



# Santa Cruz Catholic School

## Newsletter

### THE CARDINAL BLAST

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Issue 21

## From The Development Office Happy Friday, Cardinals!

Hello Santa Cruz Families,  
This week flew by and now we have an exciting week ahead of us. Monday begins our celebration of Catholic Schools week! See below for details on activities and events happening throughout the week.

Sign up for [FEBRUARY Lunch Duty](#). 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)  
Get your EIM Certification [HERE](#).

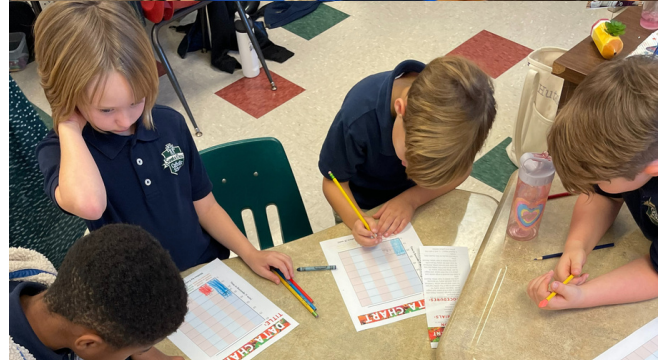
#### DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

We have some exciting Field Trips planned for 3rd and 6th grade that we hope to schedule annually. 3rd grade will be going to Lego Land Discovery in San Antonio in May and 6th grade will be going to iFly in March. We will also have our 1st annual Religious Art Contest. See below for more information.

Casino Night is just a few weeks away! Thanks to the very generous TRANONT Associates: Tina Joy Carroll, Kim Hollenshead, and Dr. Laura Duhon for being our PLATINUM SPONSORS. If interested in knowing more about TRANONT, visit <http://www.tranont.com/lauraduhon>.  
Casino Night will be at The Onion Creek Country Club February 11, from 6:30-11:00pm. Food, Open Bar, live music, and \$5,000 play money comes with each ticket. You don't want to miss the chance at winning one of the items we will Auction off or give away as our prizes. We hope to see you at Casino Night!

Open house is February 5 from 11:30-1:00pm (after the 10:30am Mass). This week alone we have had 5 tours. Lots of families have been coming in before Open House to make sure they get a spot for next year. It's very exciting to hear all the great things people are saying about Santa Cruz! If you know anyone who is interested, please have them join us on Open House.

If you plan on leaving Santa Cruz, you must notify us by March 1, 2023, otherwise on March 15, 2023, each family's FACTS account will be charged a non-refundable early registration fee of \$325 per returning student. Tuition payments for the 2023-2024 school year will be automatically drafted starting in July.



## ***A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR***

On February 2, we observe the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, honoring Jesus Christ's presentation in the Temple when he was a young child recounted by Saint Luke in Chapter 2 of his Gospel. The early church called it The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord because Jesus enters the Temple and "meets" Simeon and Anna, representatives of the Old Testament. During this celebration, the blessing of candles was added to this feast to recall that Jesus is the "light to the gentiles". Thus, this feast is also sometimes referred to as Candlemas. We will bless candles at the morning Mass and send them home with your child as representative of this light which has come into our lives.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord comes in the middle of Catholic Schools week. It is perhaps symbolic of what we strive to do in Catholic Education. The children meet the wisdom figures of the sciences, arts, and especially of faith with the hope they will carry it out as a bright light to the nations. Having received the light from Christ they become the light. Thank you for making Catholic Education possible for your child. I am grateful for the ways that you work together to build up this school, support its educators, enliven its community, contribute to the progress, and hope for its future. We could not do this good work without you. Happy Catholic Schools Week. You all make Santa Cruz Catholic School a place we can be proud of!

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## ***A NOTE FROM OUR COUNSELOR***

PSIA – Please mark your calendars for Saturday, February 25th for our district PSIA competition! It will be here before you know it! Also, please continue studying at home and attend coaching sessions if possible. We have a new EIM certified grandparent to help with Creative Writing as well as one of our parents assisting with Storytelling; these two volunteers will help mostly during lunches. Please see the schedule for all other sessions below:

Tuesdays Weekly – Deane Hall 7:15–7:45 a.m.  
Mrs. Robles (Maps Graphs, Charts & Dictionary Skills)  
Mrs. Murray (Onsite drawing, Vocabulary)  
Mrs. Murray/Ms. Lehman (Creative Writing)  
Mrs. Murray/Ms. Cavazos (Storytelling)  
Mrs. Hernandez (Ready Writing)

Tuesdays Weekly – School Office 3:30–4:00 p.m.  
Mrs. Hull – (Information Skills)

Wednesdays Weekly – Deane Hall 7:15–7:45 a.m.  
Sra. Guerra – (Poetry)

Thursdays Weekly – Deane Hall 7:15–7:45 a.m.  
Mrs. Koenig (Math and Number Sense)

Thursdays Weekly – Mrs. Luna's room 3:30–4:30 p.m.  
Mrs. Luna (Spelling)

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## ***A NOTE FROM OUR LEARNING SUPPORT SPECIALIST***

New Date For Science Fair  
Science Fair Projects are due Wednesday, February 1st. All projects will be judged on Wednesday, February 1st. Third-grade, fourth grade and middle school students are required to submit a science project. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Robles at [mrobles@sccstx.org](mailto:mrobles@sccstx.org) or your child's science teacher.



# 15 YEAR ANNIVERSARY FIELD DAY SHIRTS

To celebrate the 15th anniversary of Santa Cruz Catholic School we will be selling Field Day Shirts! Field Day is April 5. To allow plenty of time for production and shipping, pre-orders are due MARCH 1. Early Childhood and Elementary will wear gold shirts and Middle School will wear green shirts. Parents are allowed to purchase any T-Shirt for themselves. Please note that this is NOT a fundraiser, we wanted to create something for our students for this special year.

Place your order here: <https://give.hellofund.com/15fieldday>





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American Heritage Girls is a character development organization for girls ages 5-18 that embraces Christian values and encourages family involvement.

**Family Outing**

**Sat., Jan 28 - Texas Rally for Life**  
[Texasrallyforlife.org](https://texasrallyforlife.org)

**Who: ALL are welcome to march.**

- **12:45 PM:** Meet at the corner of 14th and Brazos to march to the Capitol. (Look for the red, white & blue balloons!)
- **1 PM:** March to the Capitol
- **2 - 3 PM:** Rally on South Steps of Capitol
- **3 PM:** Pro-Life Expo on the south side of Capitol

**Wear:** Comfortable walking shoes, jacket  
**RSVP:** Paula Jo Lemonds  
**Bring:** Rosary, Water Bottle

**Spring 2023 Kickoff Meeting**

- **Friday, Jan 27**
- **RE Youth Room, 4:30-5:45**
- **All are Welcome**

**Questions?**  
[www.americanheritagegirls.org](https://www.americanheritagegirls.org)  
Contact: Paula Jo Lemonds  
512-921-7445  
paulajolemonds@gmail.com

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**SANTA CRUZ CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
**1ST ANNUAL RELIGIOUS ART CONTEST**

**2023 THEME: THE HOLY FAMILY**

**Entry deadline: March 10th**

Criteria: This contest is open to all SCCS 3rd-8th grade students. Students may use any art medium they would like, as long as their original artwork is completed on the official contest paper. A copy of the winner's art work will be on display all year and archived at Santa Cruz Catholic School. Please stop by Mrs. Ames room to ask her any questions and to get your art paper.

Check Out Our  
Upcoming Events This  
Year!



## JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 5 EVENTS

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|-------------|------------|-----------|--|
| <b>MON</b>  | <b>JAN</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>CELEBRATING OUR FAMILIES</b><br>100TH DAY OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION<br>COOKIES AT CAR LINE  |
| <b>TUES</b> | <b>JAN</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>CELEBRATING OUR FACULTY AND STAFF</b><br>STAFF LUNCHEON   |
| <b>WED</b>  | <b>FEB</b> | <b>01</b> | <b>CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY</b><br>STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO WEAR <b>RED</b> , <b>WHITE</b> AND <b>BLUE</b> SHIRTS WITH BLUE JEAN PANTS OR UNIFORM BOTTOMS (NO HOLES AND NO LEGGINGS)<br>LUNCH FOR FIRST RESPONDERS AND MILITARY/VETERANS |
| <b>THUR</b> | <b>FEB</b> | <b>02</b> | <b>CELEBRATING OUR PRIESTS/VOCATIONS</b><br>STEM DAY FOR STUDENTS<br>SCIENCE FAIR<br>PICNIC WITH THE PRIESTS   |
| <b>FRI</b>  | <b>FEB</b> | <b>03</b> | <b>CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS</b><br>STUDENTS MAY WEAR SPIRIT SHIRTS WITH UNIFORM BOTTOMS<br>FACULTY VS. 8TH GRADE GAME  |
| <b>SUN</b>  | <b>FEB</b> | <b>05</b> | <b>CELEBRATING OUR PARISH</b><br>SCHOOL WILL HOST 10:30 AM MASS*<br>IF YOU ATTEND A PARISH OTHER THAN SANTA CRUZ, SEND YOUR PICTURES<br>SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE & BOOK FAIR 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM<br>*STUDENTS WEAR MASS UNIFORMS                 |



## BOOK FAIR

January 30– February 5

If you are able to volunteer during the book fair, please sign up [here](#).



## CFSA

The Cardinal Family & School Alliance will hold the quarterly meeting on **Thursday February 2 at 5:30 pm** in Deane Hall. There are important items on our agenda including the process for voting in a new VP, playground information and Casino Night. We will also have used uniforms available for families to look through and take what they need. There will be optional childcare available- please click the link below to sign your child(ren) up if needed.

[Child Care Sign Up](#)



## TEACHER WISHLIST

Mrs. Ames Amazon Wishlist

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1JPWI2U9HWF35?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1JPWI2U9HWF35?ref_=wl_share)

## SOCIAL MEDIA



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# Mardi Gras **CASINO NIGHT**

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**at Onion Creek Country Club**  
**To become a sponsor or**  
**purchase a Casino Night**  
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## 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](mailto:bhull@sccstx.org)



## CARDINAL COMMUNITY NIGHT

### Tuesday Jan 31

3:00- 10:00pm Visit Texas Roadhouse in SouthPark Meadows! Be sure to show this flyer so they can scan it and give us back 10% of all proceeds we brings in.



### Tuesday February 7

No Cardinal Community Night

Save the date!

Jan 30- Feb 5: Book Fair  
Jan 30: Catholic Schools Week  
Feb 1: Science Fair Projects Due  
Feb 2: CFSA Quarterly Meeting  
Feb 5: Open House  
Feb 11: Casino Night  
Feb 25: PSIA district Meet in New Braunfels  
March 8: Talent Show Audition  
March 10: Religious Art Contest Due  
April 15: Talent Show  
May 8: Cardinal Cup Golf Tournament  
May 11: Spring Concert 6:30-8:00pm

### All School Mass days:

February 22nd: Ash Wednesday 1st Grade Choir  
April 5th: Kindergarten Choir  
May 1st: May Crowning 2nd Grade Choir



# CELEBRATIONS



## Mrs. Olivieri

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Olivieri on their Holy Sacrament of Marriage. We wish you the best and may God continue to bless you both!

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## Phoenix

Happy 8th Birthday to our kind, lovable, and inquisitive Phoenix! Enjoy your special day and may God bless you with many more! Love, Mom, Dad, Jonah, Grandma and Grandpa!

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## Sarabella

Happy 8th birthday to our precious gift from God!

Mom, Dad, Bubba and Riggsy love you more than you'll ever know!