



MARTINEZ

December 11, 2017

St. Catherine's Viking Newsletter

Dear St. Catherine families,

As we begin the second week of Advent we are reminded of St. John the Baptist and how he modeled waiting for the Savior. Friday we celebrated the Immaculate Conception when Mary said "Yes" to God when asked to do something very difficult and against the culture of the time. We are also asked to wait and hope for the Savior and not get caught up in the culture of our time.

Tomorrow we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The story of Juan Diego is a great one to share. Our 3rd -8th graders will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. What a gift to remember that God always loves us, forgives us and shows us mercy. A special thank you to Father Le and the visiting priests.

You are certainly in for a treat this Friday and next Tuesday. This Friday 12/15 some of the junior high will be presenting a Christmas concert at 6PM in the parish hall. It is only \$5 per person. This is to raise funds for our annual Spring Musical.

On Tuesday 12/19 our whole school will present the annual Christmas pageant in the Church. This is also at 6 pm and the cost is smiles and joining in the hospitality afterwards. Sara Anderson is so dedicated to providing outstanding fine arts education to the students with the support of the rest of the wonderful faculty.

The auction plans are coming along. A special thank you to all who are working so hard to make it a success.

Last week was National hour of coding week in the United States and I am happy to report that grades

3, 5,6, 7, and 8 all participated. Lower grades are looking to explore this program this week.

Working together in the spirit of Jesus,

Mrs. Mary Pult.

PARISH EVENTS:

- **Forever Young** – Join us for the Young Ladies Institute Annual Fashion Show and Salad Bar Luncheon on Saturday, January 20, 2018 beginning at 11:30amtickets are \$20 each. See flyer attached.
- **Respect Life** – Save The Date January 27, 2018 – More Information for follow.
- **Parish Bulletin** - Attached

SCHOOL EVENTS:

12/15 Jr. High Christmas Concert – Parish Hall 6-7:30pm.

12/19 Christmas Program “WOW” & Hospitality, 6pm-7:30pm

SCHOOL NOTES:

Annual Holiday Giving Tree – As you may have noticed we have a large Christmas Tree in our lobby. The Student Leadership Team is sponsoring this “Giving Tree” for two families in need this Christmas Season. We still have a few ornaments left. Please return your wrapped gift to the tree with the original ornament attached on or before Thursday, December 14th. The one family we are sponsoring is a single mother with 2 daughters ages 3 and 5; the second family we are sponsoring is a grandmother who is raising her 5 granddaughters ages 2, 4, 5, and two 7 year olds. Your generosity this giving season is greatly appreciated.

Bancroft Uniforms - 20% Christmas Sale. See Flyer attached.

Jr. High Christmas Concert - Come One Come All Ye Faithful to the 1st Annual Jr. High Christmas Concert “Not So Silent Night” in our parish hall on Friday, December 15th from 6pm-7:30pm – admission is \$5 per person (This is a fundraiser for our Spring Musical) snacks will also be available to purchase. See flyer attached.

Jr. High Elective – Still in need for Jr. High Electives:
13”-15” size knitting needles and thick yarn for knitting scarfs. Thank you for your generosity.

Save The Date!!!:

Please Save The Date for St. Catherine of Siena School and Parish 23rd Annual Auction. This Year’s Event Will Be Saturday, February 3rd 2018. Our Theme Is Denim and Diamonds. Stay tuned for exciting info on the raffles, items to be auctioned and much more!



Auction News!! - Raffle tickets are now on sale! Please pick up your Family Raffle Tickets to sell or purchase in the office. Auction Volunteer opportunities are available on Sing-Up Genius. Don’t forget, each family is required to perform at least 5 hours toward the auction. Thanks to all of those who have already picked up their raffle tickets. See Auction Newsletter attached.

Prayer Intentions – Please let us keep the Estevez Family in or prayers.

CALENDAR REMINDERS:

- 12/11-12/15 Run 4 Fun Winners Free Dress
(1 Week)
- 12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service and
reconciliation 9am (reconciliation for
students and faculty only)
- 12/12 School Board Meeting & Social 6:30-
8:30pm
- 12/15 School Wide Noon Dismissal
Day Care will be available
Teacher In-Service
- 12/15 Jr. High Christmas Concert – Parish Hall
6pm-7:30pm
- 12/18 December Birthday Free Dress
- 12/19 Christmas Program & Hospitality 6pm
- 12/10 School wide noon dismissal
Class Parties 11am-11:45am
NO PM day care provided
- 12/21/17-1/3/18 SCHOOL CLOSED
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BREAK



- The 2nd Sunday of Advent

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not
hesitate to contact our office at (925) 228-4140.