



Family Newsletter

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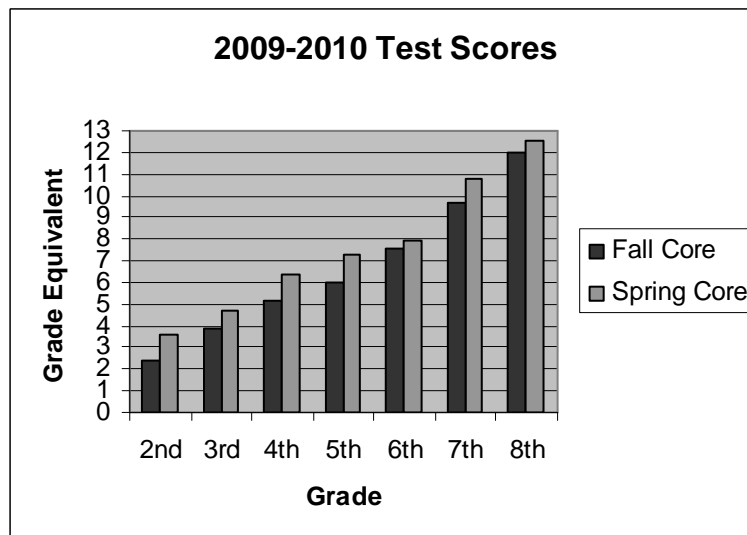
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Dear Families,

Thanks to all the room moms, Parents Club and volunteer parents for putting together tomorrow's Field Day. This is always a day that the children look forward to and the weather should be great.

Today, the spring standardized test scores for grades second through eighth grade, were sent home with your child. The tests were taken during the last week of April in the core subjects of Math, Reading and Language Arts.

The comparison you are looking to make between the fall and spring scores is quite simple. Take the Grade Equivalent (GE) from the fall test for each of the content areas and compare it to the (GE) for the spring tests. You are looking for approximately five months to one year of growth $+(.5-1.0)$. This is approximate because there is actually only five months time between the two tests. The National Percentile Rank should remain similar to the fall test because test scores in the fall are compared to fall national norms and the spring test scores are compared to spring national norms.



As a school there was consistent growth from grade to grade. As the students get older the maximum Grade Equivalent score is 13+ so the difference between the two test scores decreases. For example, in the fall the seventh grade as a whole scored at 13+ in Language Arts. Because they could not go up from there, the spring score stayed the same at 13+.

If you have questions regarding the test scores, please ask. Often these scores can give guidance for independent help over the summer months.

In Partnership,

Mr. Bruzzio

Tomorrow is Field Day—School will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m.

Extended Care will be available.

Students staying must bring a complete change of clothes including shoes and socks and a sack lunch. Please remember that the kitchen will be closed that day.



Field Day Information:

The students will assemble on the playground at 8:20 a.m. and the games will begin shortly after. Students are asked to wear the T-shirts (given to them in class today) in their assigned team colors. This year's activities will include :

Tug of War, Watermelon Eating Contest, Bucket Brigade, Water Balloon toss, and of course ... the **Waterslide Hill Race**. Field Day would not be complete without a visit from the Fire Department!

Clothing must be appropriate free dress apparel as stated in the handbook. The following rules are in effect:

- School designated T-shirt **only**. (Field Day T-shirt may not be cut or altered in any way.)
- No tight fitting shorts or shorts of inappropriate length (must extend beyond the fingertips—no exceptions). **Long** board shorts are fine.
- No sagging shorts that require a belt to hold them up.
- **No sandals or open toed shoes**. Shoes must be closed toed sneakers with shoe laces or closed toe water shoes (no Crocs or flip flops).
- All girls are welcome to wear swimsuits (**one-piece swimsuits only**) under their field day t-shirt and shorts.

Students staying for aftercare must bring a change of complete clothes (underwear, socks, and shoes included) and a sack lunch. Backpacks should, if possible, be left at home as they will be spending most of the day outside. If you choose to bring a backpack on Friday, you must leave it outside your classroom to be collected at the end of the day. Once field day has begun, students will not be allowed back in the classrooms. This is a day of fun competition. Snacks will be provided to all the students. If you are in need of parent volunteer hours, here's your chance. Keep in mind, all volunteers must be live scanned. Any questions, call the office.

Parents—please be sure that your children have plenty of sunscreen on before they leave the house. Students are permitted to wear their SHS hats or other hats to help protect them from harmful UV rays. Thank you.



Xavier College Prep Summer Program Open to All Valley Students Entering Grades 6-12

Xavier's summer program provides an academic, fun, and safe place to explore interests, complete graduation requirements, meet friends, and enjoy a variety of activities. Students receive individualized instruction by teachers who are specialized in making summer learning fun and effective. Classes are taught with a creative, hands-on approach. From beginners to advanced students, our classes are designed to peak students' curiosity and prepare them for the year ahead.

Classes have limited enrollment. Please sign up early to reserve your spot.

Credit courses begin 6-14/Enrichment courses begin 6-21.

All courses end 7-16

**For more information and registration forms, please visit:
www.xavierprep.org**




Brown Bag Food Drive - “Cereal for Summer”


Next week will be our last Brown Bag Food Drive of the year and we will be collecting boxes of cereal throughout all next week. Martha's Village would especially appreciate receiving large boxes of cereal, protein bars, breakfast bars, fruit cups, etc. **During the summer months they serve more children than usual, because those children do not have the opportunity to eat school breakfasts and lunch.** As always, they appreciate any canned/nonperishable items you want to donate from your pantry's surplus. If you are leaving the area soon for the summer, and would like to take advantage of this opportunity to clean out your pantry, this is your chance. Thank you for your continued generosity. Have a great summer. **FYI: We will be collecting used backpacks the last week of school. See our next newsletter for details.**


Prayers are Requested for... Pope Benedict XVI; for everyone serving in the armed forces; for all the earthquake victims of Haiti and Chile; for the repose of the soul of Jack Huffman, cousin of Claire and Carson Miller; for the Della family, relatives of the Scarborough/Dischler family; for Mary Ann Quagliani; for Michael Johnson's grandmother; for Maria Muffoletto; for Terry Girard; for Sydney Lilore; for Lynn Megquier, Courtney and Cassie McCarron's grandmother; for Shane Cameron, Makenna Baumann's cousin; for Annette & Pat Crowl, family of Mrs. McGowan; for Mrs. Pineda's father; for Mrs. Sarkisian & Keely Proctor; for Ernesto Castillo, Jillian Scarborough, Tom Hash, Deanna Odman, Morgan Blue, Don Pelegrino, Caitlin Neeley, Walter Russo; Linda Lohman and Fr. Romero; for our families and others during these hard economic times; and, for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Preschool News:


Dear Parents,


 What a fun day it was last Friday when the Dad's, Grandpa's, Uncle's and Special Friends came to our special Sport's Day Extravaganza. We only have sports day once a year and it was great seeing everyone having a good time. I saw a lot of close shaves and hula hoop champs sharing a laugh and a hug. Thanks to all for taking the time to share this special day with your little champion.

 The school year is winding down but we still have a lot to accomplish. So please make sure that your child is attending school so that they do not miss out on any fun activities.

 **WATER DAY – Friday, May 28th for the M/W/F-Purple-Blue-Green-Red and Yellow classes.** Please have your child arrive in their swimsuit (one piece suits please) and swim shoes at their regular drop-off time. Also, please be sure to send a bag for wet clothes and a full change of clothes, including shoes and socks. If you are volunteering please plan on staying 8:45am to 11:00am for morning classes and 1:00pm to 2:00pm for the afternoon Pre-K class. All classes will be playing in the water during their recess time.

Uniform Donations – If there are any families that will no longer have any children at the preschool after this year and are interested in donating their uniforms, we would gladly accept them.

 **Big kid picnic tables needed** – The preschool is in need of any gently used or new BIG kid picnic tables for our lunch area. All donated items are greatly appreciated.

 **PreKindergarten Graduation** will take place in the Church on Thursday, June 10 2010 – all Graduates should be dressed in their Sunday best and dropped off at school at the usual time 7:30 am (we will be having Morning Prayer in the front courtyard). The Church will open at 9:30 am for parents to be seated for the graduation. A small reception for all Pre-K Graduates will immediately follow the ceremony in the old Parish Hall.

Calling ALL Blue and Purple-M/W/F parents! It has been a tradition for all purple room and blue room parents to host the Pre-Kindergarten graduation reception. Please contact the preschool office as soon as possible, if you are interested.

All registration packets for the 2010-2011 school year must now be in the preschool office with registration and material fees. If you have not returned your packet by now we are assuming you are no longer interested in attending Sacred Heart Preschool. Our summer mailing will go out in July at which time you will receive information regarding your classroom assignments, teacher's names, snack list, school year calendar, uniform order form and drop off information.

<u>Dates to remember:</u>	5/27-5/28	Water Day (during recess)
	6/7 – 6/9	Classroom Awards
	6/10	Pre-Kindergarten Graduation 10:00am
	6/11	Last day of school – God Bless your summer vacation
	8/30	Open House for the 2010-2011 school year
	8/31	First Day of School (Welcome Back?)

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call this preschool office at (760)674-3000 or drop by any time after our morning prayer.

God Bless and Peace,
Mrs. de los Reyes



“Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Water; she is very useful, and humble, and precious, and pure.”

- St. Francis of Assisi



Medications:

If your child has any medication or emergency medical supplies in the school office, please come in and pick them up before the summer break. If not picked up by Friday, June 11th, they will be disposed of, in accordance with Riverside County Health Regulations. New medical authorizations will need to be completed next September in order for medication to be administered to a student on campus. Please call the school office if you have any questions. Thank you.

Summer Reading List!

2010 Summer reading lists were distributed to all students in class last Friday. Grades K through 2 have recommended summer reading lists, however, please note that grades 3 through 8 have required summer reading lists. Additional copies of the reading lists are available in the school office.

Men's Conference "The Way to the Father"

On Saturday, June 5th from 9:30am-5:00 pm, the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart will host a one-day Men's Conference at the St. Joseph's Campus entitled "The Way to the Father" focusing on the theme of fatherhood. The speakers will be Fr. Joseph Shea and Fr. Steven Guitron. The conference will include a Continental Breakfast and Lunch. Confessions and Holy Mass will be available. The registration fee is \$45.00. Please RSVP by May 29, 2010. St. Joseph Campus is located at 507 N. Granada Ave., Alhambra, CA 91801. For more information or to RSVP, please contact 626-289-1353, ext. 302 or sjcprogcoordinator@carmelitesistersocd.com.

Dates to Remember:

- 5/28/10 - Field Day; **12:15pm Dismissal**
- 5/28/10 - 8th grade Graduation Dinner Dance; Gym
- 5/31/10 - NO SCHOOL; Memorial Day
- 6/3/10 - 8th Grade Graduation Breakfast
- 6/4/10 - 8th Grade Graduation Mass; 9am; Mass attire mandatory; 12:15 pm dismissal
- 6/9/10 - 8:30am School Mass; Mass attire mandatory

Open Dance Classes June 1st - 10th to all SHS Students

Don't forget about open dance classes next week. I need an e-mail from you letting me know to expect your child. Classes are reduced to \$10 per hour and you can pick up a schedule in the front office. Hope to see you next week! Julie Ann Ramirez/Spirit of Dance at SHS jremirez@dc.rr.com or 760.832.3956

Readers of the Week:

We would like to congratulate our readers of the week of May 17th-21st:

- Grade 2:** Lily Abbott, Andrea Aguilar, Lloyd DeKlotz, Thomas Glessing & Lauren Mezacapa
- Grade 3:** Jordyn Blackburn & Max Fernandez
- Grade 4:** Lauren Babao, Aaron Kueneman, J.D. Menning & Kevin Wahl
- Grade 5:** Devon Cavaliere, Austin Lopez, Zane Rhodes & Hayley Ryan
- Grade 6:** Gracie Hoffman, Jamie Marie Kochackis, Camryn Petoskey & Kaitlynn Santos
- Grade 7:** Giovanni Aguilera, Jasmine Kadile, Victoria Murray & Nicole Scarborough



Watch D.O.G.S. Dad Schedule:

- 5/31 - NO SCHOOL
- 6/1 - Open
- 6/2 - Open
- 6/3 - Enrique Gaete
- 6/4 - Kelly Armstrong

Choir News

Our First Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for our choirs (Praise & Show) was a hit! The theme was 'Hooray for Hollywood' from our Show Choir show this year. Kudos to Danielle Wright (mother of Callahan & Claire), her mother who assisted her in preparing the delicious dinner, Mr. & Mrs. Jackson (parents of Emma) and all the parent volunteers and Jr. High server volunteers who made this fundraiser a success! It was a fun, relaxed evening of music and Mrs. Perea, Mrs. Bonnie Santos & I could not be prouder of our two choirs. Thank you to all the families who bought tickets. Thank you to Mr. Bruzzio & Mrs. De Novi for their continued support of the music program here at SHS.

MISSING: Mr. Glassman (father of Jordan, Noah & Julia) took a video of the show with his brand new video camera (in a black case with his name on it) and it disappeared by the end of the night. In the excitement, someone probably mistook it for their own. Please, if you find it, return it to the school office! Thank you.

UPDATE ON MY DAD: Thank you again for your continued prayers for my Dad. My husband and I are so happy to say that he came home on Sunday and amazes us with his daily improvement. My father is very grateful to God and for your prayers to be home.

Thank you! J -Mrs. Elena Pineda, SHS Choir Dir.