

# St. Didacus School

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## "What God's kingdom is like"

**Scripture:** *Luke 13:18-21*

He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his garden; and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches." And again he said, "To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? It is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

**Meditation:** What can mustard seeds and leaven teach us about the kingdom of God? The tiny mustard seed literally grew to be a tree, which attracted numerous birds because they loved the little black mustard seed it produced. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within.

### ***The transforming power of the Holy Spirit within us***

Leaven is another powerful agent of change. A lump of dough left to itself remains just what it is, a lump of dough. But when the leaven is added to it a transformation takes place which produces rich and wholesome bread when heated - the staple of life for humans. The kingdom of God produces a transformation in those who receive the new life which Jesus Christ offers. When we yield to Jesus Christ, our lives are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. Paul the Apostle says, "*we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us*" (2 Corinthians 4:7). Do you believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit? "Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and transform me into the Christ-like holiness you desire. Increase my zeal for your kingdom and instill in me a holy desire to live for your greater glory."

**Harvest Festival – OOPS!** Last week we neglected to thank Mrs. Cano, (Sienna's mom in 6<sup>th</sup> grade) who made those DELICIOUS enchiladas at Harvest Festival. Mrs. Cano was part of the committee and we could not have been as successful without her help. Although we tried to thank all the committee members, we did leave her out. If we left anyone else out, we are truly sorry. You are all appreciated!

**PAB Meeting/Harvest Festival:** There will be a wrap up meeting of Harvest Festival!! **PAB Meeting Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm in the 8th Grade classroom.**

**STAR Testing (November 1-November 15):** We will begin STAR Testing tomorrow. Please make sure that your student(s) are well rested and have had a healthy breakfast. This will help prepare them to perform their best on these assessments.

**Veteran's Day Activity:** On Thursday, November 9 11:00am-1:00pm St. Didacus school will be planning an event to honor our Veterans and our First Responders. Our activities will begin at 11:00am and will include A Bring A Veteran to Lunch at 12:00pm. All activities will conclude by 1:00pm. We kindly invite all of our Veteran and First Responder families to attend this event. Please mark your calendars. For more information please see the attached flyer.

**All Saints' Day** – All students will attend mass tomorrow, **November 1<sup>st</sup>** at 11:00a.m. It is a holy day of obligation and all students must be in MASS UNIFORM. Thank you for your cooperation.

### COMING SOON

- 11/01/17 - **All Saints' Day** Mass at 11:00a.m.
  - 11/03/17 – **First Friday Mass – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Following Mass, family & friends of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to join us in the parish hall for coffee and pastries.
  - 11/09/17 – Chuck E. Cheese – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser – All grades are asked to participate.
  - 11/10/17 – **NO SCHOOL – VETERANS DAY**
  - 11/17/17 – **NOON DISMISSAL** – Extended Care is available
  - 11/20/17-11/24/17 – Thanksgiving Break
  - 11/30/17 – **NO SCHOOL** – Parent Teacher Conferences
- **LOST & FOUND (Final Notice)**
    - Parents, we still have a few items in the Lost & Found (school office). Please come by and see if your lost items are there. Also, please make sure you put your child's name and family number on all clothing, as it is expensive to replace lost items and your child may not be in the proper dress code without them.
    - Please check all of your child's uniform clothing for their name. By mistake, some students have been known to take home others' jackets and sweatshirts. If you do have someone else's uniform, please return it to the school office. Thank you for your cooperation.
  - **STUDENT COUNCIL**
    - Please support our Student Council fundraiser by ordering HOLIDAY GREENERY! Orders are due Thursday, November 9th. Order for friends and family today!
  - **WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL SNACK SALE**
    - The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be selling popcorn and nachos on Wednesdays. Popcorn is \$1 and nachos are \$2. The funds raised will go towards the cost of graduation activities. Thank you for your support.
  - **EXTENDED CARE**
    - Please make sure your child has snacks for extended care. They get hungry and the school office can't provide everyone a snack every day. Thank you for your cooperation.
  - **CHUCK E. CHEESE NIGHT**
    - Thursday, **November 9, 2017** the Eighth Grade Class will be hosting a fundraiser at Chuck E Cheese in Granada Hills. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards Graduation and Dinner Dance costs.
  - **2016- 17 YEARBOOK ADDENDUM (Final Notice)**
    - The 2016-17 Yearbook addendum has arrived. The addendum includes the end of the year activities. If you bought a yearbook last year, please come by the school office to pick it up.

### NEWSLETTER NOTES FROM THE CLASSROOM

- **PRESCHOOL 3:** [dhernandez@stdidacus.org](mailto:dhernandez@stdidacus.org). Dear Parents, This week our letter of the week is E, number is 5, shape is rectangle and color is green. The book of the month is Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What do you see? By Bill Martin Jr. Please remember to send a blanket for your child every Monday. Also, please remember we can only warm up food for about a minute or less. Don't send frozen foods and make sure food is in a safe microwavable container. No glass, ceramic or plastic baggies. Thank you and have a great week. ☺ Mrs. Hernandez

- **PRE-KINDER 4:** [cshea@stdidacus.org](mailto:cshea@stdidacus.org) Dear Parents, this week we will be learning all about letter Ee, the sounds it makes and words that begin with letter E. Quick reminder, please no pillows or backpacks as they do not fit in our cubbies. Thank You and Have a Great Week! ☺ Ms. Shea
- **KINDERGARTEN:** [jespinoza@stdidacus.org](mailto:jespinoza@stdidacus.org) ☺ Ms. Espinoza
- **FIRST GRADE:** [cmartinez@stdidacus.org](mailto:cmartinez@stdidacus.org) Dear First Grade parents, Students may begin bringing their devices to school starting Monday, November 6th. We will only be using them on Monday's and Wednesdays. They will be used to review/reinforce mathematics and spelling skills, and they will also be used as a method to check for understanding. Please download the following apps onto your child's device: Mathletics, Spelling City, and Kahoot. Please make sure they are fully charged before school. Let me know if you have any trouble downloading these apps. Thank you! ☺ Ms. Martinez
- **SECOND GRADE:** [acarrillo@stdidacus.org](mailto:acarrillo@stdidacus.org) ☺ Mrs. Carrillo
- **THIRD GRADE:** [cesquivel@stdidacus.org](mailto:cesquivel@stdidacus.org) Hello Parents, Here's an overview of what we will be covering this week: Religion: Jesus' Good News, Math: Multiplication ( 0 - 3s), Language Arts: Spelling words with the /ow/ sound; Verbs; The Keeping Quilt in our Anthology books, Social Studies: Landforms. Please note that from this point forward I would like the students to practice their Multiplication facts each night as part of their Math homework. This means they will need to bring home their ring of fact cards each night AND bring it back to school the next day. Finally, STAR testing begins this Wednesday. Please make sure your child is getting enough rest and eating breakfast before they come to school. Thank you and God Bless! ☺ Ms. Esquivel (Ms. E.)
- **FOURTH GRADE:** [ksweeney@stdidacus.org](mailto:ksweeney@stdidacus.org) ☺ Ms. Sweeney
- **FIFTH GRADE:** [tbarclay@stdidacus.org](mailto:tbarclay@stdidacus.org) ☺ Ms. Barclay
- **SIXTH GRADE:** [khernandez@stdidacus.org](mailto:khernandez@stdidacus.org) ☺ Ms. Hernandez
- **SEVENTH GRADE:** [aroque@stdidacus.org](mailto:aroque@stdidacus.org). ☺ Mr. Roque
- **EIGHTH GRADE:** [asalcedo@stdidacus.org](mailto:asalcedo@stdidacus.org) Hello 8th Grade, Wednesday, November 8th our class will be going on their first Retreat at Alemany High School with Father Norm. We are in need of drivers. If you are available to drive and pick up students, please contact me ASAP. We are scheduled to leave St. Didacus at 8:15am and depart Alemany High School at 1:30pm. We will be providing lunch for that day. Also, just a reminder that Thursday, November 9th we have our first fundraiser at Chuck E. Cheese from 3-9pm. Please make sure to invite your family and friends and have them mention our school. Our class will receive 15% of profits which will go towards are 8th grade graduation activities. Thank you!! Have an awesome week! ☺ Ms. Salcedo

**Have a safe evening, stay away from too many sweets and GO DODGERS!**

**For additional information please check the school calendar, found under the Parents tab, on the school website. NOTE: Make sure you click or highlight the dates that appear darker and then a window will pop-up with the events that pertain to that day.**