



Santa Cruz Catholic School

Newsletter

THE CARDINAL BLAST

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From The Development Office Happy Friday, Cardinals!

Hello Santa Cruz Families,

Welcome back Cardinals. I hope you all had a great and restful Thanksgiving with your loved ones. 2 more weeks and we get to do it again! Tonight, is the Middle School Dance and the students are so excited! We have lots of students from other schools in the dioceses coming, so it should be a fun event for our cardinals! I want to thank the committee for their hard work on organizing this event for our students.

Sign up for DECEMBER Lunch Duty [HERE](#). When checking in be sure to bring your driver's license. Once your shift is over, please come back to the office to check out. If you have to cancel your volunteer shift, please do so at least 24 hours in advance and cancel on sign up genius. If you are unable to find a replacement, please contact Sandra. (Her contact information can be found on sign up genius)

The Office of Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) is excited to be transitioning to VIRTUS for our database and training programs. To facilitate an accurate conversion, the database is closed for updates and there are no EIM Workshops or online EIM training available at this time. Information about registration for new volunteers, as well as EIM training, will be available in early January. Please contact your site administrator or eim@austindiocese.org with questions or concerns.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

We can officially say that we will be opening a pre-k3/ pre-k 4 class in January. We were hoping to get 10 half time students, but we have 8 FULL-TIME students who will be joining the Santa Cruz Family! We have room for a 2 more students so if you know anyone who may be interested, please send them my way. As of today, we have raised \$16,921 for our Cardinal Appeal. Thank you to everyone who has donated, spread the word, and sent letters. Every little bit helps! If you would like to join us for the Buda Fest Parade the meeting time is 5:30 at the Buda Methodist parking lot. Santa Cruz is #20 on the parade list.

Today 4 grants were submitted to be considered for the Advancing our Mission grants from the Dioceses. We are hoping to get funds for Development technology marketing equipment, IXL program, and funding for our math and reading interventionist. Next week we have a very special Tuesday Night Fundraiser Night as we will be in our school for KnightFire Burgers and BBQ. Money raised from this dinner will be going to all electives. RSVP and Preorder menu is below. We hope to see you there!



Missing a jacket, sweater, blazer, or sweatshirt? Please stop by the front office if you would like to look through the items in this picture. None of these things have names on them so children and staff are unable to identify the owner. Anything not picked up before Christmas break will be donated into our gently used items for next year. We have several accessories, belts, ties, hats, lunch bags and toys in addition to the clothing items. Thank you!

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Last Sunday we entered the season of Advent. Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

Join us with the events of the attached calendar in this preparation for the coming of the Lord.



THURSDAY - 1ST - JUEVES

MISA DE SANACION A LAS 7:30 PM

SATURDAY - 3RD - SABADO

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION AT 8 AM

WEDNESDAY - 7TH - MIÉRCOLES

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION / UNA DÍA ES OBLIGATORIO
7PM VIGIL MASS IN ENGLISH

THURSDAY - 8TH - JUEVES

8 AM & 10 AM MASS IN ENGLISH
7 PM MISA EN ESPANOL

SATURDAY - 3RD - SABADO

ADVENT RETREAT AT SANTA CRUZ 8 AM-NOON

MONDAY - 12TH - LUNES

5 AM MANANITAS A LA VIRGEN
5:30 AM MISA EN ESPANOL
PAN DULCE Y CHOCOLATE DESPUES DE LA MISA

7:00 PM ROSARIO
7:30 PM THEATRAL
8:00 PM CONVIVO EN SALON DEANE

SUNDAY - 18TH - DOMINGO

6:00 PM POSADAS EN SALONE DEANE

WEDNESDAY - 21ST - MIÉRCOLES

7:00 PM SANTA CRUZ PENANCE SERVICE/
SERVICIO DE PENITENCIA

A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Thank you all for joining us for the celebration of the 15th Anniversary of Santa Cruz Catholic School. I am so grateful for the hard work of our staff, the parish staff, and our students that made it such a joyful occasion.

A NOTE FROM OUR COUNSELOR

PSIA Request – Our turnout for PSIA contestants has been fantastic this year! With big growth though, we have some bigger needs for coaching assistance. If any PSIA parent is EIM certified and can specifically help with Ready Writing, Creative Writing or Storytelling, we would love to have more hands on deck to help prepare our students for the February competition. Students are to predominantly study at home with their families, but we need assistance with getting contestants organized and checking in on their progress. If you are interested in joining our coaching team, please email Mrs. Murray at kmurray@sccstx.org



CARDINAL APPEAL

It's time for our next incentive prize! The highest earning family for this week will go home with 2 tickets to Casino Night. This year Casino Night will be at The Onion Creek Country Club. Each ticket gives you entrance to the party, food, open bar, and \$5,000 casino game play money.



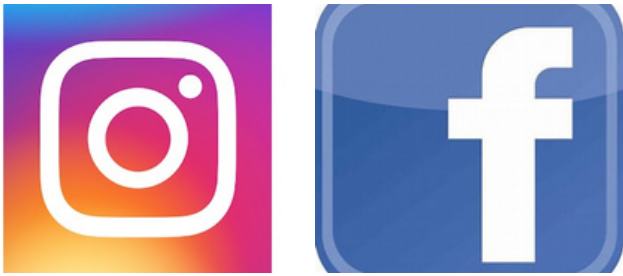
Thank You,

Santa Cruz Catholic School Families!
...for making the Holiday Season Service Project a BIG Success!

With your donated goods, the American Heritage Girls Troop TX2014 & Santa Cruz Catholic School families filled Santa Cruz's St. Vincent De Paul Society's office!



SOCIAL MEDIA



Instagram: [Santa Cruz Catholic School](#)

Facebook: [Santa Cruz Catholic School](#)

Facebook: [Santa Cruz Cardinal's Art Corner](#)
[| Facebook](#)

TEACHER WISHLIST



Ms. Ames would like 5 sets of The Pencil Grip Kwik Stix. She appreciates all your support.

[Amazon Wishlist](#)

ATHLETICS



XC:

On Wednesday, December 7th, Santa Cruz is competing in the APSA XC District Finals at Mueller Park in Austin. Goodluck to all of our runners that qualified.

Basketball:

All six of our basketball teams have started practices at CTX fieldhouse. On Thursday, December 8th, four of our Santa Cruz teams are playing their first preseason scrimmage at St. Ignatius school located at 120 W Oltorf St. Austin, TX 78704. Fans are welcome.

Tip off times:

SC D2 Girls vs St. Ignatius 5/6th grade girls at 4.30pm
SC D2 Boys Green vs St. Ignatius 5/6th grade boys at 5.30pm
SC D1 Girls vs St. Ignatius 7/8th grade girls at 6.30pm
SC D1 Boys vs St. Ignatius 7/8th grade boys at 7.45pm

Many blessings and Go Cardinals!

STUDENT CELEBRATION

Let us celebrate your child with a special shout-out!

For \$10 you can have us spotlight your child's birthday, accomplishments, or any celebration on our Cardinal blast and if you would like, on our social media platforms.

Visit our shout-out page [here](#).

Please send your picture attachment to bhull@sccstx.org



TUESDAY SPIRIT NIGHTS



Tuesday December 6

We have another special on campus Tuesday Night Dinner. This time we will be in Deane Hall with games and great food. (Food truck will be parked behind Deane Hall) RSVP or preorder your meal [here!](#)



Tuesday December 13

Panda Express will be hosting our Dinner fundraiser night. Be sure to mention Santa Cruz when ordering so we can get a % back to the school.

Save the date!

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Dec 2: Middle School Dance
Dec: 3 Buda Christmas Parade
Dec: 6: KnightFire Food Truck at SCCS
Dec: 19- Jan 3: Christmas Break
Feb 11: Casino Night
Feb 25: PSIA district Meet in New Braunfels
May 8: Cardinal Cup Golf Tournament

*All school events can be found on RenWeb calendar.



CELEBRATIONS



Camila

Happy Birthday Camila!
