



St. Didacus Parish School
4630 34th Street, San Diego, CA 92116
Working Hard, Serving Others, Sharing God's Love
Mrs. Dean's Weekly Newsletter
September 11, 2018

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



Last week, I sent you all a letter inviting you to participate in our Annual Appeal. This first phase reached out to our faculty and staff, and to you, our current families. St. Didacus Parish School has been firmly committed to our mission of educating God's children in a warm and caring environment that promotes spiritual growth, academic excellence and social responsibility. I want to thank all of you who have contributed to our appeal so far. You have been very generous and it is much appreciated! Out of 22% of our families who have donated so far, we have received \$3,348! We are hoping for 100% participation from all our St. Didacus families. This first phase of the Annual Appeal will continue through September 21. I hope that if you have not yet been able to make a contribution, that you really consider making one. Gifts of all sizes are greatly appreciated! Every dollar raised is used to enrich the school and the lives of the students. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by calling the school office.

Wednesday is our school picture day. All students are to be in complete full dress uniform for the pictures. If you want to purchase these school pictures, please send in the order form with the payment.

This week the students are starting to take the STAR Testing. It goes on through September 28. Please refer to your teacher's letters for your child's specific days of testing.

Does your child want to join the St. Didacus School Band? Paul Effman Music will be coming to the school on Thursday afternoons for music lessons. Music is a universal language and learning how to play an instrument can help young people with math and reading skills, among other things. If you want to have your child join the band please send your form in as soon as possible. You may also register online at pemusic.com or call 516-921-4543 to register by phone.

The Adams Avenue Street Fair is on September 29 & 30. We are looking for volunteers to help staff our booth and answer questions about St. Didacus Parish School. If you're available to come and help, please contact Eileen Lepis in the school office (619-284-8730), so she can schedule a time for you. We are in need of helpers. Please consider doing so!

Our first Family Mass will be on Sunday, September 16th at 10:00. This is also Catechetical Sunday. We ask that all students try to attend and wear full dress uniform. This Family Mass will be planned and organized by the 6th grade families. Please put it in your calendar so you can save the date. I hope to see you all there!

Remember that all volunteers need to go through the Safe Environment Training through 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.

Weekly Schedule

Cheer:

Monday, 3:00 – 4:00 Practice

Choir:

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

Fall Sports:

Boys Football - JV Football Practice Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday

Girls Softball –Practice on Thursday

Knitting/Crochet Club:

Wednesday, 3:00-4:00pm in the kindergarten classroom

Gardening Club:

Open to students in grades 1- 8

Thursdays 3:00 – 4:00pm

Dates to Look Forward To

September 10- September 28 STAR Testing

September 11 PTG Board Meeting at 6:00pm in the school auditorium

September 12 Mass – Grades 3/8

School Photo Day- All students should be in full dress uniform

Room Parents Meeting 5:00pm

Annual Fund Meeting at 6:00pm

September 13 OLP & Saints visit the 7th and 8th graders

Fall Festival Meeting at 5:00pm

Christian Action Parent Coordinator Meeting at 6:30pm

September 14 Morning Assembly – 5th Grade

September 16 Catechetical Sunday – 6th Grade Family Mass 10:00am

September 18 Development Committee Meeting 6:30pm

September 19 Mass – Grades 2/7

September 21 Morning Assembly – 6th Grade

September 22-23 SES e-Waste Recycling – (Big Yard) Bring any electronic recycling you might have.

St. Didacus Church Ministry Fair after every Mass this weekend

September 25 Progress Reports will be sent home.

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September 26 Mass – Grades 1/6

September 27 First Band Practice (Auditorium)

September 28 Morning Assembly – 4th Grade

September 29-30 Adams Avenue Street Fair