



# SAINT GABRIEL SCHOOL

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 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94116  
 415 566-0314

June 2015

Dear Parents:

You are now receiving information for new families and families who have re-registered their students for the 2015-2016 school year. Since there will not be another summer mailing from school, please keep this information in a place where you can quickly refer to it.

## ST. GABRIEL FACULTY & STAFF

PRINCIPAL.....	MRS. GINA BEAL
VICE PRINCIPALS.....	MELISSA CAMPOS/LYNN GRIER
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.....	MILENA TAPIA
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT.....	ALICE LAWRIE
RELIGION COORDINATOR.....	NANCY BECERRA
COUNSELOR.....	MERYL LEAVITT
KINDERGARTEN A.....	KATHY TAHENY/KATHLY FLYNN
KINDERGARTEN B.....	KATHY FLYNN/KATHY TAHENY
CLASS 1A.....	CRISTINA JENSEN-BOWER
CLASS 1B.....	MEGAN FU
CLASS 2A.....	KIMBERLY KINNEY
CLASS 2B.....	CAROL CLARK
CLASS 3A.....	LAWRENCE ELLISON
CLASS 3B.....	ZHANNA TOENSING/CHRISTINA CLARK (1st Quarter)
CLASS 4A.....	MARGHERITA ARCE
CLASS 4B.....	KATHERINE SCOLARI
CLASS 5A.....	ANNETTE OLINGER
CLASS 5B.....	CHARLENE McDONNELL
CLASS 6A.....	RYAN LOCKEE
CLASS 6B.....	COLLEEN MANIERE
CLASS 7A.....	RICHARD MOSELEY
CLASS 7B.....	MARA HILL
CLASS 8A.....	BELINDA KENSIC
CLASS 8B.....	LYNN GRIER
SCIENCE.....	BERNICE TONEGATO-JARRELL
MUSIC.....	REED FROMER (GR. 1-6) DONNA BRUNO (GR. K.7, 8)
LIBRARY.....	PEGGY O'DONNELL
COMPUTER.....	GORDON FAIR/ANNE BRAY
COMPUTER AIDE.....	JEAN SHRIVER
CLASSROOM AIDES.....	JANE GIBBONS/VICKIE GOMEZ/ JASON FARRELL/MARIA JEW/ SHERRY MARTIN/CINDY CADEI
PRIMARY READING RESOURCE TEACHER.....	MEGAN FU

RESOURCE TEACHERS.....	MILENA TAPIA/ANNE BRAY
LEARNING SPECIALIST.....	ELLEN CONAWAY
KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT COORDINATOR.....	CHRISTINA KIRK
ASSISTANT KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT COORDINATOR.....	ANNE GAZZANO
EXTENDED CARE COORDINATOR.....	GEORGIA WASLEY
EXTENDED CARE TUITIONKEEPER.....	BRENDA LYONS
P.E.....	RHYTHM & MOVES
SECRETARY.....	BARBARA DEMARTINI
FRIDAY SECRETARY.....	ALICE LAWRIE
BOOKKEEPERS.....	CHERYL BAILEY/LYNDIA PARADISE
TUITIONKEEPER.....	IMELDA PEREZ
CLINIC.....	JANET BARRY
MAINTENANCE.....	LINDA RIVERA/MAINTENANCE COMPANY

ASSIGNMENT OF GRADES

Once again this year, in order to balance the number of new students in each class and give consideration to other educational needs, all students will be reassigned before August. For example, all students in Class 1A will not automatically go to Class 2A. They will be mixed with students of 1B and will be assigned to either Class 2A or 2B. This will happen throughout the school.

The final class list will be an administration decision. Much consideration has already been given to a criteria for this reassignment and the list will not be final until August.

We ask that parents not contact the school with preferential requests. The list for all classes will be posted online Monday, August 17, 2015.

ORIENTATION DAY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2015

GRADES 1-8

TIME: 10AM - 12NOON  
UNIFORMS WILL BE WORN

NEW STUDENTS: GRADES 1-8

REPORT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT  
9:45AM

RETURNING STUDENTS REPORT TO  
THE LIBRARY YARD. ALL TEACHERS  
WILL BE ON HAND TO GREET THEM.

KINDERGARTEN

KINDERGARTEN A WILL MEET FROM  
10AM - 10:55AM

KINDERGARTEN B WILL MEET FROM  
11:05AM - 12NOON

EXTENDED CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE  
FROM 7AM - 6PM FOR STUDENTS  
DURING NON-SCHOOL HOURS.

PARENTS OF KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS SHOULD BRING THEIR CHILDREN TO THE EXTENDED CARE YARD.

WHEN THE 10AM BELL RINGS, K-A WILL GO TO CLASS. THEIR PARENTS ARE INVITED TO BEDFORD HALL FOR A WELCOME COFFEE.

AT 11:05AM, K-B STUDENTS WILL GO TO CLASS. THEIR PARENTS ARE INVITED TO BEDFORD HALL FOR A WELCOME COFFEE.

All other returning parents are also invited to the Welcome Coffee as well.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 & MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015

GRADES K-8

8:00AM - 12:30PM

ON MINIMUM DAYS, EXTENDED CARE IS AVAILABLE FROM 7AM -8AM AND FROM 12:30PM - 6PM.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015 STARTS REGULAR SESSIONS FOR ALL CLASSES AS FOLLOWS:

KINDERGARTEN CLASSES	8:00AM - 2:45PM
GRADES 1-3	8:00AM - 2:45PM
GRADES 4-8	8:00AM - 3:00PM

AUGUST PARENT MEETINGS

All junior high parents will meet with Mrs. Beal on Thursday, August 20th, at 7PM in the multi-purpose room. At 7:30PM, they will move to their student's home room class to discuss junior high curriculum with their teachers.

All Kindergarten parents will meet with Kathy Taheny and Kathy Flynn in the multi-purpose room from 7:35-8PM on Thursday, August 20, 2015 to receive Kindergarten curriculum information.

You may park in the Parking Lot/School Yard on Ulloa Street and walk through the school yard between the church and the school building. School yard stairs lead to the lower yard and to the multi-purpose room on the right.

All parents of students in grades 1-3 will meet with their teachers on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 from 7:00-7:40PM in the classroom.

All parents of students in grades 4-6 will meet with their teachers on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 from 7:45-8:30PM in the classroom.

## UNIFORMS

School uniforms may be purchased at Classic Design, 1551 Taraval Street. Please check their website for store hours and uniform prices ([www.eclassicdesigns.com](http://www.eclassicdesigns.com)).

**Every student** (K-8) needs to purchase white short sleeve pique polo shirts with the St. Gabriel logo. Classic Design carries these at no extra cost.

All students are required to wear a complete uniform everyday. Students are expected to be clean and well-groomed at all times. Make-up, nail polish and excessive jewelry are inappropriate for girls of elementary school age. Girls may wear one pair of post earrings. This is for safety reasons while at play during recess, lunch, and PE. These are worn on the ear lobe. Boys may not wear earrings in school or at school related functions. Jackets and non-school sweatshirts are not worn in the classrooms. All students must have uniform sweaters in school each day.

GIRLS:        BLUE PLAID SKIRT, NAVY BLUE CARDIGAN OR PULLOVER SWEATER, WHITE SHORT SLEEVE PIQUE POLO SHIRT WITH ST. GABRIEL LOGO.

SHOES:        All black or all white or black & white athletic shoes (NO HIGHTOPS).  
No colored stripes or markings are allowed. Shoes can be purchased at J.C. Penney, Sears, Payless Shoes, Big 5, etc.

WALKING SHORTS are available at Classic design for warm weather. Walking shorts are not worn on formal dress days. These days are: Grandparents' Day, Eighth Grade Graduation Mass, and Kindergarten Graduation Day.

SOCKS:        White, black or blue socks higher than the ankle are to be worn at all times.

P.E.:         Royal blue or gray sweat pants or royal mesh shorts (Gr. 5-8)

NOTE:         Shorts should be worn daily under the uniform skirt (all girls)

OPTIONAL:    Girl's Navy Pleated Twill Walking Shorts (Gr. K-8)  
Girl's Navy Pleated Twill Pants (Gr. K-8)

HAIR:         Extreme or faddish hairstyles are not permitted. A student's hair should be clean and combed. Students must maintain their natural hair color.

BOYS:         NAVY BLUE CORDUROY PANTS, belts must be worn., Plain white tee-shirts must be worn under the uniform shirts. NAVY BLUE CARDIGAN OR PULLOVER SWEATER. WHITE SHORT SLEEVED POLO SHIRTS FOR ALL BOYS K-8.

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HAIR: Extreme or faddish hairstyles are not permitted. A student's hair should be clean, professionally cut, neatly combed and/or styled in a moderate manner. As a guide, the hair is not to extend below the top of the shirt collar in the back. Students must maintain their natural hair color. Shaved hairstyles, two-tone, bowl cuts, shag cuts, and tails are not acceptable. Student's hair must be blended on the sides. No facial hair is allowed.

KINDERGARTEN: KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS WILL ALSO WEAR THE REGULAR UNIFORM.

CASUAL DRESS: Casual Dress Day is a day that students are permitted to wear clothing other than their school uniform. See Parent Handbook for guidelines on Page 25. Short shorts, bike shorts and stretch pants are not allowed. Boys are not to have excessively baggy pants.

NOTE: PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH STUDENT'S NAME AND GRADE.

GRADES 4-8: STUDENTS ARE TO BRING PENCIL, PAPER AND PENS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PLUS ALL ITEMS THAT ARE ON THE SUPPLY LIST YOU RECEIVED IN JUNE.

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS, BACKPACKS ON WHEELS CANNOT BE ALLOWED IN SCHOOL. CONTACT MRS. BEAL IF THERE IS A MEDICAL CONCERN.

STUDENTS MAY NOT USE CELL PHONES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS. PHONES WILL BE TAKEN FROM STUDENTS, FOR UP TO ONE WEEK AND WILL ONLY BE RETURNED TO A PARENT. THE SCHOOL WILL HOLD CELL PHONES OF REPEAT OFFENDERS FOR THE REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

### PARENT INFORMATION

You are receiving a school calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. Please keep this calendar for reference all year. You will also receive a monthly calendar and newsletter at the beginning of each month. The monthly calendar could announce a change in schedule. The information in the newsletter is important for you to know. PLEASE READ IT!!

Note: When normal time schedules begin, all grades K-8 will be dismissed on Mondays at 2:30PM, except for the fourth Monday when dismissal is at 12:30PM for all students. The purpose of this once a month minimum day is for staff development.

### PARENT REMINDER

If you plan to do any kind of volunteer work for the school which involves working with the children (i.e., yard duty, hot lunch, room parent, chaperone, classroom help, fundraisers, library volunteer, etc.) you must have completed the online training and background check through Shield the Vulnerable. Online training and background checks are renewable every three years. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS. To do this, go to the Shield the Vulnerable website ([shieldthevulnerable.org](http://shieldthevulnerable.org)) and follow their easy directions. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

**LUNCH** - Continue to encourage students to "pack in - pack out" lunch items. Please assist with this endeavor.

1. All student lunches must be packaged in reusable containers such as nylon/canvas bags or plastic lunch boxes - not paper bags.
2. We encourage that all contents inside the lunch box or bag be placed in reusable Tupperware - not plastic bags. Uneaten food should return home.
3. Reusable plastic bottles and thermos bottles are preferred for drinks.
4. Fast food lunches from local hamburger outlets may not be brought to school.

Lunchables and Snackables should not be given to students.

5. **Forgotten Lunches**

Students who forget their lunches will be given a snack through the Clinic. Many times classmates will share their lunch.

Parents are not allowed to bring lunches to school during the day.

A student may not call home for a forgotten lunch.

Hot Lunch Days - We will continue to serve hot lunch twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and will increase efforts to use items that can be recycled.

By working together, we hope we will reach our goal to continue to reduce waste at St. Gabriel School and also help our natural environment.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

1. The following eighth grade students received awards during the graduation ceremony on May 29, 2015:

Alyson Lee & Katelyn Lee	<b>The Monsignor Bedford Award</b> This award is given to a student who excels in parish and community service.
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Kalea Palaby & Sierra Tyson	<b>The Cristofani Award</b> The faculty selects a student who exemplifies a positive caring attitude and the ability to make others feel special.
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Jasemin Ergul & Jacob Lam	<b>The St. Gabriel School Spirit Award</b> Recipients are chosen by the graduating students, honoring a girl and boy who have been an inspiration to their class and a model of Christian fellowship.
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The **Dr. Mary Murphy Scholarship** is an award established by friends and alumni to honor the memory of Mary Murphy, class of 1975.

An excellent student and outstanding athlete, Mary Murphy was also known for bringing warmth, respect, and concern to her community. The graduating girl who has maintained the highest academic record and also participated in CYO sports during her 7th and 8th grade years will receive \$1,000.

We are proud to award this scholarship to **Megan Van Koll**.

2. The following eighth grade students were honored by their accepting high schools.

Archbishop Riordan High School has admitted with Honors into the St. Francis Scholars Program:

**Victor Lysenko**

Archbishop Riordan High School has admitted with Distinction:

**Vincent Sanbrailo**

Mercy High School San Francisco has admitted into the Women in Technology Program:

**Amanda Jaber & Lia Thatcher**

Mercy High School San Francisco has admitted into the Women in the Arts Program:

**Tara Kent**

Mercy High School San Francisco has admitted into the Women in Medicine and Women in Performing Arts Programs:

**Margaret Lee**

She is also the recipient of a Citizenship award from Mercy San Francisco.

Mercy High School San Francisco is awarding a Principal Scholar award to:

**Clarissa Madar**

Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep has awarded Honors at Entrance to:

**Eileen Lin & Ethan Lui**

In addition, Sacred Heart has admitted into the DePaul Scholar Program:

**Kelsey Yew**

And appointment into Sacred Heart's Inquiry and Innovation Program:

**Angela Schmidt**

St. Ignatius High School has accepted with distinction:

**Destiny Bower & Maxton Lenox**

St. Ignatius has also accepted with honors at entrance:

**Erin Louie**

**Chase O'Brien-Steele**

**Tyler Tam**

**Amsale Tegene**

**Joaquin Turek**

**Sierra Tyson**

The Irish Cultural Centre of California awards the Leo T. Walsh Scholarship of \$750 to:

Claire Naughton

Congratulations to all!

PARENTS-PARENTS-WONDERFUL ST. GABRIEL PARENTS!!

An end of the year Thank You to our hard working-successful Scrip Committee:

Tony & Danielle Alves

Janet Barry

SCHOOL BOARD

School Board Officers for 2015-16 have been elected. Congratulations to:

Chairperson -

Dan Spiers

Vice Chairperson -

Joanna Laffey

Secretary -

Lynn Grier

Corresponding Secretary -

Karen Byrne

PARENT BOARD

Parent Board Officers for 2014-15 have been elected. Congratulations to:

Chairperson -

Tina O'Sullivan

Vice Chairperson -

John Fogarty

Secretary -

Nora Sheriff

Corresponding Secretary -

Arleen Jauregui

TEACHERS - FAREWELL

Before I began teaching at St. Gabriel School I taught in several other Catholic schools and two public schools and at several grade levels. My prior experience was excellent preparation for me to appreciate what a wonderful learning environment we have in our Parish.

It has been my privilege to teach in one of the premier Catholic schools in one of the best parishes in San Francisco.

St. Gabriel School is blessed with a level of parent participation, which allows teachers to achieve outstanding academic results from their students. My students and their parents have been wonderful and have made teaching an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

I have been blessed to have worked with Sister Pauline and many other dedicated and talented teachers and administrative staff over the last thirty-eight years and will miss them.

I love St. Gabriel Parish and have no plans to go elsewhere. My greatest pleasure is to encounter my former St. Gabriel students, who have grown into responsible adults, many of whom have achieved much higher levels of education.

Blessings to All, Mrs. Marta Courtright



Dear St. Gabriel Family,

Teaching at St. Gabriel has truly been a remarkable experience.

Every day, I've been blessed to work with an amazingly gifted, intelligent, and dedicated staff. They inspire me, and for that I am forever grateful. I have been blessed to teach caring and bright children. They too, have taught me, and for that I am also grateful. These years at St. Gabriel are truly unforgettable and just to rehash the record: Yes! St. Gabriel School is AWESOME!

Even though I am not teaching fourth grade next year, I look forward to returning for the first quarter in third grade, as Mrs. Toensing enjoys her new baby. After that, I am thrilled to have more time with my own family.

Smiles and Best Wishes, Christina Clark

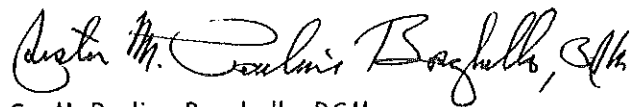
AUGUST 20, 2015

On the first day of school you will receive the Newsletter and several forms that need to be updated each year. You will also receive your child's Emergency Form. It is imperative that this form be filled out, signed, and returned to school the following day. Please note that the Emergency Form is a two-sided 8 ½ x 11 page with much information requested.

If you have any questions or any other needs before the school year starts, you may leave a written message for myself or for Mrs. Beal at the Bishop Quinn Center, 2559 - 40th Avenue, or call 415-731-6161 and leave a voice message or email to [office@stgabrielsf.com](mailto:office@stgabrielsf.com). I will be in and out of the office during the summer. We will both respond as soon as possible.

Once again, my sincere best wishes to you and your families for gifting me with wonderful memories of St. Gabriel School and Parish Community. You will always be in my thoughts and heart. May the summer be a refreshing time for you and your family.

With love and blessings,



Sr. M. Pauline Borghello, RSM  
Principal

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