



St. Didacus Parish School  
4630 34th Street, San Diego, CA 92116  
Working Hard, Serving Others, Sharing God's Love  
Mrs. Dean's Weekly Newsletter  
October 16, 2018

*May our Lord keep His loving hands upon us so that we may learn and grow.*

**Respect Our Neighbors:** I need to remind everyone that we MUST be respectful and considerate to our St. Didacus School neighbors. **Please do not block or park in any of our neighbors' driveways.** Be polite! Thanks.

**Fall Festival:** The last two Fall Festival committee meetings will be tonight, October 16 and Tuesday, October 23, both at 5:00pm. Everyone who wishes to do so is welcome to attend. We need as many helpers as possible, so please come and share your ideas with the group!

1. **We're also looking for parent volunteers for the day of the Fall Festival.** If you want to work in your classroom booth, sign up through your room parent. If you want to volunteer in one of the other booths or the food booths we have all the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the trophy case.
2. **Buy or sell the Fall Festival raffle tickets.** We have two weeks left to sell as many raffle tickets as we can. If you need more to sell or want to get more to buy, please stop by the school office.
3. **We need your donations and any amount of underwriting** you would like to donate to help make this Fall Festival a great success! Official drop off days are Wednesdays and Fridays, but we will take donations any day.

Don't forget that the Fall Festival is a great community event and it takes all of us to make it a success.

**Student Performances at the Fall Festival:** There are two student performances at the Fall Festival this year. The choir and cheerleaders will be entertaining you at 11:00, then from 1:00 to 2:00 each class will also have a performance. We ask that all students to be there at that time. If your child cannot attend, please let your child's teacher know ASAP. We look forward to these wonderful performances!

**Family Mass:** Next Sunday at 10:00am is the 7<sup>th</sup> grade family Mass. We ask all families to come and celebrate with us. We also ask for all students to come in full dress uniform to promote our school and show pride in who we are and what we do. I hope to see you all there!

**Parent Volunteers:** Remember that all volunteers need to go through the Safe Environment Training through [cmgconnect.org](http://cmgconnect.org), as well as a background check before being able to volunteer here at school. When signing in to the CMG site, please connect as a St. Didacus Parish School volunteer. Any parent who is wanting to volunteer to drive on field trips this year will also need to complete the brief defensive driver's video on CMG as well. When you have completed any of these, please print out the certificates and turn them in to our school office. There will be a \$19 charge for the background check. **If you have started the process but have not completed it yet, you will be receiving a letter in this week's family envelope. Please complete the process ASAP.**

**Ways to help St. Didacus Parish School:**

I would appreciate your support in spreading the great news about St. Didacus Parish School! There are a couple of really good ways for you to participate in this process:

1. **Share your testimonials with me-** If you have a story that highlights something special about our community, please send it to me. Perhaps a teacher has done something above and beyond to support your student. Maybe you have witnessed or experienced St. Didacus families supporting each other, or great story about a student reaching out to help another student. I'm sure there are countless wonderful experiences out there!
2. **Share your review-** Prospective families often comment about online reviews. Feel free to share your positive reviews on the [Great Schools website](#), our [Yelp page](#), or on our Facebook page.

3. **Word of mouth-** Talking to your friends, neighbors, and family about St. Didacus Parish School is absolutely one of the best ways to get the word out to the community about our wonderful students and families. Please let others know why you chose and continue to choose St. Didacus for your student!

**Scrip News:** Low Denomination Gift Cards are going to be available through our Scrip Program from October 20 to December 14 while supplies last. Amazon.com \$10.00, Barnes & Nobles \$5.00, Cold Stone \$5.00, Starbucks \$5.00, and Target \$10.00 are a few examples of what will be available. These might be a great options for Christmas gifts! Also Bonus Fest is coming the week of October 24- October 30. Each day will feature different brands and special bonuses for 24 hours only. Be on the look-out for these flash bonuses on [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com)!

#### Weekly Schedule

##### Parent Morning Prayer Group:

Every Monday mornings after morning assembly. Please come and pray for our students and our school.

##### Cheer:

Mondays 3:00 – 4:00 Practice

##### Choir & Guitar:

Choir Practice is every Tuesday from 3:00 – 4:30 in the school auditorium.  
Guitar is from 3:00 – 4:00.

##### Fall Sports:

Boys Football - JV Football Practice Monday and Wednesday 3:00 – 4:30pm  
Next game is on Saturday at 10:30am at Mater Dei Catholic High School against St. Patrick.  
Girls Softball – Practice Tuesday & Thursday, from 3:00 – 4:30pm

##### Knitting/Crochet Club:

Wednesday, 3:00 – 4:00 in the kindergarten classroom

##### Gardening Club:

Thursdays 3:00 – 4:00

##### School Band:

Band Practice is on Thursday.

##### Logic Club:

Friday 3:00 – 5:00 in the Science Lab

#### Dates to Look Forward To

October 16	8 <sup>th</sup> graders visiting Cathedral Catholic High School from 9:00- 12:00 Fall Festival Meeting at 5:00pm
October 17	All School Mass led by 8 <sup>th</sup> grade
October 18	Student Council Snack Shack- Snacks sold at recess for \$1.00 per item.
October 19	No School – Teachers will be at a professional growth day.
October 21	Family Mass at 10:00am- led by 7 <sup>th</sup> grade (All students should attend and wear your full dress uniform).
October 23	Red Ribbon Week Begins Fall Festival Meeting at 5:00pm
October 24	Mass – Grades 2/7 Picture Make up day
October 25	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade field trip to Mater Dei Catholic High School to see “Antigone of Munich” 11:15 – 2:30
October 26	End of First Quarter Morning Assembly – 1 <sup>st</sup> grade
October 27	Fall Festival 10am – 7pm
October 31	Mass- grade 1/6 Minimum day Halloween Halloween Ad-on day for \$1.00 End of Red Ribbon