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"You are anxious - one thing is needful"

Scripture: *Luke 10:38-42*

Now as they went on their way, he entered a village; and a woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."

Meditation: Does the peace of Christ reign in your home and in your personal life? Jesus loved to visit the home of Martha and Mary and enjoyed their gracious hospitality. In this brief encounter we see two very different temperaments in Martha and Mary. Martha loved to serve, but in her anxious manner of waiting on Jesus, she caused unrest. Mary, in her simple and trusting manner, waited on Jesus by sitting attentively at his feet. She instinctively knew that what the Lord and Teacher most wanted at that moment was her attentive presence.

Family Mass: Sunday, October 15, 2017 10:00am. Please make sure that you join us at Family mass this Sunday. Student Council has been keeping track of mass attendance per class. Many classes have attendance below 20%. This is very disheartening especially from such a strong faith community, like we have at St. Didacus School. The faculty, staff and myself look forward to seeing many of our school families Sunday at mass. Please make sure that students are dressed in their proper mass uniform.

Enrichment Courses(K-8): Enrichment courses will begin Monday, October 16. Information will be given to students tomorrow, as well as being emailed home.

Hispanic Heritage Month Presentations: All of our classes have been working on projects to be displayed in the parish hall October 12, 2017. Please stop by in the afternoon to view our students' work. The hall will be open from 3:30p.m. – 4:30p.m. Please stop by and enjoy the projects on display.

Harvest Festival Sign-Up:

This is a MANDATORY FUND-RAISER for ST. DIDACUS SCHOOL. This year our Parent Advisory Board has chosen to direct their fundraising efforts to projects centered around school campus beautification and enrichment course funding. We cannot have a successful event without YOUR HELP! An UNLIMITED number of Service Hours can be earned. Please remember that you must perform a minimum of 25 school service hours per year.

Mandatory Family Requirement: Each Family is responsible for either performing 4 service hours or donating \$100.00 worth of items or gift cards for the Silent Auction. If

you sign up for a shift at Harvest Festival and do not show up, or if you do not donate items, you will be assessed a \$150.00 non-compliance fee.

You will be able to select your desired shift when you sign up via SchoolSpeak. Please arrive 10 minutes before start of shift to ensure time sign in. Please do not schedule your shift during your child's performance. It's going to be a busy event and we would hate for you to miss your child's performance due to lack of coverage at your booth. This is a first-come first-serve schedule.

Available shift times are as follows:

Saturday, October 21 (12:30pm - 2:30pm) (2:30pm - 4:30pm) (4:30pm - 6:30pm) (6:30pm - 8:30pm) (8:30pm to 10:30pm)



HARVEST FESTIVAL DANCE SCHEDULE

5 th	4:40pm			K	7:00pm
		PK3	6:00pm		
3 rd	5:00pm			8 th	7:20pm
		4 th	6:20pm		
7 th	5:20pm			2 ND	7:40pm
		PK4	6:40pm		
1 st	5:40pm			6 th	8:00pm

Attention: ST. DIDACUS PARENTS



If you are not receiving TEXT MESSAGES from the school, you must:

- 1.) Check your SCHOOLSPEAK account to make sure we have the correct phone number.***
- 2.) OPT-IN to SchoolMessenger by texting "Y" to 67587 from the cell phone number you have listed under SchoolSpeak.***

Keep in mind that SchoolSpeak information is downloaded to SchoolMessenger every night, therefore, if you have a new number, you must update it in SchoolSpeak and then you must OPT-IN from your new number.

Please avoid using the same cell number for all your contacts (ie. Home, Mom, Dad) as this will cancel the message and you will NOT receive the text.

COMING SOON

- 10/11/17 – **Make Up Picture Day**
- **10/15/17 – SCHOOL FAMILY MASS AT 10A.M. 3rd & 5th Grade Bake Sale**
(Students are to be in full mass uniform, PLEASE make sure our school is represented looking and behaving at our best. THANK YOU)
- **10/16/17** – First day of **PEP SQUAD** from 3:30pm to 4:30pm
- 10/20/17 – **NOON DISMISSAL** – DAYCARE IS AVAILABLE
- 10/21/17 – **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

• **HOT LUNCH – URGENT MESSAGE**

- Parents, if your child does not order from our Hot Lunch Program and he or she forgets to bring a lunch, we do our best to provide them with one. However, this is becoming a repetitive issue with too many students. Thus, we will no longer be able to issue a lunch to them until all pre-ordered lunches are distributed first for both K-5 at 12noon and Jr. High at 12:20p.m. Unfortunately, K-5th grade students will have to wait to be served and will be given something to eat, although it may not be from the Hot Lunch menu. If you want to avoid this situation, please make sure you send your child to school with lunch in the morning or make sure you purchase the hot lunch in advance before the month begins.
- **SENDING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH MONEY TO BUY LUNCH FOR THE SAME DAY IS NOT CONSIDERED PRE-ORDERING.**

• **WEDNESDAY AFTERSCHOOL SNACK SALE**

- The 8th 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.

• **SAVE THE DATE- 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.

• **PEP SQUAD**

- The Pep Squad is for girls & boys in K-8th grades. It's a great way to show your school spirit.
- Attached to last week's newsletter email, we sent out the permission slip to join the Pep Squad. You can also pick up a hard copy of the paperwork in the school office.

• **CUSTOM SCHOOL PLANNER for 2ND – 6TH GRADE**

- If your child still has not purchased his/her planner, please send in \$5, as the teachers have required them to use it. Thank you.

• **SCHOOL PICTURE MAKE UP DAY** is October 11, 2017.

- If your child/ren did not take their school picture this year, they must be in school to take their picture on Make Up Day. Student must be **in full uniform or mass uniform** dress code on picture day. An informative flyer & payment envelope will be sent home with students that were absent on picture day. If you are interested in a re-take, you must pick up a form in the office.

- **2016- 17 YEARBOOK ADDENDUM**
 - The 2017-17 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.
- **VIRTUS TRAINING (Required by all parents)**
 - Visit WWW.VIRTUSONLINE.ORG for information other classes and locations available.
- **FINGERPRINTING (Required by all parents) FINAL OPPORTUNITY!**

- St. Didacus will host a date for fingerprinting on **October 24TH from 12noon to 3:40p.m. and 5:00pm to 7p.m.** with appointments every 20 minutes. **YOU MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT** by calling Jessica at 818 367-6181. Fingerprinting appointments will be given to all parish groups and it is open to other parishes as well, therefore, you must make an appointment A.S.A.P. in order not to miss this opportunity.

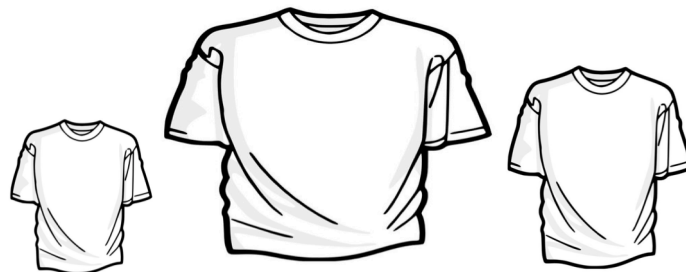
NEWSLETTER NOTES FROM THE CLASSROOM

- **PRESCHOOL 3:** dhernandez@stdidacus.org Dear Parents, Our letter of the week is letter C, number 3, color blue and shape triangle. Please make sure you are signing your child in and out daily. The children are doing a good job with homework. Keep it up! Thank You and have a great week, ☺ Mrs. Hernandez
- **PRE-KINDER 4:** cshea@stdidacus.org Dear Parents, this week we will be learning all about letter Cc, the sound it makes and words that begin with letter C. We will also be continuing our talk about Fall and doing Fall projects. Saturday, October 21st, is Harvest Festival. We will be performing at 6:40pm, we will meet at 6:20 next to the stage. Our outfits will be American Flag/Red, White and Blue attire. Sparkles are welcome. Thank You and Have a Great Week! ☺ Ms. Shea
- **KINDERGARTEN:** jespinoza@stdidacus.org ☺ Ms. Espinoza
- **FIRST GRADE:** cmartinez@stdidacus.org Dear first grade parents, Harvest Festival is right around the corner! We are working on our dance this week, and we are so excited to perform for you next weekend! I am asking that all students come dressed in their best western attire. Jeans, flannels, boots, bananas and cowboy/cowgirls hats are all okay! Please contact me if you have any questions. ☺ Ms. Martinez
- **SECOND GRADE:** acarrillo@stdidacus.org ☺ Mrs. Carrillo
- **THIRD GRADE:** cesquivel@stdidacus.org! Hello Parents, Next Sunday (10/15) is our Bake Sale. The sign up sheet is outside our classroom, or you can email Julie Torres (Isabel's mom). Remember that the money we earn from our bake sale helps pay for our field trip which helps keep the cost down for you. :) Also, please watch for an email this week regarding Harvest Festival attire and the time of our dance. The kids have started learning their steps and are really enjoying it. They're super excited to show everyone. In class this week, we will be finishing Ch. 2 in Math and taking a test on Wednesday. We are continuing our first novel of the year The World According to Humphrey. In Science we are still studying energy. Please continue to check SchoolSpeak at least once a week as that is where I will post messages and such that may come up during the week. Plus, you can keep up on your child's grades so there are no surprises when report cards come out in November. Have a great week everyone! ☺ Ms. Esquivel (Ms. E.)

- **FOURTH GRADE:** ksweeney@stdidacus.org ☺ Ms. Sweeney
- **FIFTH GRADE:** tbarclay@stdidacus.org Hello 5th Grade Families, I just have a few reminders of events coming up. This Sunday, October 15, is our school family mass at 10 am. I hope to see you all there. It is also 3rd & 5th grades' bake sale. If you can volunteer to work or to bring items please let our room parent, Ms. Gallegos, know. Also Saturday ,October 21, is Harvest Festival from 4-9pm. Our dance is at 4:40 so please meet me at 4:30 so we can get ready. The students should wear blue jeans and a bright colored t-shirt. Thank you and God Bless! ☺ Ms. Barclay
- **SIXTH GRADE:** khernandez@stdidacus.org ☺ Ms. Hernandez
- **SEVENTH GRADE:** aroque@stdidacus.org ☺ Mr. Roque
- **EIGHTH GRADE:** asalcedo@stdidacus.org **8th Grade:** Hello 8th Grade Parents! Our class has been working on their Harvest Festival Dance and our Heartstring Project (Family Recipe cookbook). Thank you for your help and support with this. Harvest Festival is Saturday, October 21st and our class will need to meet by the stage at 7pm for our performance. Students are asked to dress in "western attire". I suggest plaid, jeans, boots, hats and/or bandanas. Please do not go out and spend money on an outfit, and instead work with what your child has. It'll be a fun-filled night, so please invite your family and friends. Also, I have scheduled our Chuck E Cheese fundraiser for Thursday, November 9th from 3-9pm, so please make sure to save the date. Lastly, yesterday I sent out Diploma name flyers. Please make sure you fill out exactly how you want your child's name printed on their diploma. I need these Diploma flyers by Friday. Have an incredible week!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jr. High Math Tutoring: No Tutoring this week. Alemany High School students have midterms and will not be coming to our campus. Tutoring will resume again next Thursday, October 19th. Thank you for understanding. ☺ Ms. Salcedo |
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WE NEED YOUR OLD T- SHIRTS!



The **Harvest Festival Committee** needs all of your old shirts for a project.

It's a great time to clean out your closet! They will take any size and color as long as they don't have any holes in them. Please drop them off in the school office.

THANK YOU!

<p>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.</p>
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