

*St. Pancratius Parish School - Parent Newsletter*  
*January 30*  
*"An Advantage for Life"*

February 2	Sock Hop
February 3	School Mass - 8:00 am.-Virtue of the Month will be presented
February 4	First Reconciliation 9:30 a.m.
February 5	PTO - 6:00 p.m. in the Library

**SLE – STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS FOR ST. PANCRATIUS**

**SLE of the week**

**A World Citizen Who...**

*Behaves responsibly and is accountable for actions*

**We wish to thank our volunteer Science Fair judges:**

Sarah Hurwitz – St. Joseph High School  
Jose De Vera – St. John Bosco High School (and SPS alumnus)  
Mr. Juan Cepeda-Rizo – JPL Engineer  
Mrs. P. Santos – JPL Engineer  
Col. Tom Steele (& company) – USAF  
Mrs. K. Morales – Physician

**We congratulate all of our students on their great entries. Congratulations to our science fair awards:**

Kindergarten-1<sup>st</sup> place, Michael Rios Tolano

3<sup>rd</sup> grade- 1<sup>st</sup> place-Xiomara Ramirez

2<sup>nd</sup> place-Sophia Rodriguez

3<sup>rd</sup> place-Daniella Vargas and Kristiann Syre

4<sup>th</sup> grade- 1<sup>st</sup> place-Nina Miranda and Bridgette Manalo

2<sup>nd</sup> place-Lauren Rios Tolano

3<sup>rd</sup> place-Steven Garcia

5<sup>th</sup> grade- 1<sup>st</sup> place-Maelynn Lawrence

2<sup>nd</sup> place-James Carda

3<sup>rd</sup> place-Olivia Delgado, Abigail Rizo, Emma Ballesteros

**Middle School**

**Physical Science-**

1<sup>st</sup> place Timothy Santos, grade 8

Tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Sophia Villareal and Victoria Zarrour, grade 6

David Gallardo, grade 8

3<sup>rd</sup> place-Andrew Narag

**Engineering-**

1<sup>st</sup> place-John Salcedo, grade 6

2<sup>nd</sup> place-Noah Viray-grade 8

3<sup>rd</sup> place-Lorraine Felix, grade 8

**Life Science-**

1<sup>st</sup> place-Tyler Sweet, grade 7

2<sup>nd</sup> place-Joseph Quinto, grade 7

3<sup>rd</sup> place-Maddie Bray, grade 7

**Earth Science-**

1<sup>st</sup> place-Gabriel Avila-grade 6

2<sup>nd</sup> place-Ethan Chivi-grade 6

## **Projects and students recommended for competing in the LA County Fair:**

Timothy Santos  
David Gallardo  
Andrew Narag  
Noah Viray  
Lorraine Felix  
Tyler Sweet  
Joseph Quinto  
Maddie Bray

### **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.

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK EVENTS**

A lot of fun activities are planned by the Student Council for this week celebrating Catholic Schools.

- Monday, January 30 – Movie/Pajama Day. Students may wear their pajamas to school, and watch a G-rated movie chosen by the teacher.
- Tuesday, January 31 – Twin Day/Teacher Switch Day. Students may find a classmate and dress alike. Students will have the opportunity to learn from a different teacher when our “Teachers Switch”.
- Wacky Wednesday, February 1 – Students may wear silly, wacky hats, socks, and ties, and accessories **with the regular uniform.**
- Thursday, February 2 – 50’s Day. Join us for our Annual 50’s Sock Hop Fundraiser in the Hall from 3 – 5 pm. Order your tickets by January 30<sup>th</sup>. Flyers came home today, and are on SchoolSpeak.
- Friday, February 3 – It is Color day and Game day. Grades one and two will play kick-ball at 12:45. Rainy Day Dismissal.

Colors: Kindergarten-Red  
Grade 1-Orange  
Grade 2-Pink

Grade 3-Dodger Blue  
Grade 4-White Surprise!  
Grade 5-Dark Blue

Grade 6-Green  
Grade 7-Black  
Grade 8- Purple

### **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 are now 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.**

### **E-Waste Collection for School Cents points!**

Hang onto your E-waste for an E-Waste collection scheduled for the end of April. E-waste items collected will earn our school valuable School Cents points!! More details to follow. Thank you St. Pancratius families for your support!!

E-Waste Collection Dates! School Cents Points for St. Pancratius School!!

April 21 & 22 @ Stonewood Center

April 28 & 29 @ Lakewood Center

May 5 & 6 @ Los Cerritos Center

Our school can earn 2,000 points for screen items 4" or larger, but most electronic waste will be accepted for recycling. More details will follow in March. For the time being, hang onto that E-Waste to benefit our school!

### **FUNDRAISER EVENTS-DINING OUT**

2/15 - Chili's 20%

4/18 - Round Table Pizza

6/6 - Pick Up Stix

3/14 - TBA

5/9 - SuperMex 20%

### **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](http://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](mailto: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