

Parent Newsletter

Saint Anne Catholic School

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First Communion / First Reconciliation

This year's reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time will take place Monday, December 15 at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 3, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. the celebration of the Mass for our First Holy Communion recipients will take place.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Family Masses

Saint Anne Catholic Church will have three Family Masses at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve and at 12 p.m. Christmas Day. Children and parents will not want to miss these masses. There will be a very special invited guest who will participate in the homily. Plan on attending Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day at Saint Anne.

Christmas Program

The students at Saint Anne Catholic School are putting together an evening of entertainment to celebrate the Christmas season. This year's Christmas Program will be Wednesday, December 17 at 6 p.m. in Fadwa Ghanem Center.

Christmas Bazaar 2008

The Christmas Bazaar is fast approaching (Wednesday and Thursday December 3 and 4) and I would like to give you updated information so we can have as successful an experience as we have had in the past. Every year we have a 2-day shopping fair for all Saint Anne Catholic School children to purchase gifts. The children love to surprise their families with gifts they

have purchased on their own. We help the children shop and then we wrap and label all of their gifts. Most of the items are homemade crafts; however, we do purchase some retail items. The items are priced from \$.50 to \$15.00 with most items in the \$2.00 to \$8.00 range.

Each family is required to fulfill 2 hours of Work/Service (Parent/Student Handbook 2008-2009, page 18) for the Christmas Bazaar. Those hours may be fulfilled in the following ways:

1. Bring in at least 18 nice-sized crafts either homemade or bought. This fulfills 2 hours of service.
2. You may work 2 hours at the bazaar by (1) setting up the night before; (2) working during one of the 2 days helping the children shop and wrapping gifts; or (3) cleaning up at the end of the Christmas Bazaar.
3. Donate \$20 which will be used to buy photo paper and ink for Santa pictures. The \$20 donation fulfills 1 hour of service. The other hour may be fulfilled by working at the bazaar (See #2.) or by bringing in crafts (See #1.).

When you turn your crafts into the office, please have your name, your child's name and grade with the crafts so we can credit your hours.

Thanksgiving Charity

Thanksgiving Charity sponsored by the Saint Anne Catholic School Student Council was a tremendous success. Students collected nearly 500 pounds of non-



perishable goods and \$170 toward the purchase of turkeys. Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada was very pleased to accept the generous donations.

Tutoring Begins

Tutoring begins this Wednesday and Thursday, December 3rd and 4th. Tutoring is held for one hour from 2:45 p.m. until 3:45 p.m. Next week tutoring will begin its regular cycle of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Supply List 2008-2009 Reminder

Families whose last names begin with the letters **J through R** are reminded that they are responsible for 2 reams of white copy paper (20 pound / 104 bright). Please bring the paper to the School Office as soon as possible so you may be credited.

Pre-Kindergarten Expansion

The Pre-Kindergarten program at Saint Anne Catholic School is being expanded. Currently we are able to accommodate 20 students in our facility. We are remodeling Ryan Hall II to expand to 35 students beginning January 2009. We are currently accepting registration of \$200 from parents/guardians on a first-come, first-served basis. Children must have been 4 years old by September 30, 2008 to be accepted into the program. Tuition payments of \$350 per month will begin January 1 with the last payment due June 1.

Policy on Missing Assignments

Each student at Saint Anne Catholic School has an obligation to complete the class work and homework assigned by his/her instructors. By not completing the assigned work the student is not completing the minimum requirement of the course. Effective now, the beginning of the Second Trimester, the following policy will be in force regarding missed assignments:

Students who are missing assignments at the end of the trimester will be given an incomplete. The student will have two weeks (10 school days) to complete the missing assignments. The student who does not make up the work within two weeks will receive a failing grade (maximum of 50) for the class. The completion of the missing assignments fulfills the minimum course requirement only. Students will not receive a grade for these late assignments.

Basketball Schedule

The Saint Anne Catholic School basketball schedule can be found on the Saint Anne Catholic School website at http://saintannelasvegas.org/student_activities_and_sports (student_activities_and_sports). Varsity games are at 3:30 p.m. followed by Junior Varsity games at 4:30 p.m.

School Office Hours: Christmas

The Saint Anne Catholic School Office will be closed for Christmas on December 24 and 25 and for New Year December 31 and January 1. The School Office will be open December 22, 23, 26, 29, 30 and January 2.

Tuition Payment #5

Tuition payment # 5 is due December 1. Remember that all tuition payments are due the 1st of the month. Late fee of \$25 is assessed after the 10th of the month. Returned checks are assessed a \$35 fee.

School Uniform 2009-2010

The Saint Anne Catholic School uniform will be worn from the first day of the school year. All uniform items will be purchased at Dennis Uniform, the sole distributor of the Saint Anne Catholic School uniform. The school uniform for the 2009-2010 school year will be the following:

Boys

- ✓ Navy blue pants
- ✓ White button-down (short sleeve only) Oxford dress shirt with Saint Anne logo
- ✓ Hamilton plaid tie (clip-on)
- ✓ Solid black belt with metal (gold/silver colored) buckle
- ✓ Red cardigan sweater with Saint Anne logo
- ✓ Solid black vinyl or leather, rubber soled, low top, lace-up or Velcro-closing school shoes (heels less than 1 inch)
- ✓ White crew length socks

Girls

- ✓ Navy blue skort worn to the top of the knee
- ✓ White button-down (short sleeve only) Oxford dress shirt with Saint Anne logo
- ✓ Hamilton plaid tie (clip-on)
- ✓ Red cardigan sweater with Saint Anne logo

- ✓ Solid black vinyl or leather, rubber soled, low top, lace-up, strap-and-buckle, or Velcro-closing school shoes (heels less than 1 inch)
- ✓ White fold-down ankle socks or knee socks
- ✓ White tights (cold weather only)

Boys and Girls P. E. Uniform

- ✓ White polo (short sleeve only) with Saint Anne logo
- ✓ Navy blue p. e. shorts with Saint Anne logo
- ✓ White tennis shoes with matching white soles and white shoelaces
- During cold weather students may wear navy blue sweat pants with Saint Anne logo in place of the navy blue p. e. shorts.
- During cold weather students may wear a pullover sweatshirt with Saint Anne logo **outside** of the classroom. The red cardigan sweater with Saint Anne logo will be worn in the classroom.

The following items **will not** be a part of the 2009-2010 Saint Anne Catholic School uniform:

- Blue polo shirt
- Red polo shirt
- Gray tee-shirt (p. e.)
- Solid red boys' tie
- Solid red girls' cross-over tie
- Red sweater vest
- Red pullover sweater
- Girls' blue slacks
- Girls' red tights
- Girls' blue tights
- Zipped sweatshirt
- Girls' walking shorts
- Boys' walking shorts

Hot Lunch Menu / Parent Newsletter Online

After the first of the year, January 2009, the Saint Anne Catholic School website will be the primary means of written communication between the school and parents.

Beginning January 2009 Hot Lunch Menus will be available for printing on-line only at http://saintannelasvegas.org/hot_lunch_menus. (The apparent blanks are underscores: hot_lunch_menus.) The Hot Lunch Menu for December and the Hot Lunch Menu for January will be the last menus printed at school and sent home. **The Hot Lunch Menu for**

February (and all following months) will be available on line only.

Beginning with the Parent Newsletter (Number 11) January 19, 2009, Parent Newsletters will be available on-line only at http://saintannelasvegas.org/parent_newsletter. (parent_newsletter.)

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. This year's yearbook will be all color for the amazingly low price of \$30 if ordered by December 17. If you misplaced the order form sent home with the previous Parent Newsletter, they are available in the School Office. If you missed out on the 2007-2008 yearbook, there are a few copies available in the school office for \$20. So, don't miss the chance to catch up on those memories. Come in and get your own copy today.

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Important Dates

The month and year calendars are located at: http://saintannelasvegas.org/school_calendar (school_calendar). Check regularly for updates and changes.