



St. Didacus Parish School
4630 34th Street, San Diego, CA 92116
A Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service
Mrs. Dean's Weekly Newsletter
August 27, 2019

Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him. (Psalm 127:3)



Back to School Night is tonight! It begins at 6:30. Come on in, meet your child's teacher, see what they have to say about their policies and procedures, and get to know some of the other parents. Remember, at least one parent **MUST** attend, as you'll be receiving important information that you'll need to know for this school year. See you there tonight!

There will be a **Fall Festival planning meeting** this Thursday at 5:30. We need as many people as possible to help make this year's Fall Festival a great success. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Please join us in the auditorium.

Don't forget that **each Wednesday** this year will continue to be **Full-Dress Uniform** days, but our first one will not be until September 4th (this is due to the hot weather – if we need to make this date later because of continued warmth, we'll let you know; but for now, it's September 4th).

The **Altar Society** has always been very supportive of our school. They continue to pray for our students and donate money on a regular basis. They meet once a month on the first Wednesday of each month, and they are in great need of new members. Why don't you grab a friend or two and join us on September 4th? Lunch is at 12:00 and the meeting begins at 1:00. For all those who are parishioners and are looking for ways to get involved in the church, this is a great way. Please come and join us! I look forward to seeing you there!

The Altar Society is also collecting slightly-used or new shoes to help raise money for their operating budget. If you clean out your closets and find some shoes that you don't need anymore, feel free to drop them off at the school or church. They really appreciate your support.

Attention all soccer players: More shoes are needed! Global Health Team is collecting used soccer cleats for students in Haiti. If your child has outgrown their cleats and you'd like to donate them to help the Haitian boy players, please bring the cleats in to the school.

St. Didacus Cares Night will be on September 19 at 6:00 in the school auditorium. This quarter's survey will be sent home soon for you to complete, so that your thoughts and opinions can be heard. We hope you save this date, so you can join us in our discussion. We hope to see you here.

St. Didacus will again be sponsoring a booth at the **Adams Avenue Street Fair** on September 21 and 22. We are looking for families to help man the booth and talk about our school to the people in the community. We will also be selling Fall Festival Raffle tickets which will help raise money for our school. Please call the school office (619-284-8730) if you're available to help work the booth. Many people are needed.

The PTG has organized a **Back to School Parent Mixer**. This will be for adults only on September 29 at 3:00 at the **AC Lounge on 30th Street**. The back patio will be reserved for our St. Didacus Families. Come mix and mingle! 15% of the proceeds will also be given back to the school.

Dates to Look Forward To:

- August 27 Back to School Night at 6:30pm
(Mandatory Evening for at least one parent)
- August 28 Mass Day for 3/8 grade
- August 30 Morning Assembly – 8th grade
Music Assembly by Paul Effman Music at 1:00 to demonstrate the different instruments for each grade level. (Introduction to the School Band)
- September 2 Labor Day No School
- September 3 Advisory Board Meeting at 6:30
- September 4 All School Mass- Student Council Induction
Altar Society Meeting in the church hall at 12:00 (all are welcome)
- September 6 Morning Assembly 7th grade
Adoration 3/8 grade at 8:30
Band Forms due
- September 8 Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 – 12:00
- September 8- 27 STAR Testing
- September 10 PTG Meeting at 6:00pm
- September 11 Mass Day for 2/7
Minimum Day
- September 12 OLP and Saints visit at 9:00 (7th and 8th grades)
- September 13 Morning Assembly – 6th grade
- September 15 Catechetical Sunday- 1st Family Mass (7th grade)
- September 18 School Photos by Mike Shriver (Order forms will be going home soon)
Mass Day for 1/6 grade
- September 19 CCHS Visit at 1:00 (7th and 8th grade)
St Didacus Cares Night at 6:00pm
- September 20 Fall Sports Rally at 1:45
- September 21-22 Adams Avenue Street Fair – looking for volunteers
- September 26 First Band practice
- September 28-29 Electronic recycling in the big yard

Don't forget that you can also find the **St. Didacus School year calendar** on our website at stdidacusparishschool.org.

Fall Sports:

Boys Football
Girls Softball

*Be looking for sign-ups soon.



St. Didacus Fall Festival

T-shirts Pre-Order!

Fall festival date: October 19, 2019

T-shirts (designed by 7th grader Christopher Lindgren) are available for purchase in the drive thru on drop off days, in the office, or by returning this form to the office.

Name: _____

Phone No. _____

Please specify quantity wanted next to each size.

ADULT \$ 10 each:

Small _____

Medium _____

Large _____

XLarge _____

XXLarge _____

CHILD \$ 8 each:

X-Small _____

Small _____

Medium _____

Large _____

Xlarge _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

I will pick up my order from the office

Please send the order home with my child:

Child's Name: _____

Grade _____

***Students may wear their Fall Festival t-shirts on Fridays
in place of their uniform shirt!***

**ST DIDACUS PARISH SCHOOL
2019 FALL FESTIVAL DONATION FORM**

Name of Donor: _____
(Business or Individual, as it should be acknowledged)

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Owner/Manager: _____ **Email:** _____ **Phone:** _____

General Underwriting: _____
\$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$250 other

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Sponsorship:

Various Items:

- _____ Food Booths - \$ Any Amount
- _____ Dinner Costs - \$ Any Amount
- _____ Security Guard - \$50 (9 needed)
- _____ Toilet Rentals - \$25 (8 needed)
- _____ Inflatable Rentals - \$50 (13 needed)
- _____ Peanut Gallery Prizes - \$20-\$100 (for multiple prizes)
- _____ Prize Booth Prizes - \$10 - \$30

Opportunity Drawing Prizes:

- _____ 1st Prize - \$1,000.00
- _____ 2nd Prize - \$300.00
- _____ 3rd Prize - \$100.00

Game Booths:

- _____ Large Games - \$50 (2 needed)
- _____ Small Games - \$50 (4 needed)
- _____ Alley Game Rental- \$50 (10 needed)

Item Donations

- _____ Pop-up Tents & Canopies (5 needed)
- _____ Canned soda cases (Drink Booth)
- _____ Juice Bags and Boxes (Drink Booth)
- _____ Water Cases (Drink Booth)
- _____ Big Ticket Peanut Gallery Items (video game console,)
- _____ iPods/iTouches/Nook/Kindle (suggestion)
- _____ Bikes - 1 girls/1 boys (suggestion)

Peanut Gallery Grand Prize Cash Donation:

- _____ Prizes \$20-40 Value (2 needed)
- _____ Prizes \$40-80 Value (2 needed)
- _____ Prizes \$80-100 Value (1 needed)
- _____ Prizes \$100+ Value (1 needed)

Material Gift description & estimated value: _____

Donor Signature: _____

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Your donation to St. Didacus Parish School's 2019 Fall Festival Fundraiser:

Item(s) received _____ *Item(s) Value: \$* _____

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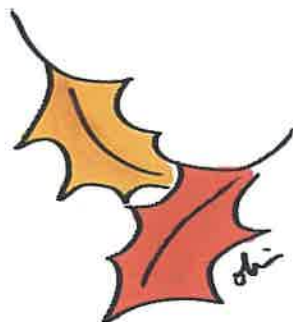
St. Didacus Parish School representative signature: _____

Date received: _____

The Fall Festival Needs Your Help

Every week we will send out a flier with items that we need to make the Fall Festival successful

Here's the big starter list:



- One really big (20 x 20) canopy for the big yard
- 10 Pop Up Canopies
- 6 beach style umbrellas with stands
- Big Ticket items for the Peanut Gallery Grand Prizes:(NEW) I-pods, bikes, eReaders, gift cards, movie tickets... a great tax deduction!
- Soda cases, water bottle cases & juice bags & boxes for the drinks booth
- Bottles of wine for the Wine Spin
- Glow in the Dark items (necklaces, bracelets & wands)
- Bags of non-melting candy for games (Jolly Ranchers, DumDums, Smarties, mixed bags) – we need about 500 pieces
- Tootsie Rolls (200-250)
- Tootsie Pops (200-250)
- Hair paint (aerosol cans found at Halloween outlets)
- White duct tape (2 rolls)
- Prize booth prizes (NEW 'in bulk' items – pencils, plastic rings, little notepads, team hats, etc.)
- Peanut gallery prizes (gently used items – go through those drawers & stuffed animals at home)
- Empty plastic baby wipe containers

General underwriting is always appreciated!

Please send the items in with your child or drop off in the school office. Thank you!

54 days and counting...

Until the best day for our children arrives...

**St. Didacus Fall Festival
Saturday, October 19, 2019**

**We have a lot to do to make this year a
success!**

**Please join us at our first planning meeting
Share your ideas!**

**Thursday, August 29th
5:30pm
Auditorium**

Homemade baked goods will be provided!

Co-Chairs

Heather Klima- heatherklima@cox.net

Dirk Nasland -DirkN@nasland.com



The Christian Action Program was incorporated into our school to provide an additional avenue for our families to grow in their faith. The Christian Action Program encourages all of us, both parents and students, to delve deeper into our faith and to see how service to the community and parish can bring our living God more deeply into our lives. This K-8 faith-enrichment program is designed to strengthen our knowledge and practice through three specific elements:

- *FAMILY MASSES*

Throughout the school year, each grade hosts one Sunday Mass at St. Didacus Church. During Family Masses, the students from the hosting grade (along with their parents and siblings) do the announcements, readings, ushering, collection, altar serving, and deliver the offertory gifts.

- *FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE*

Fellowship and service activities are based on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy – actions, modeled by Jesus, that extend God’s compassion and mercy to those in need. These activities support members of our local community in meeting their physical, material, emotional and spiritual needs. Each grade participates in age-appropriate service activities that allow them to experience both the work and benefits of a lifestyle of service.

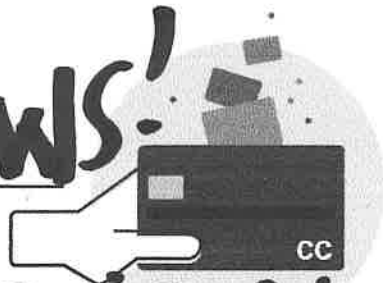
- *MORNINGS OF PRAYER*

The Mornings of Prayer occur twice a year, during the Advent and Lenten seasons. Parents plan and participate in the Mornings of Prayer. Each grade spends a morning focused on the significance of each of these two liturgical seasons. It is a wonderful opportunity for parents and their children to celebrate these important seasons. Mornings of Prayer often incorporate arts and crafts and other engaging activities with grade-appropriate discussions and reflections on relevant scriptures and Catholic teachings.

Parents are required to participate in one Christian Action activity and students are required to participate in two fellowship and service activities this year. Please be on the lookout for emails from your Parent Coordinator/s detailing the various opportunities for you to get involved in supporting this important program. Your involvement in these faith-growing activities offers a wonderful way to spend quality time with your child, their classmates, and other parents. In addition, donating time and/or materials to the Christian Action Program is an excellent way to fulfill your volunteer hours while supporting your child’s faith formation!

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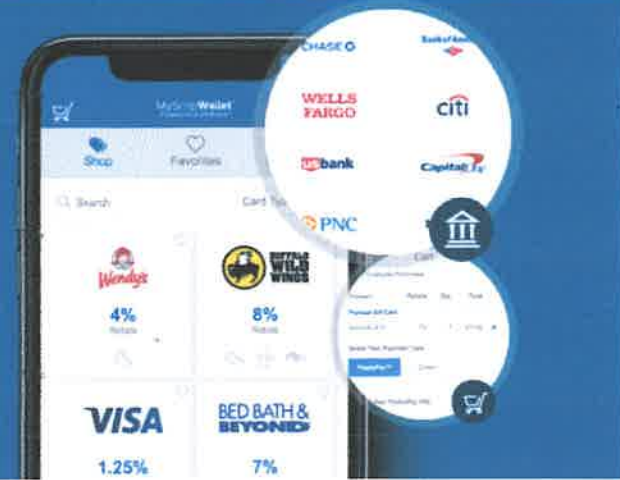
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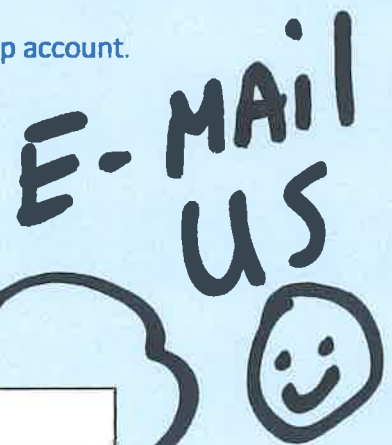
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Maia and Cathy

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ITEM	AVERAGE REBATE	SPENDING PER MONTH	EARNINGS PER YEAR
GROCERIES	4%	\$335	\$160
FOOD OUT: CASUAL AND FAST FOOD	8%	\$250	\$240
GAS	3%	\$175	\$60
ENTERTAINMENT	5%	\$240	\$140
CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES	8%	\$150	\$170
HOME IMPROVEMENT	4%	\$150	\$70
VACATIONS	6%	\$330	\$240
TOTAL		\$1,630 per month	\$1,080 per year!

Numbers based on national averages for a family of four

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St. Didacus parents are needed for many different jobs around the school. Please fill out this form and send it back to the school office.

Parent's Name _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

Please check off the jobs with which you are able to help:

_____ Work in my child's classroom

_____ Parent Volunteers for Lunch Duty (12:00 – 12:40)

_____ PTG Treasurer

_____ Parent to Chair & Organize the Scholastic Book Fair (week- long)

_____ Advisory Board is in need of the following:

_____ Marketing for the school

_____ Community Outreach

_____ Facilities Assistant

_____ Future Visions (St. Didacus School Periodical) author and editor

_____ I have special skills that I would love to share with the school (such as handyman, painter, concrete, stucco, blacktop, electrician, etc.) :
