



## SAINT GABRIEL SCHOOL

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### PARENT NEWSLETTER

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November 2, 2016

Hello Parents,

As we “fall” into the season of thanksgiving, let us remember to take the time to thank our Lord for all He have given us and all we have to be thankful for. Also, remember to take some time with your family and friends during this special season.

#### **PRAYER OF A PRAISE & THANKS**

*We praise You, Father of all;  
We thank You for calling us to be your people,  
And for choosing us to give You glory.  
In a special way we thank You for all that we need and  
All You have given to us.*

*Cleanse our hearts and our lives  
With Your holy word  
And make our prayer pleasing to You.  
Guide us by Your Spirit  
As we follow in the paths of Jesus our brother.*

*All glory and praise are Yours, Father,  
For ever and ever.*

*Amen!*

Best,

Mrs. Gina Beal  
Principal

## Upcoming Items

- November**
- 3 School Tour by Appointment – 8:30AM**
  - 4 First Grade Nacho Sale Fundraiser for Martin de Porres Hospitality House**
  - 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends--"Fall" back one hour**
  - 6-10 Book Fair in New Library**
  - 7 Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins (11/7 – 11/18)**  
**School Mock Presidential Election in Bedford Hall**
  - 8 Election Day 🇺🇸**
  - 8-10 Parent/Teacher Conferences – MINIMUM DAYS**  
12:30PM Dismissal  
9th: Night Conferences are scheduled for this evening  
*Note: All Junior High Students will attend their conference with their parents.*
  - 10 Book Fair Ends at 2:00PM**
  - 11 Veterans' Day – No School**
  - 18 Thanksgiving Food Drive Ends**
  - 19 Beautification Committee Volunteers – 9AM – Noon**
  - 20 Robotics Tournament at Lowell High School – 9:30AM to 4:30PM**
  - 22 School Board Meeting – 7PM – Faculty Room**
  - 23 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.**
  - 24 Thanksgiving Day! HOLIDAY - No School**  
*10AM Mass at St. Gabriel Church. All are encouraged to attend this special celebration.*

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|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>November (cont.)</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>HOLIDAY - No School</b>                                                                 |
|                         | <b>27</b> | <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>                                                              |
|                         | <b>28</b> | <b>MINIMUM DAY for Teacher Professional Development<br/>12:30PM Dismissal for Students</b> |
|                         | <b>29</b> | <b>School Tour by Appointment – 8:30AM</b>                                                 |
| <b>December</b>         | <b>4</b>  | <b>Santa’s Breakfast</b>                                                                   |
|                         | <b>6</b>  | <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>                                                             |
|                         | <b>7</b>  | <b>Advent Reconciliation Day for Grades 3, 4, &amp; 5</b>                                  |

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

The first quarter of school ends on Nov. 4th, 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 scheduled your conference online at [SignUpGenius.com](http://SignUpGenius.com). If not, your student’s classroom teacher will contact you and give you a time slot to meet. 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. Please come visit our newly relocated Library and visit the Book Fair on the ground floor next to the Multipurpose Room. I will attend some conferences and will be available in my office for parent chats. Come by to say “Hello!”

### **Morning Drop off & Parking**

I am asking for your cooperation to keep all safe around our blocks:

Please DO NOT double park anywhere on 40th Avenue and/or 41st Avenue during morning drop off time to let your children out of the car. Many parents have witnessed this unsafe behavior and there has been a few near misses of students getting hurt! The safest action is to park and walk onto campus to drop your child off. You can also utilize the drop off area on 41st Avenue between the school building and gym.

Please DO NOT block any driveways when parking--there may be emergencies of our neighbors and/or the Parish where others need to be let out of their driveways/garages, and we do not need to be in the way.

Again, I ask for your full cooperation with this safety matter. The next course of action would be to invite the authorities to monitor our drop off times to ensure the safety of all involved.

### **Projects That Help Others**

Each year our Student Council collects Halloween costumes to donate to Hamilton Family Center. This year we sent over 100 to the children who live in these homes. Thank you for your generosity.

*Reminder* – We will be collecting Halloween candy starting on November 1st for the children who could not trick-or-treat this Halloween.

### **St. Gabriel Family Directory is on the way!**

A big thank you to all of the 8<sup>th</sup> graders who submitted artwork for the SG Family Directory!

The winner of the iTunes gift card for her cover art was Victoria Mattsson.

If anyone is still interested in paying Parent Organization dues (\$20) and receiving a directory, please see Mrs. Barry in the clinic.

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### **Nachos!**

Nacho, Nacho sale! Today our first grade students and their teachers: Tina Bower and Megan Fu sold 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. *I hope many of you enjoyed the special treat!*

### **Food for Families**

Our annual Thanksgiving collection of food for families will be from November 7th to November 16th. We are asking for donations of canned and dried food that can be stored. 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**

Please come to the Robotics Tournament at Lowell High School, Sunday November 20th from 9:30am to 4:30pm (1101 Eucalyptus Dr.) Robot pits are in the science building and the robot competition is in the choral room behind the main theater.

The best times to see robots compete is from 10:00 to 11:30am and 12:30-3pm!

Our teams will be 2 of 16 teams competing: Bouncing Bots #7453 and RhiNO Poaching #7052  
For more information visit the tourney website at <http://flsf.com> and our teams' website <http://fl.stgabrielsf.com>

## **Catholic Middle School Quiz Bowl**

Four Teams of SG 7th & 8th graders competed in the Catholic Middle School Quiz Bowl at Riordan High School on Saturday, October 22nd, with other schools such as NDV, Nativity, and St. Dustan's. One of our 7th grade teams took 4th place overall! Congratulations to Jonathan Aban-Hermosura, Jordan Miyamoto, Declan Poland, and Kyle Yuan. Great job to all who participated!

## **Grandparent Day 2016**

Grandparents' Day is Coming! Our annual Grandparents' Day will be held on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Invitations and messages which you requested for your Grandparents are going home today. Please mail or deliver them as soon as possible. **Be sure to RSVP! We make names tags for Grandparents based on RSVPs. Without name tags, Grandparents don't know where to go!** To RSVP, go to the Grandparents' Day page on the SGPO website - [sgsparents.com](http://sgsparents.com) (see instructions included with invitations/messages). **Deadline to RSVP: Friday, 11/18.** Looking forward to a wonderful day!

## **School Tours**

Thank you to our parent tour guides who led prospective families through the school. They were:

Jennifer Joost  
Rani Mann  
Savita Sahi

And, thank you to Amy Messinger 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. See attached 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 December 16th.**

### **Beautification**

The Beautification Committee was cancelled due to rain for the month of October but will resume Saturday, November 19th from 9 to 12.

Please join us in the EC yard for light gardening & community clean up!  
Parents earn parent hours and students grades 5 through 8 earn service hours.

A special thank you to the Thorsen family for providing soil around the 5 trees on 40th & 41st Avenues and Ulloa Street! The sidewalk was recently repaired leaving the area around the trees needing new soil. Assistance from Emily Thorsen, Sara Thorsen and Brigid Dooley came in handy!

Name correction from last month's Beautification update:  
Seti Kioa parent volunteer has consistently assisted our group! Thank you Seti.

We are also looking for parent volunteers to provide "Once Around" cleanup which is a 1-2 hour commitment, each month. Please contact Judy Breitbarth at [jbreiti@comcast.net](mailto:jbreiti@comcast.net).

### **International Food Faire**

The International Food Faire took place Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>. We had an impressive turnout from both the school and parish, all ready to enjoy the food offerings of our St. Gabriel community!

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, our event couldn't take place without you.

THANK YOU to our 7<sup>th</sup>/8th Grade Parent Coordinator, Judy Green, for overseeing the student volunteers and to our Student Volunteers who worked hard keeping our tables clean and tidy. This was Judy's last year with the Food Faire after a long service on the committee and as chairwoman – she will be greatly missed!

THANK YOU to Roti Indian Bistro for donating food, please show your appreciation by visiting them in West Portal.

THANK YOU to our international speaking students for providing diverse multilingual announcements:

Aliana Urdaneta-Rodas : Spanish

Maya & Max Briones: French

Tala El Qadah: Arabic

Sartaj Rajpal: Hindi

Hannah Lin: Mandarin

Shauna & Sinead Barry: Gaelic

Caroline O'Connell & Tommy Kahle: Italian

Gabe & Daniel Kutner: Russian

Ella Sterling: German

Rachel Lewis: Dutch

Katie Baldwin, Amrita Rajpal, Chloe Fung, Elie Castro: English

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)

Ann Kutner

Meredith Burke

Marie Briones

Rennel Maneja

Cynthia Scipioni Baldwin

Mala Gurbaxani

**New Committee Members!**

Allam and Fidaa El Qadah

Nancy Yin-Pollack

Julie Fieber

Joy Paredes

Karen Andre

Charles Sterling

Kimberly Wiley

Anson Louie

Shirley Artiga

Michelle Steele

See you all next year!

Tanya Lewis & Kaity Kahle

International Food Faire Chairs

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## **Book Fair**

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

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| Sunday, November 6 -    | 9AM to 1PM    |
| Monday, November 7 -    | 8AM to 4PM    |
| Tuesday, November 8 -   | 8AM to 4:45PM |
| Wednesday November 9 -  | 8AM to 8:30PM |
| Thursday, November 10 - | 8AM to 2:00PM |

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

We thank you for your support,  
Ceily Landman & your Book Fair Committee

## **Christmas Staff Lunch**

The Staff Christmas Luncheon is Friday, December 16th, 2016. Many thanks to those families who have already donated. We appreciate your generosity. Donations are still being accepted.  
- Anna Totah (415-205-5690) & 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 4, 2016

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

***TICKETS:*** Pre-sale tickets priced at \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors and students.  
(Prices at the door will be \$15.00 for adults, \$7.00 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 29th. You can also print a [reservation form](#) and send to the Clinic with your payment no later than Monday, November 29th.

*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 set up, the day of and clean up volunteers.*
- *Gift Cards to -Target, Safeway, Smart & Final, Walgreens, Michael's*
- *Monetary Donations*
- *Raffle Basket items – 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?*

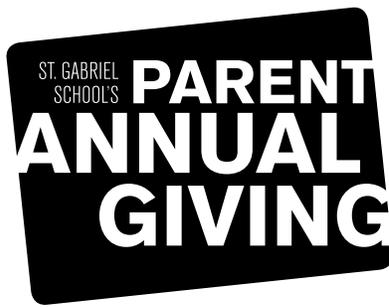
*Please contact Jennifer Joost – 650.359.3370 – sgsantasbreakfast@gmail.com*

**Cross Country CYO Meet**

This Sunday, November 6th, is the Final CYO Cross Country Meet in Golden Gate Park. The meet is at the Polo Fields, and St. Gabriel's team will be there!

Grades 3-5 (Boys and Girls) race starts at 12:30. The race is 1.25 miles.

Grades 6-8 (Boys and Girls) race starts at 1:15. The race is 2 miles.



## Have you made your 2016-17 pledge?

**26%** of our families have!

We have also received **\$39,010\*** in monetary pledges.

Watch these numbers grow with your participation!



### Why should *you* pledge?

- **ALL** families benefit from Annual Giving. We, therefore, ask **ALL** families to participate.
- **It's easy!** Your participation *is as simple* as pledging your Prayers and/or Thoughts for St. Gabriel School. **All** families are asked to make this pledge annually.
- We need **you** to make this year's campaign a success.

\* Includes company matching donations. Does not include Rocca Challenge Grant funds.

### DID YOU KNOW . . .

- Monetary pledges received by December 31st are considered when planning next year's tuition.
- No funds need be included with monetary pledges. Monetary pledges can be paid throughout the school year on a schedule you choose.
- You can choose where your donation will be used.
- Your monetary donation is tax deductible.

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

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

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Kindergarten . . . . . | 21% |
| 1st Grade . . . . .    | 26% |
| 2nd Grade . . . . .    | 17% |
| 3rd Grade . . . . .    | 34% |
| 4th Grade . . . . .    | 16% |
| 5th Grade . . . . .    | 28% |
| 6th Grade . . . . .    | 32% |
| 7th Grade . . . . .    | 37% |
| 8th Grade . . . . .    | 34% |



# 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!



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 four 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 email Jenny Malchow ([jennymalchow@mac.com](mailto:jennymalchow@mac.com)) and include your child's name and a brief description of why you would like them to participate. Enrollment will close on December 16<sup>th</sup> and Bridges will begin on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

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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