

FAMILY CLUB - OPEN MEETING

Friday March 5, 2010 8.30 – 10.00am

FC Board Present (FCB): Renay Williamson (RW), Judy Franzino (JF), Claudia Kalten (CK), Marisa Bartalotti (MB) Peta Shindle (PS), Deanne Valine (DV)

Room Coordinators (RC) Present: Nubia Kunst (5), Jen Warner (1), Angie Troppy (3), DeeAnn Valine (K&6), Jim Asbury (8)
Event & Committee Chairs (ECC) Present: Suzanne Gibbs (Art), Rebecca Griffin (Box Tops)

Other Parents: Theresa Parmigiani, Sharon Barnes, Judy Claffey, Chris Dumas, Mena Lew, Cindy O'Brien, Katie Batt, Tina Altamura, Teresa Garcia

Dine and Donate – Remember Pica Pica is giving back 10% of sales through March to the school. Vouchers went home, the office has more. FC considering a “friendraiser” at Rockzilla the rock climbing place in Napa, possibly some time in spring and we will also schedule a D&D date for Jumba Juice – more details to follow when dates set.

Facebook - Remember to become a fan of SJTB on Facebook – looks of good info and reminders posted here.

Uniform Closet – A big thank you to Nubia for her hard work in cleaning out this closet and organizing our used uniforms. When the thrift store is ready to go, the uniforms will be sold out of there instead of through the school. Suggestion made to contact other schools and offer to hold a uniform bank for the whole of Napa; this is a great opportunity to increase sales.

Read Across America – another successful and fun week celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. 2nd grade won the poster contest and got to enjoy the Dr. Seuss “Cat in he Hat” cake.

Scholastic Book Fair – The spring book fair is coming April 20-23. Mrs. Evans is looking for volunteers to assist in the library at lunch times; it is used as a good alternative for those students who would rather read or color then play outside. Suggestion made that interested grade 7&8 students be allowed to volunteer and supervise at lunch times. As well, Mrs. Evans is looking for parent volunteers to assist during the day with visiting classes with checkout and restocking the shelves; suggested that Mrs. Evans forward the visiting class schedule, so parents can see when their class would be in there. Suggestion also made to include this volunteer opportunity on the Back to School volunteer sheet the teachers have in the classrooms.

St. Joseph's Table – Preparations for St. Joseph's Feast Day are underway and volunteer forms went home. Please remember to get these forms back in so they know how many people to cook for.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner – this annual school/church fundraiser hosted by the Men's Club is Saturday March 13th at the Hall and always proves to be a fun event. Get your tickets early from the parish office.

Box Tops – get your soup labels and box tops in ASAP we are pushing to end the month with a bang!

Principals Address

School Council - Clarification given as to leadership of the School Council. It is a consultative body which serves to advise the Pastor and Principal on specific areas of school operation including: developmental, building and maintenance, Public Relations, mission and philosophy and Catholic identity. The Diocese Superintendant serves as a support to our school but our school is completely governed by our Pastor. Clarifying further, it is only the Pastor, Principal and Bookkeeper who have knowledge about which school families are on financial assistance, no other SC member is privy to this information. Teacher's salaries and staffing contracts are also confidential information, only known to the Pastor, Principal and Bookkeeper. A reminder that SC meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month (6.30pm in the staff room) and all parents are welcome to attend this open meeting.

Principals Address – Continued

Miscellaneous

- This school has not and does not accept students expelled from their previous school.
- Nancy and Father, with input from the SC, are in discussion about how to accommodate the large (with students waiting in the wings) current grade 6 class.
 - Report came out recently indicating that SJTBCS is the leader in our diocese, reflecting the highest percentage of non-white students at 30% (a goal of 25% has recently been set by the Diocese for each school). We celebrate and embrace this cultural diversity in our school community and believe this has a positive effect on our students and children. Nancy has been invited to speak through the diocese on this very subject.
 - We are ½ way through our accreditation, and WASC remains a big focus. Happy to report that 60% of our students who went onto graduate from Justin-Sienna made the Honor Role and 100% who went onto Napa High achieved Honor Role.
 - Nancy reported that we have new Science text books on the way and they will be Smart Board compatible. Please be assured that our remaining text books are current (within 5 years).
 - Teachers are attending a “webinar” on “Girl Bullying” and the school will be hosting a “Digital Responsibility” Workshop for parents on April 12th (place TBA) and April 13th for students.
 - Development Committee – this committee is working on our 5 year plan and one of their initiatives is the “Church Mouse Thrift Store”. Our original setting for this fell through, so they are on the lookout for an alternative location. It will be modeled after the “Church Mouse” in Sonoma.
 - Nancy wants to share her gratitude and thanks to all the dedicated parents who continue to tirelessly volunteer and support our great school.

Next Family Club Meeting is Tuesday April 16, 2010