

# Parent Newsletter

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## Fun Fair 2008, Part 1 – Update

Fun Fair 2008 is fast approaching. Mark Saturday, October 4 on your calendars. There are still a number of Fun Fair Raffle tickets in the School Office to be picked. To receive your raffle tickets it is necessary for an adult member of each family pick up the tickets and sign for them in the School Office. **NO TICKETS WILL BE MAILED OR SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILDREN.** You have already paid for these tickets. They are not entered into the drawing unless you come in and pick them up.

Thank you to all who have donated gift certificates, baskets, cash, or other items totaling \$30. Those who have not met this obligation will be contacted by the Room Mother in charge of your child(ren)'s classroom. Should the obligation not be met prior to Fun Fair 2008, \$30 will be collected through office billing.

Each child is responsible for a case of water or soda to be sold at the fair. Those donations are due Friday, September 26 to the classroom teacher. For more information visit the Saint Anne Catholic School at the following address [http://saintannelasvegas.org/parent\\_teacher\\_organization](http://saintannelasvegas.org/parent_teacher_organization)

## Fun Fair 2008, Part 2 – Update

*Be a part of the new Saint Anne Catholic School look.*

Fun Fair 2008 will have a direct impact on the daily routine of the faculty and students of Saint Anne Catholic School. The members of the Saint Anne Catholic School Parent / Teacher Organization Board, Fr. Dave and Dr. Machinski are committed to the proceeds of Fun Fair 2008 being dedicated to upgrading the classrooms of Saint Anne Catholic

School. New student desks, teacher desks, white boards, bulletin boards, lighting fixtures, bookshelves, blinds, podiums, carpeting, and paint are where the money will be spent. Fun Fair 2008 is just the beginning of the transformation of the classrooms and the exterior of Saint Anne Catholic School. (Don't forget, Walk-A-Thon 2009 is our second major fundraiser to follow in April.)

## Fun Fair 2008, Part 3 – Student Participation

Today each student at Saint Anne Catholic School is receiving 20 Fun Fair 2008 Raffle Tickets. These tickets are not a part of the 50 tickets already purchased by each family. These raffle tickets are for the competition among the classes. The classes coming in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in selling the most Fun Fair 2008 Raffle Tickets will win a pizza party and free dress. The class selling the most tickets (proportionately), 1<sup>st</sup> place, will have one week of free dress and a pizza party. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place class will receive a pizza party and have 2 ½ days of free dress. The class in 3<sup>rd</sup> place will receive a pizza party and 1 day of free dress. We are asking the parents to ensure their child(ren) do not go out knocking on doors, but to reach out to their extended family members, neighbors who are close to the family, and friends of the family. While we hope that each child sells the tickets, please keep in mind that there is no obligation for their sale. Ticket stubs and money are to be turned into the homeroom teacher. (The 8<sup>th</sup> Graders have already let it be known that they will be winning. According to Mrs. Dixon, each student wanted to begin with 30 tickets instead of the 20 given to students in the other classes.)



## **Fun Fair 2008 All Schools' Dance**

For the students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade there will be a dance at the Fadwa Ghanem Center from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on October 4. This is an all Catholic Schools' Dance and will cost \$5.00. The dance will feature contemporary music, a light show and karaoke. Supervision will be provided by Saint Anne Catholic School faculty and parents. Students from Saint Anne and the other Catholic schools joining us that evening, will be permitted to visit the Fun Fair only with a parent or guardian. Permission slips are available from Mr. Hogenson, Mrs. Hogenson and Mrs. Dixon.

## **Mass Schedule Change / Blessing of the Animals**

On Friday, October 3 there will be no First Friday Mass. Instead of the celebration of the Mass, there will be a blessing of the animals at Saint Anne Catholic School. Parents are encouraged to bring the family pet(s) to school at 11 a.m. Animals such as hamsters, turtles, snakes, etc. which may be kept in a small portable cage, may be brought in to the classroom in the morning. School will dismiss at 12 p.m. For any questions about this event please call the School Office at 735-2586.

## **Open House**

Thank you to all who joined us September 10 for our annual Open House. We are always looking for ways to improve communication among parents, faculty, staff and administration. Feedback is always important after important events such as Open House. If you would like to comment and/or offer suggestions, please stop by the School Office at your convenience to chat with Dr. Machinski or leave him a written message.

## **Morning Assembly**

The Saint Anne Catholic Community takes pride in its daily assembly each morning. As a Catholic school we are able to come together and witness as a community as we pray the Morning Offering and pause for the Pledge of Allegiance. We ask that all activity on campus stop during those few moments. If you are arriving, stop until after the announcements. If you are on campus, stop all activity. The door to the School Office will be opened during our morning routine and all activity suspended.

## **Schedule Change**

At the most recent Principals' Meeting of the Diocese of Las Vegas, the Principals of the 7 Catholic elementary schools approved Tuesday, November 11, 2008 as an official day off. There will be no school held on that day.

## **Work/Service Program Reminder**

Do not forget to sign up for your Work/Service hours for the Fun Fair. Room Mothers have the lists. Each family is responsible for 3 hours service for the Fun Fair.

## **Altar Servers**

Students in the 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades who would like to continue as or become an altar server at Saint Anne Catholic Church must complete and mail their intentions to Ms. Michelle M. Dominguez, English Altar Server Coordinator. If you do not have the letter which accompanied the previous newsletter, stop by the School Office.

## **Uniform Order Refunds**

Refund checks for the plaid skirts and/or other items not received prior to September 2 are still available in the School Office for pick up. Checks not picked up by September 26 will be mailed the following week.

## **Uniform Shoes**

To clarify questions regarding appropriate / inappropriate dress shoes, an attachment is included with this newsletter (It is also available at <http://saintannelasvegas.org/uniforms>) Please review the pictures and note acceptable (YES) versus non-acceptable (NO) shoe wear. If the shoe resembles a non-acceptable (NO) shoe, it is not acceptable and the student will not be allowed to return to class until an acceptable (YES) shoe is worn. The policy in the Parent/Student Handbook is as follows:

**SCHOOL SHOES** for all students grades K-8, should be solid black vinyl or leather, rubber soled, low top, lace-up or Velcro-closing school shoes. Girls will not wear platforms, ballet-type shoes or heels higher than one inch.

## **Parent Conferences**

Parent conferences will be scheduled by the School Office for the week of October 6 through October 10.

We will notify you of your scheduled time before the end of September. Please be attentive to your scheduled time. The parent conferences accompany the Midterm Progress Report of the 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester. Dismissal on each of these days will be at 12 p.m.

### Test Week Changed

Test Week is this week, Monday through Friday, September 22 through 26. If at all possible, please see that your child(ren) arrive(s) on time for class each day. Remember that good nutrition is a part of your child(ren)'s success. Getting a good night's rest will help your child(ren) perform better on these tests.

### National Junior Honor Society Book Fair

The National Junior Honor Society annual book Fair is just around the corner. On Thursday, October 30, the Book Fair will be in full swing all morning. Clean out those dusty bookshelves and start bringing those books next month. This year's theme is just a little spooky with the spirits of the students' favorite authors "hanging around." Boxes will be in each classroom beginning October 1. Books will be counted each week.

In addition to books, we will be selling our very popular customized bookmarks. Books range in price from 10 to 25 cents. Bookmarks will be 25 to 50 cents. For \$1.00 students can have a bookmark and at least 2 books.

We can't do it without your help, so send in any books appropriate for students through Grade 8 and help your class win a special prize. We do not accept magazines, only books. Help support the Honor Society Literacy Project by putting a book in the hands of every student in our school.

Thank you!

Mrs. K. J. Hogenson, Advisor.

### Yearbook – Help Wanted

If you take pictures in the classroom or at any Saint Anne Catholic School function such as sporting events, practices, etc., please burn them to a CD for Mrs. Chase, 2008-2009 Yearbook Advisor. If you would like to have the CD returned to you after she has copied the pictures for use in the yearbook,

include the return information with the CD. You may drop off any CD at the School Office at any time.

### Yearbook News

Orders for the 2008-2009 yearbook will be taken soon. With the October 13, 2008 Parent Newsletter there will be an order blank for the yearbook. This year's yearbook will be all color for the amazingly low price of \$30 if ordered by October 17.

### Classroom Parties

We realize there are milestones in all children's lives. Birthdays are such occasions. To ensure the integrity of the learning environment and the safety of the children, the following guidelines are observed:

- ✓ **All** celebrations are coordinated with the classroom teacher at least one full week before the event.
- ✓ Celebrations are limited to those permitted by the classroom instructor who is aware of allergies or other health conditions of students in his/her care.
- ✓ Treats are limited to individual portions of cookies, cupcakes, fruits (dried or fresh), candies, fruit juice, and/or water.
- ✓ Cakes or other treats which must be cut and served on individual plates are not permitted.
- ✓ Juice/water which must be poured into cups is not allowed.
- ✓ Soda is never allowed.
- ✓ Food items such as pizza, hot dogs, etc. are not allowed.
- ✓ Providing a meal (breakfast or lunch) for the entire class is not allowed.
- ✓ Celebrations are not permitted on Fridays.
- ✓ Celebrations are not permitted on days of early dismissal.
- ✓ Celebrations are not permitted on the day before a long vacation, a holiday or a holiday weekend.
- ✓ Celebrations are not permitted on the day school resumes after a long vacation, the day after a holiday or a holiday weekend.
- ✓ **At no time is it allowed to hire the services of a third party, e.g., clown, magician, etc. to host a classroom party at Saint Anne Catholic School.**

## Important Dates

- ❖ Test Week, Monday through Friday, September 22-26
- ❖ School Mass, Friday, September 19, 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Parent Newsletter, Monday September 22
- ❖ Health Screening, Monday, September 22
- ❖ School Mass, Friday, September 26, 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Health Screening, Monday, September 29
- ❖ Parent Newsletter, Monday, September 29
- ❖ Tuition Payment 3 Due, Wednesday, October 1
- ❖ Blessing of the Animals, Friday, October 3, 11 a.m.; Early Dismissal at 12 p.m.
- ❖ Fun Fair 2008, Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- ❖ School Mass, Friday, October 10, 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Parent Newsletter, Monday, October 13
- ❖ Tuition Payment 3 Late Fee Assessed, Monday, October 13
- ❖ School Mass, Friday, October 17, 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Yearbook at \$30, Monday – Friday, October 13 - 17
- ❖ School Mass, Friday, October 24, 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Fright Night, Friday, October 24, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- ❖ National Junior Honor Society Book Fair, Thursday, October 30
- ❖ Nevada Day, No School, Friday, October 31