



St. Didacus Parish School  
4630 34th Street, San Diego, CA 92116  
Working Hard, Serving Others, Sharing God's Love  
Mrs. Dean's Weekly Newsletter  
November 27, 2018

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

**Supporting Paradise Fire Victims:** The near-total loss of the city of Paradise has claimed most of its schools, and families have found themselves displaced to other cities and towns across the Diocese of Sacramento. Many children will be unable to return and finish their school year in Paradise. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento will be opening their doors to the children in both elementary schools and high schools in the Northern Sacramento Valley where they will not be able to continue this year. They will be waiving the tuition for these students for the remainder of the year. This may be one of the few options these students may have, as the schools in their hometown have been damaged or destroyed. In addition to these new families, many of their current school families have lost their homes and will also need support as they rebuild. The Diocese of Sacramento has called out for help to assist in the financial need of these students. The funds raised will be used for such things as uniforms, school materials, hot lunches, field trips, and other expenses associated with educating a child, as well as material and tuition relief for their currently-enrolled school families in need. **Here is a free dress opportunity for your child.** Every student who donates a minimum of \$5.00 on Thursday will be able to wear free dress on that same day. This is a rare opportunity for your child to receive free dress, and all the money raised will be used for a very good cause. Please help us help these students in need!

**Barnes & Noble Book Fair:** Sunday, December 2 is the St. Didacus Parish School Book Fair. The flyer is in this family envelope. Please bring it with you to show that you are from St. Didacus. A percentage of your Barnes & Noble purchases will benefit our school. The choir will be singing at 1:00pm and Father Rick will be reading at 2:00. We hope to see you all there! If you can't attend our book fair at Barnes & Noble you may visit online at [bn.com/bookfairs](http://bn.com/bookfairs). Our Book Fair ID is 12423059. We also have a Barnes & Noble scrip available in the office. By using scrip, you will helping us twice.

**Scrip News:** Christmas is just around the corner! There is always a variety of Scrip available in the office each day, but to ensure you get what you want, when you want it, please have your orders submitted each Monday. The last day to order scrip, to make sure you receive it before Christmas break is Monday, December 17.

**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, please complete it 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 Parish School for your child/children.

#### Weekly Schedule

Parent Morning Prayer Group:

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

Christmas Program Practice: Every day after school from 3:00 – 4:30 in the school auditorium.

Cheer:

Monday 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:

Pee-Wee Soccer Practice: Monday 3:00 – 4:00

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade team Saturday, December 1, at 1:00pm against St. Charles at St. Charles

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade team Saturday, December 1, at 11:00am against Santa Sophia Gold at Santa Sophia

Boys Basketball- Practice Tuesday 3:00 – 4:30 (Varsity)

Practice Thursday 3:00- 4:30 (JV and Varsity)

Girls Volleyball: Practice on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:30

Girls Softball: Last game on Tuesday, December 4 against St. Patrick at Santa Sophia

Knitting/Crochet Club:

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

Gardening Club:

Thursdays 3:00 – 3:50

School Band:

Band Practice is on Thursday. It will be held in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom starting now and throughout the month of December.

Logic Club:

Friday 3:00 – 5:00 in the Science Lab

Academic Decathlon Practice:

Saturday 9:00am – 3:00pm

#### Dates to Look Forward To

November 27	6:30 Development Committee Meeting
November 28	Mass – Grade 3/8 OLP/Saints Leadership Workshop Miss Theresa's Birthday
November 30	Morning Assembly- Grade 6
December 1	9:00am – 12:00 pm Saturday School
December 2	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Advent Barnes & Noble Book Fair 1:00 Choir singing 2:00 Father Rick reading
December 4	6:30 Advisory Board Meeting

Advent Mornings of Prayer:

December 3	7 <sup>th</sup> grade	December 10	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
December 4	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	December 11	1 <sup>st</sup> grade
December 6	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	December 12	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade
December 7	6 <sup>th</sup> grade	December 13	Kindergarten