



Parent Newsletter

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Important Dates

Dec. 22 & 23
Christmas Spirit
days

Dec. 21st
Christmas Class
parties

Dec. 22nd
Christmas Prayer
Service
9:15am

Dec. 22nd
Minimum day
12:00pm dismissal
For all grades

Dec. 22nd
No Campus Care

Dec. 25 – Jan. 5
Christmas
Vacation

Jan. 8th
Classes resume

Jan. 10th
Minimum day
12:00pm dismissal

Jan. 10th
School Mass
9:15am

Jan. 10th
Annie's Angels
3:45 – 5:30pm

Jan. 11th
Student Council
meeting
3:05 - 4:00pm

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:

Join us tonight at 7:00 p.m. for our annual Christmas pageant. Students may wear fancy Christmas attire or their school uniform to the pageant. Students should report to their designated pew in church to meet their teacher and they must be picked up by parents at the class pews after the pageant is over.

Doors to the church will open at 6:30 p.m. and we kindly ask that you do not save pews. **Reserving pews will not be allowed, so please make sure your entire party is with you before being seated.**

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT DAYS:

Student Council is planning Christmas spirit days for this week. Please see attached flyer for information.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER SERVICE:

Please join us for our Christmas Prayer service on Friday the 22nd at 9:15am in the church.

NICE DRESS UP DAY:

The students may dress up on Friday, December 22nd. "Dress your best" for our Christmas Prayer Service before Christmas break. Dresses, slacks, button-up shirts. No jeans and t-shirts please.

MINIMUM DAY, NO CAMPUS CARE:

Friday, December 22nd will be a minimum day, dismissal will be at 12:00pm for all grades. Campus Care will not be available this day.

The school office will close at 12:15pm, please make arrangements to have your children picked up at 12:00pm.

CHRISTMAS VACATION:

Christmas vacation will be from December 25th through January 5th. Classes will resume on Monday, January 8th. The school office will be closed during vacation.

MESSAGE FROM MRS. MAR:

Please see the attached letter with a Christmas message from Mrs. Mar.

WITH APPRECIATION:

We would like to thank the kindergarten parents for the lunch they provided for the staff today. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

SOS HOUR OPPORTUNITY, CRAB FEED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Crab Feed Committee is seeking volunteers to help with set up and clean up for the 2024 crab feed. To see available shifts, and to sign up to volunteer, please visit the [online sign up sheet here](#). If you are interested in helping assemble raffle baskets, please contact Cari Diaz at stannescrabfeed@gmail.com or 813-433-4242.

CRAB DINNER TICKETS ON SALE:

Please join us for our annual crab feed fundraiser on Saturday, January 20, 2024 in the St. Anne's gym. **Tickets are on sale now and can be [purchased online here](#).** Your ticket includes all-you-can-eat marinated crab from Silvio's, pasta, salad, bread, and dessert. We will have raffle baskets, silent and live auctions, no-host bar, and a DJ and dancing. Please see the attached flyer for more information or feel free to email stannescrabfeed@gmail.com with questions. This event is a major fundraiser for our school, so please help us spread the word, tickets will likely sell out.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT:

It is time to get started with the kindergarten enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have a child who will be 5 years by September 1st, please turn in an enrollment form. If you know of a family who might be interested in our school, please ask them to call the office.

SECOND SUNDAY MASS:

On the second Sunday of each month, our parish holds a second collection for the school. As a way of saying thank you to God for the gifts he has given us through these generous donors, we ask that you and your family join us at either the 8:30 or 10:30am liturgy. Beginning on January 14, 2024, students who attend one of these Masses on the second Sunday in their school uniforms and approach the priest after Mass will receive a free dress pass from them. We also ask for families to sign up to help at these Masses by being a greeter or gift bearer. Please use the [link](#) to sign up for this wonderful opportunity in January, February, March, April and May.

Jan. 15th
Martin Luther King
Holiday, no school

Jan. 17th
School Mass
9:15am

Jan. 17th
Early day
2:00pm

MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS:

Please remember to turn in your Mass attendance cards when attending weekend Masses at St. Anne's Church. Please contact the office if you did not receive your Mass cards.

ART AND LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Art volunteers and Lunch volunteers are needed. Sign-up through sign-up genius, **no emails please.** www.signupgenius.com/tabs/53171DD04A4C8E8C71-202324 Please look carefully as there are two tabs one for lunch and one for Art.

YEARBOOK FOTOS:

St. Anne's community with photos to share with the yearbook may use the Community Upload portal by using this address link.

<https://community.lifetouch.com/invite?code=SACS YB-24> If asked, the invite code "SACSYB-24" should be entered.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH:

December's virtue of the month is magnificence. Magnificence is doing great things for God.

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love." St. Therese of Lisieux.

"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:16.

WATER BOTTLES:

Please make sure that your child comes to school with a reusable or disposable water bottle.

We have been able to use the donation we received from Raley's as part of Harvest Fest for those students who have forgotten a bottle, however our supply is out so we do not have water bottles on campus to give to students if they forget their bottle. As we continue to evaluate the lunch program next school year, we will, for students purchasing hot lunch build in the cost of providing them with water. Also, if your child does bring a reusable water bottle, please make sure you check them for how clean they are over the Christmas break.

MINIMUM DAY:

Wednesday, January 10th will be a minimum day with 12:00pm dismissal for all grades.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY:

No school on Monday, Jan. 15, 2024, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

PRAYER REQUEST:

December World Prayer for youth.

Heavenly Father, through the intercession of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we ask Your blessings upon our youth. We ask that the love of Jesus Christ inspire and comfort them. We ask that the counsel of the Holy Spirit be their joy and peace. May their love for the Lord continue to grow and mature throughout their lives, leading them to greater love and charity for all humankind. Give us the grace to be worthy role models for their spiritual development along the way.

SEEDS TUITION ASSISTANCE:

Families registered in one of our Catholic schools are eligible to apply for a SEEDS Scholarship. If a family is interested in applying for a scholarship, the application timeline is as follows.

- Applications for the following school year are accepted from December through March 5th.
 - A family is to complete the application process by March 5th.
 - There is a \$40 per family application fee, which is paid by the family.
 - An application is considered complete and eligible for consideration when all the required documentation has been filed and verified by March 5th. Please note it can take up to several weeks to verify information, so it is important to start well in advance of March 5th.
 - Applications which are incomplete on March 16th will not be eligible for a scholarship.
 - Recipients of a SEEDS scholarship will be notified by the school administrator in early June.
 - Scholarships will be applied to the following school year.
- To apply for SEEDS, [please click here](#). If you currently have a FACTS account, please use your login information.

ANNIE'S ANGELS:

Seventh and eighth grade students are welcome to help prepare and serve dinner at the Salvation Army Hope Harbor Homeless Shelter on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, from 3:45pm until 5:30pm. The shelter is located at 622 N. Sacramento Street. Permission slips are required for all participating children, permission forms are available in the office. Please contact Robin Precissi rprecissi@stanneslodi.org for more information.



Christmas Activities



Week of 12/18/2023

Christmas Songs/Carols in the morning
from 7:30 am to 8:00 am

Monday 12/18

Christmas Accessory Day: Santa hats, reindeer, antlers, headbands, Christmas light necklaces **with school uniform.**

Tuesday 12/19

Wear your most **FESTIVE** Christmas Sweater along with **RED & GREEN** colors with **school uniforms bottoms.**

Wednesday 12/20

Candy canes after Mass

Thursday 12/21

Christmas Pajama Day

(school appropriate, no slippers, no Ugg boots)

Friday 12/22

Dress your **BEST** for our Christmas Prayer Service, last day before Christmas break: Dresses, slacks, vests, button-up shirts (please follow all "free dress" rules).



Catholic Schools Week



Week of 1/28/24

- 1/29 Monday (Celebrating Vocations)
Make appreciation cards for our priests/parish staff (created in religion class)
- 1/30 Tuesday (Celebrating our Students)
Free Dress for all & NO HOMEWORK
- 1/31 Wednesday (Celebrating our Parish Community)
Invite parishioners to join our Wednesday School mass
- 2/1 Thursday (Celebrating Family and our Nation)
Grandparents/VIP Luncheon
Uniform bottoms with Red, White & Blue Top and accessories
- 2/2 Friday (Celebrating our Staff and Teachers)
Dress up as your favorite teacher/faculty member!