



PRIDE BUSINESS

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Remembering Lenten Promises

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AUCTION NEWS:

Unable to attend the Silent Auction, but would still like to make a cash donation of any size??

Please make out a check to Saint Mark School.

Have you not had time to do as much as you had hoped for the Auction?

PLEASE help at the wrapping meeting on Thursday, March 4th.

Many hands make labor light—and short!

(See the enclosed flyer)

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK!

TEACHER APPRECIATION:

Thank you PAC for the fabulous lunch that the teachers enjoyed last Friday for Teacher Appreciation. Teams of parents volunteered to make special cards for the teachers, to decorate the Faculty Room with our Eco Chic theme, to prepare and share excellent selections for lunch, and then to clean up when the feast was over. What more could we ask for?? In addition, the Blue Diamond Spa has a soft spot in their hearts for teachers and invited us to an Open House the same afternoon for a chair massage, hand paraffin treatment, wine and cheese, and a skin analysis. Thank you ALL for your efforts and appreciation!

8TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO REAGAN LIBRARY:

Mr. Davis and Mr. Gerson, along with chaperones, Mike Grimm and John Madsen, took the 8th Graders to the Reagan Library in Simi Valley on Monday. The library offers exhibits that review many aspects of American history, not just the Reagan Presidency. Mr. Davis's Social Studies class spent time in recent weeks getting up to speed on the Grenada Crisis. Students were assigned roles and had the choice of wearing something with a military theme or professional attire.

While at the library, students visited the Press Room and used their investigative skills to uncover details about the strategic planning of the Grenada Crisis. In the Oval Office, the students role-played and General Vessey (DJ Gonzalez) presented options to President Reagan (Dillon Kay) who then made vital decisions regarding the Grenada Crisis. The students in the Command Decision Center planned and executed the top secret mission known as "Operation Urgent Fury." The 8th Grade students were given a hands-on approach to learning the history of the United States and the duties of our government!

IT'S SPRING MUSICAL TIME!!

Rehearsal time for *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat* starts Monday, March 8th at 3:15. Students will be registering that day and paying the enrollment fees of \$195 for a four-day after school Theatre Arts program. Accommodations will be made for students to choose one sport. **Informal** auditions will be held the third week of March during rehearsals to fill **27 male and female solo roles**. **Students in Grades 5-8 are invited and encouraged to participate.** Get ready on the set!!

**RE-ENROLLMENT TIME IS AROUND THE CORNER.
PAPERWORK AND FEES DUE MARCH 15th!**

CEF-CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION-GRANTS:

Please fill in the CEF paperwork, by **March 15th** if you want to be considered for a CEF Grant, OR, a Saint Mark School Tuition Assistance Grant. More forms are in the office.

HOMEWORK CLUB:

All balances are DUE! Please send your Payment Promptly...Homework Club needs you to keep us going

SUMMER SCHOOL & SUMMER CAMP

Enclosed in the Family Envelope this week is the introductory brochures to SMS Summer School and Summer Camp. Registration and further details will be sent home next week. Make sure to sign up quickly! We have lots of “fun” educational classes, including writing, money management, sports, art, theatre/music and Spanish. Summer camp will be visiting exciting places and events, including...California Science Center, Miniature Golf, Bowling, Knott’s Berry Farm, LA Sparks, Adventure Plex, Angels vs. Red Sox...and more! Come to Summer School and Summer Camp...it’ll be a great way to have fun AND learn! If you have any questions, please feel free to email Miss Culver (aculver@stmarkschool.com) or Coach Paul (pfelix@stmarkschool.com)

PRE-KINDERGARTEN SUMMER SCHOOL & SUMMER CAMP

A very special class will be run by Ms. Opet...to help our newest Lions adjust to life at Saint Mark. Students will get ready for Kindergarten by practicing language arts and math skills. They will participate in activities involving the alphabet, sounds, writing skills, number recognition, number writing, patterns and more!

FIELD TRIPS THIS WEEK:

Tomorrow, 3rd Grade and 5th Grade will both be traveling to learn more about their social studies curricula. 3rd Grade will be visiting to Tumbleweed to learn about the lives of American Indians. 5th Grade will be visiting the Ronald Reagan Museum and Library...for a trip COMPLETELY DIFFERENT from the 8th grade trip on Monday! 5th Graders will be learning the history of our county, engaging in a private tour, and lunching in exclusive Reagan Dining...including a dessert of President Reagan’s favorite dessert...chocolate chip cookies!

NDA SCIENCE FAIR/SONG FEST/SPELLING BEE

Tomorrow, select 7th graders will be attending the Notre Dame Academy learning events. Think happy thoughts for our scientists, musicians and spellers....stay tuned for the results!

NET RETREAT

This Friday, February 26th, 7th and 8th graders will participate in the NET Retreat. The evening is hosted by the National Evangelization Team, a group of young men and women that devote a year of their lives to work with young people across the country, spreading the good news. The retreat takes place in the Parish Hall from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm and is MANDATORY for all students. Each family is asked to bring a dish to share for about six people with NO MEAT in observance of Lent.

LOST AND FOUND:

Please put a note in your child’s lunch bag or planner to remember to look through the Lost and Found clothing to claim their items. Unclaimed items will be sent to the Used Uniform closet. Please make sure your child’s name is LEGIBLE...so we can return their lost items!!

OH-OH! THEY ARE WATCHING US!

Our local traffic control officers are not allowing people to sit in their parked cars for extended periods of time on the SOUTH side of Coeur D’Alene Avenue (our school side) at pick-up time. The parking enforcement is being done to protect our children and make it safe for all traffic and pedestrians. Please make the necessary adjustment to support local law enforcement and the safety of our children.

Try to remember...the parking lots open at 2:50...try not to be lined up on the street too early...