



## SAINT GABRIEL SCHOOL

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### PARENT NEWSLETTER

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January 4, 2017

Dear Parents,

And we're back! I hope you enjoyed all the time that was shared with family and friends over our Christmas and New Year's holidays! They create such special memories for us all to treasure. As we begin a new calendar year, let us take the time to make memories and create new experiences for our families and students.

New Year's Blessings for you:

*May this year be significant in your journey*

*May your joy spring*

*May you be fresh like a child and wise like an elder*

*May your belly be full of laughter*

*May you find something that you've been looking for*

*May you love well*

*May you give beyond what is reasonable*

*May you be loved*

*May you look around and see the wonder all around*

*May you be thankful*

*May regrets transform into lessons and pain forgotten*

*May you breathe deeply*

*May you be drawn into the stories all around you*

*May you and yours be blessed*

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gina Beal". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mrs. Gina Beal  
Principal

## Upcoming Items

January 2017

- 5 **Kindergarten Screening Day #1 for K Class of '17-'18**
- 6 **Be a "Super" for Foster Care:** Bring in \$1.00 to donate to Foster Care and dress as your favorite Superhero today!
- 9 **Spell-a-Thon** Sponsor sheets due  
**Adventures In Music Concert** for Grades 3, 4 & 5 at St. Gabriel  
**STAR Testing:** Interim window begins this week through 1/19
- 10 **Kindergarten Screening Day #2 for K Class of '17-'18**  
**School tour by appointment @ 8:30am**  
**Parent Board Meeting – 7:00PM in Faculty Room**
- 12 **4A visits de Young Museum**  
**Kindergarten Screening Day #3 for K Class of '17-'18**
- 13 **3rd grades visit Planetarium**
- 16 **Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Holiday - No School**
- 17 **Oral Spell-A-Thon for grades 2-8**
- 18 **8th grade Graduation pictures**
- 19 **School tour by appointment @ 8:30am**  
**Kindergarten Screening Day #4 for K Class of '17-'18**  
**4B visits de Young Museum**
- 20 **Vision Screening for grades K, 1, 3, & 5**  
**2nd Quarter Reports Cards go home**
- 21 **Beautification Committee meets 9:00am - 12:00pm**
- 23 **Minimum Day: 12:30pm dismissal**  
**Professional Development for faculty**
- 24 **Second Grade First Reconciliation @ 7:00pm - Church**
- 26 **Kindergarten Screening Day #5 for K Class of '17-'18**
- 27 **Alumni Hot Dog Lunch**  
**2nd grades visit Botanical Gardens in GGP**

**January 2017 (cont.)      29 - Feb 4      Catholic Schools Week**  
**“Communities of Faith, Knowledge & Service”**

**29      Catholic Schools Week Mass – 10AM – St. Gabriel Church: Planned by the Third Grade – All are Invited**

**31      School tour by appointment @ 8:30am**  
**School Board Meeting @ 7:00pm - Faculty Room**

**February 2017      3      Archdiocesan Curriculum Conference – All Day – STUDENT HOLIDAY**

**6      New Student Testing @ 2:45pm**

**7      Parent Board Meeting @ 7:00pm - Faculty Room**

**9      Parent Support Group at 6:30pm Library**

**Be a “Super” for Foster Care: This Friday, January 6th!**

As a reminder from December’s Principal for the day Miss Mia Messinger, we will have a free dress day this Friday, January 6th, to support Foster Care. On Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017, we began collecting a \$1.00 donations to be "Supers" for Foster Care! Donations will go to Foster Care Programs through California Youth Connection.

Please remember to bring in \$1.00 (in an envelope marked Superhero Donation) to be able to dress as a Superhero this Friday, January 6th, 2017. \$1.00 donations will be accepted through Friday, January 6th.

Please follow our casual dress guidelines in the Parent Handbook and the following "special" guidelines for this day.

**Dress Code Guidelines for "Super" Day:**

*Students who donate a \$1.00 may wear Superhero themed tops, such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, homemade superhero tops, (Capes are okay but should be removed during PE and recess times) with school appropriate bottoms (i.e. jeans, khakis, cords). As always, school appropriate shoes are required.*

**NO sweatpants, leggings or athletic/yoga pants.**

**NO hats, masks, or accessories (i.e. weapons, wands)**

**Hot Lunch Help NEEDED**

Thank you so much for your interest with hot lunch and helping to volunteer, although we can NOT run a successful hot lunch program without your help. Your children love seeing your face around school.

I am in dire need of helpers, so if you've got time to spare PLEASE come and help with hot lunch. You only have to be here for a hour at the most, from 11:15AM- 12:15PM Tuesdays, Thursdays, and/or Fridays. The more the merrier and the faster we can move the food out and clean up the easier it is.

Please let me know what days you will be able to help so that I have enough coverage at lunch time. Thank you again for your time and service. It is so greatly NEEDED and appreciated!!!

Dina Moffat ([dmoffat@stgabrirelsf.com](mailto:dmoffat@stgabrirelsf.com))

### **Vision Screening for grades K, 1, 3, & 5; January 20th--Help Needed**

We need parent volunteer help with our Vision Screening. If you are able to be at school on Friday, January 20th, during the school day, please contact Jennifer Snyder at [drjq@hotmail.com](mailto:drjq@hotmail.com).

### **Applications for 2017-2018 – All Grades**

As you read the January calendar, five dates have been set for the screening of new children for next year's kindergarten class. Those children will be interviewed by the Kindergarten and Enrichment teachers in small groups. Melissa Campos and Gina Beal will host parents in the Multipurpose Room while the screening takes place.

Testing for students for grades 1-8 will be on Monday, February 7th. These applications need to be returned to the school office by Friday, February 3rd, 2017.

### **Advent Work of Mercy**

During Advent, we intensified our efforts to be aware of and to reach out to those in need.

Classes 3A and 3B organized the donation of used books to be given to the Children's Book Project. All grades supported this drive. Their efforts totaled over 2,000 books!

It is wonderful to hear of many families who consistently volunteer at shelters and at the food banks with their children. The works of Mercy and the Social Teachings of the Catholic Church are alive in our St. Gabriel Community.

### **What A Fantastic & Appreciated Celebration!!**

The school faculty and staff would like to THANK all parents for their generous gifts and for the contributions to our faculty and staff Christmas party. The festive lunch was held on the last day of school before Christmas vacation and all enjoyed the celebration!

Chairpersons, Anna Totah and Norma O'Connell, along with their committees made sure our every need was met as we relaxed after a busy week.

Thank you again and know you and your families are always in our prayers for a healthy, happy New Year!

### **Report Cards: 2nd Quarter**

The 2nd Quarter report cards will be sent home on *Friday, January 20, 2017*. The 2nd Quarter grading will close as follows: K-7 closes on Friday, January 13th; 8th grade closes on Friday, January 6th (due to high school transcript requirements).

### **Spell-A-Thon News**

The School Annual Spell-a-Thon will take place on Tuesday January 17th, 2017 in the library. Students (2nd through 8th grade) who have qualified, based on their written test, will be eligible to participate. You are invited to view the Spelling Bee "live" in the faculty room via our school TV system.

Sponsorship forms are due on Monday, January 9th. Spell-a-Thon packets including the sponsorship forms are available on the parent organization website at

<http://new.sgsparents.com>

\*Please note the pledge monies are not due until early February\*

For questions please contact Mala Gurbuxani at [mala.gurbuxani@gmail.com](mailto:mala.gurbuxani@gmail.com)

### **Archdiocesan Family Grant Application Notice**

A Reminder: The 2017-2018 TADS financial aid application is now available to complete online.

The TADS company will process applications for the Archdiocesan Family Grant tuition assistance program. All interested families need to fill out an online application.

To apply for an Archdiocesan Family Grant, parents need to go to the TADS website, [www.tads.com](http://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.

Tuition assistance is distributed throughout the Archdiocese after financial need has been assessed. Online financial assistance forms must be filled out before tuition assistance from the Archdiocese or St. Gabriel School can be considered.

### **The Crab is Back!**

SGPO's annual Crab Feed is back!

Mark your calendars for the annual Crab Feed on Saturday, February 25th from 7-11:00pm.

More information to follow shortly.

### **School Tours**

Thank you to all of our parents who referred their friends and family to St. Gabriel School. You continue to be our best advertisers. We have scheduled 3 more school tours for the 2016-17 school year (see the Tours page of the school website [www.stgabrielsf.com](http://www.stgabrielsf.com)). Keep spreading the word. When you do, you help others with their school search and help keep enrollment strong at St. Gabriel.

### **2016-17 Parent Annual Giving**

We are about halfway through this year's campaign! Budget planning for the 2017-18 school year begins soon. Monetary pledges are an important factor in determining tuition for the upcoming school year. If you have not yet pledged, it's not too late! Don't forget, you can also receive a tax deduction on monetary pledges made before the end of the 2016.

### **Tax Receipt**

If you made a single donation to St. Gabriel School in 2016 in the amount \$250 or more and did not receive verification for tax purposes or need a duplicate, contact Alice Lawrie in the Development Office. For monetary donations, please provide a copy of your check and note what the donation was for. Receipts can be provided for large in-kind donations (e.g., equipment, computer), however, a value of the item is not provided on the receipt.

### **Another Super Santa's Breakfast! Thank you!**

The 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 as well as St. Gabriel **ALUMS** that did a wonderful job setting up, serving and cleaning up at the event.

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

Ellen & Alan Arnold (Julian 5B)

Rony David (Aidan 6A)

Angela Isola (Alessandra 3B, Matteo KA)

Lisa Kenyon (Camille 7A, Kurt 3A, Henry 1B)

Cecelia McDonagh (Bella 7A, Joseph 4B)

Lea Suzuki-Rutherford (Constance 6A)

Kinsley Wong (Ian 3B, Ella KB)

Tim Breen (Dylan 7B)

Jennifer D'arcy (Michaela 5B, Gavin 2B)

Jennifer Joost (Benjamin 5B, Claire KA)

Raina Macaire (Angelina 7B)

Maire Spiers (Ellen 8B, Martin 4B)

Toby Wiley (Margaret 8B, Samantha 3A)

Amber Yeung (Madison 5B)

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

Allam & Fidaa El Qadah (Sarah 8B, Noor 6A, Tala 6B)

Andrea Chopp (Astrid 3B)

Ariel & Dina Alcayde (Isaiah 6B, Arianna 3A)

Christine Manalo (Kaya 5A, Mia 2B)

Danielle Sly (Henry 3B, Paul 1B)

Eric & Nancy Pollack (Jaeden 4B, Tatum KB)

Gabe Lucey (Clara 7B, John 5A, Hannah 3B, Mary KB)

Jackie Marania (Jaden 1B, Taylor 1A)

Mary Mangan

Melanie & Ronald Rubio-Pambid (Kylie KA)

Renie Hippler (Hope 3B)

Savita Sahi (Luciano 5A, Giovanna 3B)

Stephanie Duffy (Patrick KA)

Amy Messinger (Mia 5A)

Andy Shi & Helen Han (Patrick 2B)

Catherine Cook

Cynthia & David Quintos (Bryce Christian 6B)

Davina Gazulla (Noah 8B, Gianna 5A)

Hadj Boughaffour (Sonia 7B)

Gordon & Jennie Fung (Ethan 6A, Evan 2A)

Lisa Suzuki (Takeshi 5A)

Mea & Merrick Rustia (Kailee 5A)

Michelle Rivadeneyra (Matthew 3B)

Rohit Jenveja & Jessica Evert (Ella 3A)

Stephanie & Anthony Doctolero (Benjamin KA)

Zina Dadoukh & Gino Filice (Sofia 4A, Adam 1A)

And to our **Community Donors:**

Asian Art Museum

Atelier Crenn

California Academy of Sciences

Davis Family Vineyard

De Young Museum

Devil's Teeth Baking Company

Legion of Honor Museum

Java Beach

Planet Granite

Riordan High School

San Franpsycho

SF Giants

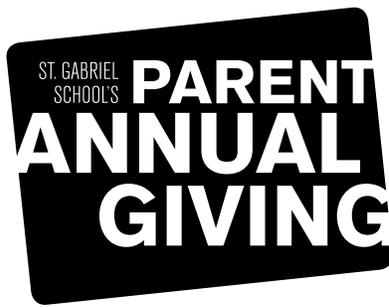
Sports Basement

St. Gabriel's Men's Club

St. Gabriel School Girl Scout Troops

Upper Playground

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



## 2016-17 PARENT ANNUAL GIVING STATUS REPORT

Thank you to our **41%** of parents who have participated in Parent Annual Giving so far this year.

The names of parents who have pledged Prayers/Thoughts for St. Gabriel School are included in a display in the school foyer in recognition of this special support

Parents have also pledged **\$64,925\*** for the operating budget of the school.

Look for the complete Mid-Year Report in February's Newsletter. A list of parents who have pledged will be included. Want to be on that list? Just make your pledge by January 30, 2017!

\*Includes company matching gifts.

### DO YOU WONDER HOW ANNUAL GIVING AFFECTS THE OPERATING BUDGET?

St. Gabriel School has a comprehensive program designed to meet the many needs of the school, including financial and spiritual. An overview of St. Gabriel School's Operating Budget and its different components follows.

Don't forget, budget planning for the 2017-18 school year begins this month. Submit monetary pledges as soon as possible to aid in this process.

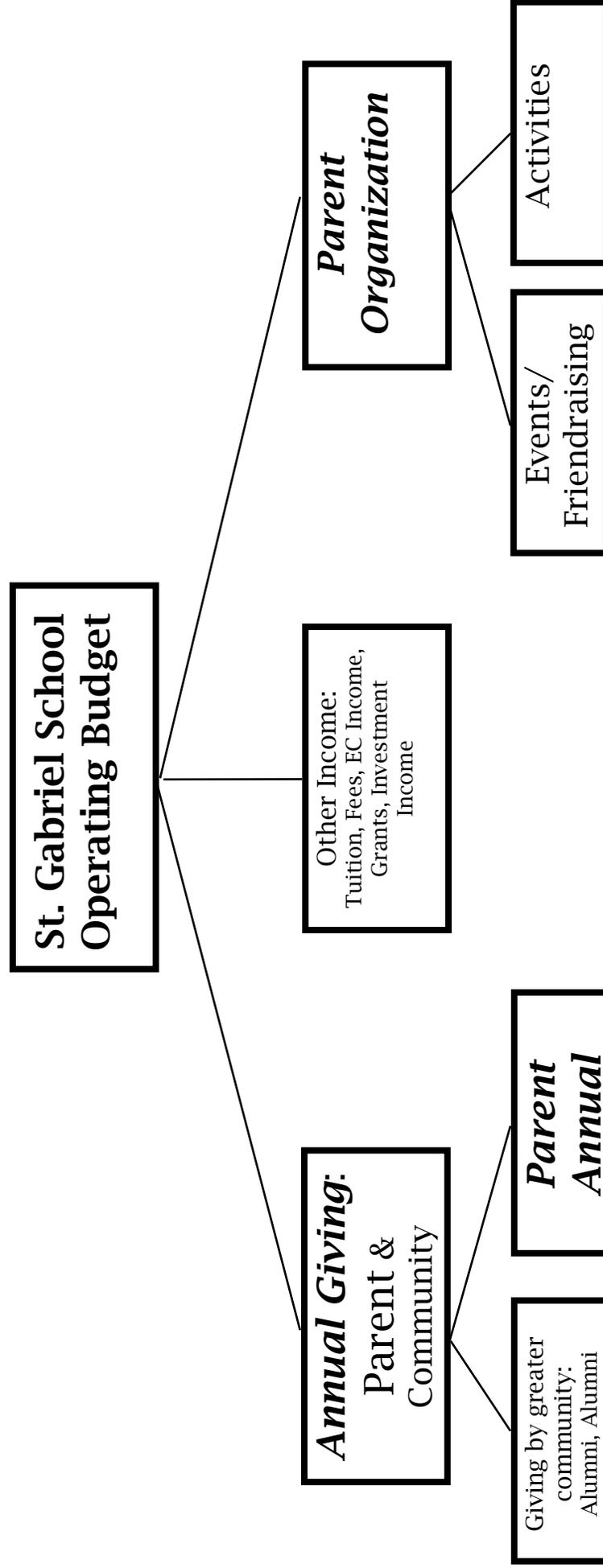
### HERE IS A LIST, BY CLASS, OF CURRENT PARTICIPATION.

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

Kindergarten.....	36%
1st Grade.....	43%
2nd Grade.....	33%
3rd Grade.....	50%
4th Grade.....	35%
5th Grade.....	44%
6th Grade.....	51%
7th Grade.....	48%
8th Grade.....	45%

## PLANNING FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

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The goals of **Parent Annual Giving** and the **Parent Organization**, while not the same, have similar attributes. Both secure funds necessary for the school's operating budget. Without these sources of income (monetary pledges, event/activity income), the funds would need to come from elsewhere.

Through events, the parent organization also strives to **build our community**, a vital component to the success of St. Gabriel School. Parent Annual Giving asks all parents to **build our community** through a **pledge of prayers and/or thoughts** for St. Gabriel School throughout the school year. The names of parents who make this pledge are included in a special display below the Blessed Mother statue in the school foyer in recognition of this special support. **Don't forget, budget planning for the 2017-18 school year begins soon. Submit monetary pledges as soon as possible to aid in this process.**



# 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!