



Grandparents' Day Is Coming!



On Wednesday, **November 25, 2015**, St. Gabriel School will hold our annual Grandparents' Day. Grandparents and honorary Grandparents will be our special guests and enjoy a reception in Bedford Hall, visit classrooms, and be our guests of honor at a Thanksgiving Prayer Service prepared by the 7th grade students.

Make plans now to invite your Grandparent or Special Friend. **RSVP's are important!** Name tags made based on RSVP's tell our visitors their grandchild's classroom. **Without name tags, visitors do not know where to go.**

Parents may request **Invitations and/or Messages** as follows:

INVITATIONS: For Grandparents who might be able to attend the event

MESSAGES: For Grandparents who cannot attend but to let them know they will be thought of in a prayerful way on Grandparents' Day

Invitations and messages will be sent to parents approximately 3 weeks before the event. **Instructions for handling them will be included. Please read the instructions carefully!**

Questions re: Invitations/
Messages, email Alice Lawrie,
sgs@stgabrielsf.com

GRANDPARENTS' DAY INVITATION & MESSAGE ORDER FORM Due by Friday, October 16, 2015

Detach here & RETURN ENTIRE BOTTOM to school

Name of Oldest Child _____ Class _____
(please print)

of Invitations Requested: _____ **# of Messages Requested:** _____

----- DO NOT DETACH: Return entire bottom to school. -----

Parent Hour Opportunities:

I would like to help with the Grandparents' Day Reception. I can:

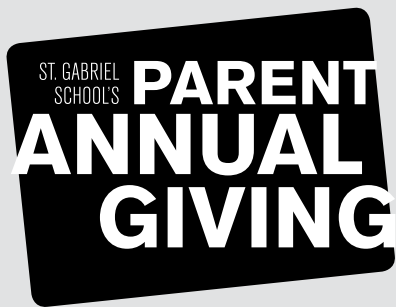
- _____ Donate a baked item
- _____ Donate a diabetic-friendly baked item
- _____ Donate a healthy appetizer (e.g., fruit, vegetable, meat or shrimp tray)
- _____ Help at the event (approx. 8:00am to 12:30pm)

Questions re: Reception,
email Jacqui Saxon,
jacquandbrian@gmail.com

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Email: _____

To: Development Office



ST. GABRIEL
SCHOOL'S
**PARENT
ANNUAL
GIVING**

The 2015-16 Parent Annual Giving Campaign has Official Kicked-Off!

Thanks to our Lead the Way donors, we are already at
18% Parent Participation, and have
\$22,065* pledged for our campaign!

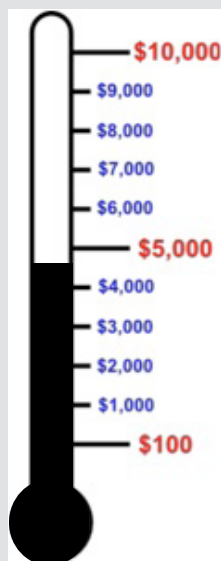
This is only the beginning!

We need *you* to reach our goal of 100% participation!

*(includes company matching funds)

How do you participate?

- Pledge your prayers and/or thoughts for St. Gabriel School throughout the 2015-16 school year. To do so, **mark the Part A box on the pledge form.**
- Consider making a monetary donation (**Part B of pledge form**). If you are able, please be as generous as you can.
- Help us receive an extra \$10,000 (see below/reverse) for St. Gabriel School's budget by submitting your pledge by December 31, 2015. No funds need to be included with your pledge.



STATUS OF THE ROCCA CHALLENGE GRANT

Thanks to our Lead the Way donors, we are off to a great start with the \$10,000 Challenge Grant!

So far, \$4,600 will be matched!

Yet, we still have a ways to go!

This offer expires 12/31/15,
so please pledge today!

(See reverse for details.)

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	12%
2nd Grade	35%
3rd Grade	9%
4th Grade	30%
5th Grade	15%
6th Grade	17%
7th Grade	11%
8th Grade	18%

The Challenge is on!
Help us receive an extra **\$10,000**
to benefit the operating budget
of St. Gabriel School!

What is the \$10,000 Challenge Grant? It is a pool of funds, sponsored by Tom & Kari Rocca, that will match certain donations to St. Gabriel School and go to the school's operating budget.

How can we receive these funds?

- 1) For every "new" participant to PAG (i.e., those who did not participate last year including new families to SG), monetary donations will be matched dollar for dollar!
- 2) If you participated last year and increase your donation from last year, the increase amount will be matched!

It's that easy!

The Challenge Grant is available only
until December 31, 2015!

Help us receive the full \$10,000
by pledging by the end of the year!

All families benefit from Annual Giving.
That is why all are asked to participate!

For questions regarding Development, including Annual Giving at St. Gabriel School, contact Alice Lawrie, Development Director, at sgs@stgabrielsf.com or 415-566-0314.

No reservations
required for the
Open House
tours

WEDNESDAY

October 14, 2015

8:30am & 10:15am

Kindergarten

Catholic Education since 1948

OPEN HOUSE

AT ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL

2550 41st Avenue, San Francisco, CA ▪ [415] 566-0314 ▪ www.stgabrielsf.com ▪ sgs@stgabrielsf.com

School tours also available at 8:30AM on the following days. Call to let us know you're coming!

October 27, November 3 & 19, and December 1 & 15, 2015

January 12 & 26, and February 11, 2016

St. Gabriel strives to develop the total child through a variety of educational activities.

Acknowledging the uniqueness of each child, St. Gabriel provides a challenging yet supportive environment, fostering spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, social and aesthetic growth.

- ➔ **Learn** about our strong academic program, experienced faculty and staff, extended care program, and more
- ➔ **Tour** the school including Kindergarten, classrooms, Science Discovery Center, fully automated library, Mac lab, and extended care
- ➔ **Meet** our community of parents and staff

St. Gabriel School 2015-16 Profile

2550 41st Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116 • (415) 566-0314

Description	Catholic parish elementary school; co-educational; grades K-8; founded 1948.
Enrollment	467 students from 310 families: kindergarten-52, first grade-33, second grade-55, third grade-45, fourth grade-46, fifth grade-55, sixth grade-65, seventh grade-55, eighth grade-61. Each grade is divided into two classes.
Faculty/Staff	18 classroom teachers. 47% of faculty has advanced degrees or additional credentials. 1 science specialist teacher, 2 part-time computer teachers. Support staff includes the religion coordinator, 2 part-time music teachers, 1 part-time counselor, 1 part-time learning specialist, 1 full-time and part-time resource teacher, administrative assistant, development director, librarian, and 6 classroom aides.
Students	51% of our students live in the Sunset or Parkside Districts, 22% come from other parts of San Francisco, 26% from northern San Mateo county and 1% other Bay Area. Our student body is reflective of the ethnic diversity of the Bay Area: 11% Chinese; 8% Filipino; 3% Hispanic, 49% other white; 2% other (other Asian, Japanese, African Amer.); and 27% multiracial. 74% of our students are Catholic.
Accreditation	Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA), and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).
Tuition and Fees	\$8,465 with discounts for parent hours, scrip purchase, and/or parish support. A non-refundable registration fee is \$650 for families new to St. Gabriel (\$300 is applied to tuition), \$350 for families in school.
Financial Aid	Granted on basis of need according to Archdiocesan guidelines to families enrolled in the school in the spring of each year.
Extended Care	7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. school days. Registration fee: \$25 per family. Cost: \$3.50/hr. per child w/plan, \$4.50/hr. per child w/o plan.
Curriculum	Develops age-appropriate mastery of skills in elementary subjects with emphasis on Christian values and action, meeting the requirements of the State of California and the Archdiocese of San Francisco Department of Catholic Schools. All students participate in the religious education program. Optional before/ afterschool Spanish classes.
Support Services	Learning Specialist, 2 Resource Teachers, student and family counseling, Bridges (a program for children who have experienced a loss), "In A Pinch" (a program of families helping families in a crisis), professional tutoring.
Facilities	Well maintained buildings and classrooms; fully networked with WiFi access; interactive LCD projectors and document cameras in all classrooms, iPads, iMAC Lab: mini Kindergarten Mac Lab; classroom computers; fully equipped Science Discovery Center; 2 Learning Resource Rooms; 8,000 volume computer automated library; gymnasium/ auditorium; multipurpose room; extended care facility.
Activities	Academic competitions, Parish sports, Student Service Program, Student Council, Choral group, dramatic musical production, outreach groups, science fair, speech opportunities, robotics club, art classes, piano lessons, chess classes, garden committee, peer tutoring.
Parent Involvement	40 volunteer hours (20 hours for single parents). Scrip purchase required for discounted tuition.

Tour Information There will be a Kindergarten Open House on October 14, 2015 with tours at 8:30 & 10:15. No reservations required. Other school tours will be held at 8:30 on: Oct. 27, Nov. 3 & 19, Dec. 1 & 15, 2015, Jan. 12 & 26, Feb. 11, 2016. Please register for school tours by emailing sgs@stgabrielsf.com or calling 415-566-0314.

Visit our web site: www.stgabrielsf.com

PLEASE HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR LAKE COUNTY VALLEY FIRE VICTIMS!!!

Our awesome 2nd and 5th grade classes are hosting a **BAKE SALE** on **Wednesday October 14th** in the Multipurpose Room at morning recess and again at lunch time. We will have small cookies, cupcakes, brownies, and muffins galore available to ALL students and teachers to purchase. All proceeds will go directly towards recovery efforts in Lake County.

Two weeks ago, there was a devastating fire in Lake County. Many people lost their homes, cars, businesses, property, livestock, and four people lost their lives. Middletown, Hidden Valley, and Anderson Springs, have suffered severe damage. We have several families in our St. Gabriel community that have suffered personal loss in these areas.

Let's join together to aid in the fire recovery efforts by packing our kids' pockets and backpacks with cash for the bake sale!!! *Feel free to donate any extra money that day for the cause even if you don't buy any treats! We will be in the Multipurpose Room from 8 am - 12:15 pm.*

THANK YOU! Milena Tapia (Amaia, Gabby, Nadia) and Anna Totah (Victor, Alyssa)

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