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St. Bede Catholic School

Family Newsletter



Principals' Message

"On May 10, 1868, six Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary arrived in San Francisco from Eastern Canada, where they were warmly welcomed by the Sisters of Mercy with strawberries and cream. As strawberries were not in season in Eastern Canada at that time of year, this was quite a treat for them. Every year in the Bay Area, we commemorate the arrival of the founders of our school with Strawberry Day."

<http://www.snjmca.org/california-snjm-news/strawberry-day-in-california.html>

Last week we celebrated Strawberry Day in a special way by inviting three Holy Names guests to serve as judges for our Strawberry Contest. **Sister Carol Sellman** is the Vice President and **Sister Chris Patrinis** is a political science professor at Holy Names University. **Michele Javier-Poma** is a Masters degree graduate from Holy Names who facilitated our junior high retreat last year. Several chefs on our staff created strawberry dishes that were judged on presentation, taste, originality and use of the secret ingredient-strawberries! The judges unanimously chose **Chef Silva's Strawberry Chocolate Swirl Cupcake** as the winner. Our students also enjoyed a cup of strawberries and cream in honor of our Holy Names tradition. We thank **Rosie Arroyo-Munoz** and **Graciela Arroyo** for the countless hours they spent cutting strawberries and **Pru Aquino, Grandma Aquino, Marie Go** and **Andrea Luna** for preparing the special strawberry treats for our school community.



Calendar Updates

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| Fri, 5/19 | Parish Festival Begins
(until Sun, 5/21) |
| Mon, 5/22 | Pastor's Holiday
(No School) |
| Thurs, 5/25 | 9:30 AM Feast of St. Bede
Mass & The Great Give |
| Fri, 5/26 | Hay Day Play Day
12:00 PM Dismissal
(No PM Extended Care) |
| Mon, 5/29 | Memorial Day Holiday
(No School) |
| Fri, 6/2 | 6:30 PM Talent Show |
| Sat, 6/3 | 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
School Beautification Day |
| Thurs, 6/8 | 6:00-9:00 PM 8th Grade
Graduation Dinner Dance |
| Fri, 6/9 | 11:00 AM 8th Grade
Farewell Mass |
| Sat, 6/10 | 10:00 AM Graduation Mass |

Hornet's Nest Activities

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| Thurs, 5/18 | Bean Bag Toss |
| Fri, 5/19 | Angry Birds Movie, Popcorn |
| Mon, 5/22 | NO SCHOOL |
| Tues, 5/23 | Father's Day Project |
| Wed, 5/24 | Bingo for Prizes |

Honoring Our Student Leaders and Moderators

Last week we celebrated our traditional Faith Family Handover and Student Council Inauguration. During the handover, we appreciated our faith family leaders for their hard work this year, and they officially gave our 7th graders the responsibility of taking care of the faith families. We also witnessed our new Student Council take an oath to faithfully serve our community in the upcoming school year. We are so proud of all our student leaders! We are grateful to our two Student Council Moderators, *Mrs. Denison* and *Ms. Ho* for their generous dedication to nurturing our student leaders this year.



Celebrating Our Patron's Feast Day

Please join us on Thurs, May 25th in honoring our patron, St. Bede. Our school will celebrate our feast day by attending Mass as a school community at 9:30 AM. In addition, we are fortunate to be one of the schools selected for *The Great Give* outreach. Armanino, our accounting firm, will be sending 15-20 volunteers to our campus for the day to help with various school improvements.



Preparing for Hay Day Play Day

A letter was sent home this week about the color teams for Hay Day Play Day which will take place on Fri, May 26th. In addition, there is NO PM EXTENDED CARE so everyone can enjoy their Memorial Day weekend.



Turning in Contracts & Registration

Our Enrollment Contracts were due on April 28th and Registration Packets were collected on May 3rd. We need these important forms and fees to prepare for the upcoming school year. Thank you to our school families who were timely in turning these forms and fees in. If you have not provided us with your paperwork and fees, please do so immediately to ensure your child's enrollment in the next grade.

Enjoying Ballet Folklórico Mexicano's Wonderful Performance

On May 1st we were excited to welcome Ballet Folklórico Mexicano to our school. Our new 4th grade parent, **Carlos Moreno, Jr.**, explained how his family's dance company has been performing in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1967. Mr. Moreno also taught our school interesting information about various areas of Mexico. In addition, his 4th grade daughter, **Ariela Moreno**, danced on stage with much joy and excitement. We are grateful to the Moreno family and their dance group for their wonderful performance.



Feasting with Friends on Delicious Strawberries and Cream

