

St. James' News, February 19, 2010

Dear St. James' Parents:

Gentle reminders

As always, the safety of our students is foremost in my mind. Here are some suggestions about how we can work together to keep them safe and healthy.

Fever – If your child wakes up with a fever, please do not send her to school. We have recently had several children spend most of their day with Nurse Kelly because they had a fever and a headache.

Cross-walks – An officer from the City Department of Transportation observed our student pick-up yesterday afternoon. He informed me that drivers may not stop their cars in pedestrian crosswalks as they wait to pick up the children and that drivers who do so may receive tickets. He also was concerned about cars backing up on Sixth Street.

Attached to this e-mail is a flyer that outlines pick-up and drop-off procedures. Please observe them so that we can all stay safe.

:15 a.m. – School starts at 8:15. Students should arrive no later than 8:10 so that they can benefit from a full day of school. It is hard for a child to catch up when he starts the day late.

I understand that traffic congestion can cause a family to be late. If you are unavoidably late, please bring your child to the office and sign him in. I was concerned the other day when I saw parents drop children off on St. Andrews Place and then drive away, leaving the children to make their way to the office by themselves.

H1N1 shots – There are now sufficient supplies of H1N1 vaccine, and doctors recommend that children be inoculated against the disease. At <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov>, you can find locations where the vaccine is available.

Concerns – If you have any concerns about health and safety, please send them to me via e-mail at sbowers@sjsla.org. The Safety Committee meets every Thursday, and we are always seeking ways to make our community stronger, safer, and healthier.

Stephen L. Bowers

Head of School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUTHOR VISIT

Caroline Arnold, author of *A Polar Bear's World* and over 140 other books, will present to Kindergarten through Grade Six on March 3.

PARENT DISCUSSION GROUP

Join other St. James' parents for a lively and animated discussion of best-selling author Marcus Borg's *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith - How We Can Be Passionate Believers Today*. We meet the following Tuesday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Meeting Room (2nd Floor, Parish Building): March 9, April 12 & 27, May 11 & 25.

AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT (ASE)

Our spring ASE session will start Monday, March 8 and continue through Monday, May 24. There are many new classes this session, as well as some old favorites. Please return the enrollment form with payment by Monday, March 3.

COMMUNITY GATHERING

Our next community gathering with presentation of student of the month awards will be Friday, March 5 at 8:15 a.m. in St. James' Hall. We invite parents to attend.

AROUND-THE-WORLD EVENT

We need more volunteer parents to bring in a dish from another country for our Around-the-World Event, March 10-12. Please complete and return the attached flyer if you are able to help. We invite you to attend our Around-the-World Assembly with student performances Friday, March 12 at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

KOREAN SUNDAY

Our Around-the-World Event will culminate with a festive and colorful celebration of Korean culture Sunday, March 14 from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. More information will follow soon.

DO YOU HAVE AGING PARENTS OR GRANDPARENTS?

Join us Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m., after our Family Dinner at the St. James' Cafe, for a pastoral presentation by The Rev. Sarah W. Nichols on Navigating Aging and End of Life Issues for Yourself, Your Parents, and Your Family. See the attached flyer for details.

SCIENCE FAIR 2010

Our annual Science Fair is Wednesday, April 14. All students are invited to participate and pursue any scientific topic that is of interest to them.

Please register your project idea

at www.stjamesschool.oursciencefair.com by Friday, March 19.

SPRING CAMP

Are you looking for a camp for your child during Spring Break? See the attached flyer for Champions, a local program that runs a camp from March 29 through April 2.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our School's exclusive event at the California Science Center will be Sunday, May 2 from 2:00 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, see the "Student Life" page of our website

at http://www.sjsla.org/student_life.html and contact the event chairs with any questions.

SCHOOL PHOTOS ONLINE

Luminary Photography has posted the school photos they took in September 2009 online for you to order additional copies if you so wish.

You will receive a letter next week via USPS with your unique password to enter the site at collages.net. We plan to take all orders in Fall 2010 online.

SCHOOL WEBSITE TIP

Have you placed your order for March hot lunches? Go to the PSF page of our school website at www.sjsla.org, find the Hot Lunch group and click on the link to Bonne Bouffe's website.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these announcements.

With best regards,

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