



ST. GABRIEL
SCHOOLS

PARENT ANNUAL GIVING



2015-16 PARENT ANNUAL GIVING GET A 2015 TAX DEDUCTION!



Budget planning, including calculating tuition for the 2016-17 school year, begins in early 2016. Monetary gifts through Parent Annual Giving play a significant role in the budget process. Submitting monetary pledges as soon as possible will help greatly with 2016-17 planning!
(Remember, no funds need to be included with your pledge.)



Don't forget, your donation to Parent Annual Giving is tax deductible!

Make your payment by the end of the year and receive a deduction on this year's taxes.
See next page for pledge form.



Since its inception, the goal of Parent Annual Giving has been 100% parent participation. Parents can participate through a pledge of prayers/thoughts for St. Gabriel School, a monetary pledge, or both.

It is easy to focus on the benefits of monetary pledges since we see what our dollars buy. We often cannot see the benefits of pledges of prayers and/or thoughts. Yet, that does not lessen their importance. St. Gabriel is far more than a building. It is a community of people.

As a St. Gabriel parent, you may have attended a school mass or prayer service in celebration of a holiday or in support of a member of our community. Maybe there were times you wished you could attend but were unable to do so. **A pledge of prayers and/or thoughts is a way to hold each other in our hearts at all times. It is a show of care and concern for St. Gabriel and our community. It is support when times are tough, and thankfulness for our blessings.** We hope you make this pledge whether or not a monetary pledge is possible.

To remember that we are a community, the names of those who have pledged their prayers and/or thoughts for St. Gabriel School are included below the Blessed Mother statue in the school lobby in a special display. We thank all who support our school in this very special way.



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!

Christmas Play Schedule

Thursday Evening, December 17, 2015

7:00 - 7:10 p.m. - Students arrive

Parking is available in the school parking lot.

Bedford Hall Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Play begins at 7:30 p.m.

Drop Off

Kindergarten: Drop off students at the library via the library yard.

1st-8th grade: Enter through the side at the 41st Avenue door.

Parents, please keep your child's jacket with you.

Pick-up

At the conclusion of the performance,
students in grades 1-8 may be picked up in the gym,
at designated spots for each grade.

Kindergarten students will be in the library.



THE MAIN 41ST AVENUE DOORS WILL REMAIN LOCKED.

2015 - 2016 Spell-A-Thon

Dear Parents,

It's time for the annual Spell-A-Thon, our 40th at St. Gabriel School! The students in grades 2 through 8 have a chance to show what excellent spellers they are while raising money for their school.

The Spell-A-Thon

The Spell-A-Thon is a written spelling test with sponsors donating money to the school for each word the student spells correctly, or as a flat fee for doing their best! Students will be given a list of words in advance by their teacher. Grades 2 and 3 are tested on 50 words while grades 4 through 8 are tested on 100 words. The date of the written test will be chosen by the teacher but will be during January 8th-14th. Please confirm date with your child's teacher.

Sponsors

Attached to this letter is the "Spell-A-Thon Sponsor Sheet". The minimum pledge is ten cents (\$.10) per correctly spelled word. Sponsors are also welcome to pledge a flat fee of at least \$10.00. If your sponsors are all giving a flat fee, please feel free to send this money in with your sponsor sheet. Please, in the interest of accurate accounting, **CHECKS ONLY**.

Oral Spelling Bee

Although the oral Spelling Bee is not part of the Spell-A-Thon fundraiser, it is associated with it. Words in the Oral Spelling Bee will not be from the same list as the written spelling test. Students who spell 97% of the words correctly on the written test can participate in the oral Spelling Bee to be held in the library on Tuesday, January 19th, 2016. **The winner of the Spelling Bee will go on to participate in The San Francisco Chronicle Spelling Bee.** You are invited to view the Spelling Bee "live" in the faculty room via our school TV system.

2015 - 2016 Spell-A-Thon

Awards

- ◇The winner of the Oral Spelling Bee from each class will be Mrs. Beal's guest for a pizza and ice cream lunch in February, 2016. (Date to be announced)
- ◇The school champion will receive \$50.
- ◇The two runners-up will receive \$25 each.
- ◇The student who raises the most funds will receive \$30.
- ◇The students who raise the second and third most funds will receive \$15 each.
- ◇If there is 100% participation (every student collects at least \$10 in sponsorships) in an individual classroom, those students will earn one day of free dress. The date will be determined by Mrs. Beal.

Dates to Remember!

January 11 th	Sponsor sheets are due.
January 8 th -14 th	Written testing takes place in individual classrooms.
January 19 th	Oral Spelling Bee.
February 8 th	All Spell-A-Thon pledge money due. <i>Must be returned by this date to be eligible for awards and prizes!</i>

Last year's Spell-A-Thon highlighted our students' outstanding achievement in spelling and was a very successful fundraiser. Thank you all for your interest and support again this year.

Sincerely,

Mala Gurbuxami
Spell-A-Thon Chairperson

Used uniforms are coming to a gym near you!!!

A new Used Uniform sale **will be coming in January** and **YOU can help**.

HOW? We are looking for parent donations (**REMEMBER YOUR CAN GET PARENT HOURS !!!) of large plastic totes with locking handles.

WHAT? Well we need 20 Sterilite Ultra 70 qt clear storage tote, clear with gray lids.

WHY? We want an organized set-up that will not only make it easier for parents to find the right sizes, but to keep them nice, clean and tidy.

But WHY these?: These bins lock and all fit well together. Also, they are reasonably priced (\$8.99 at Target) and besides you can use Scrip to obtain them. What a deal!

Please drop off any bins at the clinic, and any used uniforms as well.

If you are interested getting parent hours by helping with the used uniforms sales, contact Katie Oshita at rnangel425@comcast.net

First used uniform sale TBD in January 2016!!!

Sterilite® Ultra™ 70 Qt Clear Storage Tote - Clear with Gray Lid



\$8.99

Number of Pieces: 2

Includes: Lid

Features: Transparent, Stackable, Lidded

Primary Item Stored: Bedding, sports equipment, Clothing

Material: Plastic

Protective Qualities: Acid Free

Closure Type: Latches

Care and Cleaning: Wipe Clean

Dimensions: 13.500H x 16.250W x 26.125L

Capacity: 479.000

Used For: Organizing, Storage

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