

St. Pancratius Parish School - Parent Newsletter
January 17
"An Advantage for Life"

January 18	Elephant Bar Fundraiser
January 19	Grade 6 Liturgy and Potluck
January 22	Reconciliation Gathering for Parents
January 26	Reconciliation Gathering for Parents
January 29	Catholic Schools Week, Mass and Open House

SLE – STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS FOR ST. PANCRATIUS

SLE of the week

A World Citizen Who...

Possesses strong character traits.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Over the years, Catholic Schools Week themes have emphasized what makes a high-quality, values-driven Catholic education stand out among the school choices available to students and their families.

The 2012 theme, "Catholic Schools: "Faith. Academics. Service." underscores the role of Catholic schools in providing a faith-based education that supports the whole child academically and spiritually. Service is a long-standing tradition at St. Pancratius. Throughout the year our students donate food, Christmas gifts (Adopt-a-Family), towels, shoes, socks, placemats for the homeless shelter, and cards. Most of these activities are a part of our liturgies and prayer services, and are very much appreciated by the recipients. These are only a few ways our students reach out to the community.

You are invited to celebrate with us at the 8:00 Mass and our annual "Open House" on Sunday, January 29, from 9:15-11:00. Visit our classrooms and learn more about your parish school. Bring a friend/relative who may be interested in enrolling in our school.

Test scores for our students are available on <http://spancratiusparrishschool.catholicweb.com/>

RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

"Mandatory Parent Meeting"

As the first and foremost teacher of your child's faith you are required to attend one of these meetings: Either on Sunday, January 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or Thursday, January 26 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. In the Hall both days. There are no make-up classes. Questions? Call 562-634-1611 or E-mail: spanre@sbcglobal.net

Please let Mrs. Baker know which day you will be attending.

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL ENTRANCE SEPTEMBER 2012

Kindergarten Applications for September 2012 will be distributed to parents on Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kindergarten classroom. Bring your child's original birth and baptismal certificates (a baptismal certificate is not needed if baptized at St. Pancratius). Your child must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2012.

The recommended age is five on or before September 1, but required by December 1. (Children who miss the September 1 deadline may be tested and admitted with principal recommendation only.)

Your child does not need to come with you to this meeting.

Applications for grades 1-8 may be obtained at the school office at any time during the school year. Children entering first grade must be 6 by September 1, 2012. You may call the school office (634-6310) for more information.

TUITION AWARDS PROGRAM

The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) is again offering the Tuition Awards Program for the 2012 – 2013 school year.

APPLICATIONS will be available next week in the school office and on SchoolSpeak. If you have any questions, please consult Mrs. Steele.

Completed APPLICATIONS with supporting financial information (which is kept confidential and returned to you) are due to the school office no later than March 16, 2012.

SEE'S CANDY VALENTINE'S DAY FUNDRAISER

Orders must be turned in by Thursday, January 27th. Please make checks payable to: Saint Pancratius School. Orders will be delivered the week before Valentine's Day.

****Make sure your grade and family number is noted on the order please!!****

If you have any questions please email Lourdes Magallanes at gertudes@verizon.net

FUNDRAISER EVENTS-DINING OUT

1/18 - Elephant Bar 20%

3/14 - TBA

5/9 - SuperMex 20%

2/15 - Chili's 20%

4/18 - Round Table Pizza

6/6 - Pick Up Stix

ALL VOLUNTEERS

In order to work or be around children you must have a TB clearance on file. Please bring your clearance to the office and we will make a copy. Thank you, this will soon be a state law. If you need to have a TB test you can call the Long Beach Health Dept. (562) 570-4000

VIRTUS TRAINING

The *Protecting God's Children* awareness session is an informative and interactive training focused on preventing child sexual abuse. You can go on-line to www.virtus.org for other training locations.

YEARBOOK

Now that school has started make sure you don't forget the yearbook. When you're developing all those school pictures make an extra copy for the yearbook. Send it with your child or turn it in to the office. Just label it yearbook. You can also email Kathy Reeves the pictures at Kathyreeves1108@yahoo.com

FINGERPRINTING SCHEDULE

All parents who volunteer at the school or for school events (field trips, sports drivers) must have a background check (fingerprinting) and attend a VIRTUS (Safeguard the Children) training. Please check the newsletter frequently for scheduled dates. If you are interested in a different location for fingerprinting, please call the school office. Those listed below are local. Please send in a copy of your fingerprinting form and VIRTUS certificate, when completed. Thank you.

FEBRUARY

HOLY FAMILY Saturday, February 4th

1011 E. L. St. 10:00am - 1:40pm & 3:20pm - 5:20pm

WILMINGTON For appointment call (310) 834-6333

ST. CORNELIUS SCHOOL Wednesday, February 15th

3300 Bellflower Blvd. 12:00pm - 3:40pm & 5:20pm - 7:20pm

LONG BEACH For appointment call (562) 425-7813

MARY STAR OF THE SEA Wednesday, February 29th

870 W. 8th St. 12:00pm - 3:40pm & 5:20pm - 7:20pm

SAN PEDRO For appointment call (310) 833-3541 x.221 or x.222