manalili – 8A

Cameron Chao – 6B

Daniel Panina – 6A

Devin Leung – 7A

John Banzon – 8B

Jordyn Kosai – 8A

Michael Ma – 7B

Nico Petrilli – 8B

Noelle Hurley – 6A

Tom Murphy – 6A

#### **Paper Predators** (Coached by Kathy Chaloupka, Mr. Fair, and Jaime Marckwordt)

Anna Vargas – 6B

Audrey Hermosura – 8B

Brandon Baumann – 7B

Carina Bagley – 8B

Melanie Miyamoto – 8B

Niccolo Mancinetti – 6B

Robert (Paddy) Martin – 6A

Sartaj Rajpal – 7A

Tyler Kuwada – 6A

PLEASE COME AND SEE SG SHINE at our qualifier tournament this year at Lowell High School on Sunday, November 22nd between 9:30 am and 3:00 pm.

For more info about our team and what we are doing please visit <http://fl.stgabrielsf.com>

### **Grandparents' Day**

Grandparents' Day is Coming! Our annual Grandparents' Day will be held on Wednesday, November 25, 2015 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Invitations and messages which you requested for your Grandparents have gone home. 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 20<sup>th</sup>**. Looking forward to a wonderful day!

### **Kindergarten Open House/School Tours**

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

Eileen Barry  
Karen Byrne  
Caitlin Connolly  
Ty Debrunner  
Jennifer Joost  
Renie Hippler

Thanks also to our parents who provided refreshments for our guests at the Open House. They were:

Christine Gay Tamayo  
Alison Yee

And, thank you to Eileen Barry, Kenny Ved 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 SGPO website Wednesday flyers for more information. Remember, our goal is 100% parent participation. **Your child(ren) is benefitting from annual giving. That is why we ask you to participate.**

### **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."**

## **Bridges**

This year's Bridges, a support group for children who have experienced a loss such as a death, divorce or illness in the family, begins soon. If you are interested in your child participating, please fill out the lower portion of the attached sign up sheet and **return it to Jenny Malchow c/o the school office by Friday November 6th.**

## **Beautification Committee**

The Beautification Committee met on Saturdays, September 19th and October 17th to help make our campus look in tip-top shape! They pulled weeds and picked up any trash around school and church grounds. They trimmed all trees and shrubs in front of the Rectory, Parish Center and EC. Two of those trees received trim around the bottom trunks. They were also very busy painting the benches near the gym and in the kindergarten yard. There also was painting of the four planter boxes in front of Bedford Hall.

*Many thanks to our Lead, Judy Breitbarth and her hard-working crew:*

### Parent Volunteers

Jenette Francis  
Michael Livsey  
Rennel Maneja  
John O'Connell  
Romer Tamayo  
Dan Tiao

### Student Volunteers

Carly Breitbarth  
Ella Francis  
Sawyer Livsey  
Connie Rutherford

## **International Food Faire**

The International Food Faire took place Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was an event enjoyed by the entire family and a great way to start off the school year. Over 200 guests were treated to tasty dishes from all over the world prepared and donated by our SG Families and several local 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 7<sup>th</sup> / 8th Grade Parent Coordinator, Carmen Moissiy for overseeing the student volunteers and to our 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: *Nopalito's, Squat and Gobble, Curry Up Now, Kasa Indian Eatery, Chipotle, and Roti Indian Bistro*

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

Gianna and Noah Gazulla: Spanish

Max Briones: French

Sarah, Tala, Noor El Qadah: Arabic

Amrita Rajpal: Hindi

Joey Ling: Chinese  
Ethan Barry: Gaelic  
Katie Baldwin: Italian

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 Liaison)	Shirley Artiga
Meredith Burke	Marie Briones
Rennel Maneja	Randy Green
Mala Gurbaxani	Ann Kutner
Allam and Fidaa El Qadah	Tanya Lewis
Julie Fieber	Kaity Kahle
Alex & Carmen Moissiy	Cynthia Scipioni Baldwin
Kristin Schober	Kim Tam
Kimberly Wiley	Karen Andre

*Until next year.....*

Judy Green  
International Food Faire Chair

### **Book Fair**

Don't forget to come to the school library to see a wonderful selection of books for every reading level!

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

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

We thank you for your support,  
Book Fair Committee

### **Christmas Staff Lunch**

The Staff Christmas Luncheon is Friday, December 18, 2015. Many thanks to those families who have already donated. We appreciate your generosity. Donations are still being accepted.

~ Anna Totah & Norma O'Connell

## **Santa's Breakfast**

Come join us at the Annual Santa's Breakfast. Enjoy the Holiday Season with this time honored tradition featuring baked goods, crafts, games, raffles, and pictures with Santa.

**TIME:** 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Breakfast served until 11:30AM)

**DATE:** Sunday, December 6, 2015

**PLACE:** Bedford Hall (St. Gabriel's Gym)

**TICKETS:** Pre-sale tickets 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.)

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.

[Online payment and reservations](#) are now available through November 30th. You can also print a [reservation form](#) and send to the Clinic with your payment no later than Monday, November 30th.

**The Santa's Breakfast Committee needs your help to make this event a success! Need Parent Hours or Scrip Help??  
We are looking for help in the following areas:**

- Event setup, the day of and clean up volunteers.
- Gift Cards to Target, Safeway, Smart & Final, Walgreens, Michael's
- Monetary Donations
- Raffle Basket items – hoverboard, apple products, sports tickets
- Please see our website for all up to date event and volunteer information at:  
<http://new.sgsparents.com/santas-breakfast-reservation.html>

“ONE WARM COAT” DRIVE at Santa's Breakfast again this year. Clean coats in good condition of all sizes are welcome.

*Volunteering? Ideas? Questions?*

*Please contact Jennifer Joost – 650.359.3370 – [jenjoost@gmail.com](mailto:jenjoost@gmail.com)*



Dear Parents,

Like children everywhere, many students at St. Gabriel have experienced the sadness, fear, anger, and confusion that surrounds the loss of someone they love.

Whether the loss is the result of death, divorce, or separation it can be extremely painful for children of all ages.

Our school offers a support program called Bridges to help students deal with grief and loss. If your child is struggling with a loved one's illness, death, divorce or separation they can come to the Bridges group. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to sort through, understand, and accept what is happening in their family and to know that they are not alone in the experience. The kids eat their lunch with a group of their peers and a caring adult once a week for about five months.

We cordially invite your child to share this nurturing experience if you feel it is right for them. If you have any questions about the program you may contact Jenny at 415-254-2588.

If you are interested in your child participating in the Bridges program at St. Gabriel **please fill out the lower portion of this sheet and return it to Jenny Malchow c/o the school office by Friday November 13th.**

Jenny Malchow, Bridges Coordinator

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I wish my child to participate in Bridges this year.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like my child to participate in the Bridges program because:**

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