



God of mercy and forgiveness, help each of us recognize the times when we have made mistakes and hurt others. Encourage us to turn our lives towards You and follow the path of Your love. Amen.

PRAYERS: Please continue to keep in prayer all our families and extended families that are experiencing difficult times. Our St. Columba community is a true blessing.

PARENTS IN PRAYER: Parents, for the month of September we welcome you to join us Mondays after morning assembly from 8:30-9:00 am; as we come together to pray the rosary for our school, our children and any other special intentions. For more information, please contact Mrs. Reinagel 858-699-5311.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: If you haven't returned the following forms, please do so immediately. Also, if you have misplaced your family packet or emergency card, please stop by the school office. Thank you.

- Emergency card (please complete both sides & sign)
- Comfort bag items
- Earthquake emergency form
- Extended care form
- Prescription/non prescription guidelines
- Computer & internet policy
- Photo release
- Library policy

THANK YOU: A special thank you to Ms. Navarro, and all our teachers for the wonderful dinner they put on for our St. Columba Men's Club.

FALL FESTIVAL NEEDS YOU: It is very exciting to see the St. Columba PTG and school families putting together an event of this magnitude with such potential. Spread the word....Invite family and friends to come join all the fun starting on Friday, October 13th with dinner & dancing from 6:00 – 10:00 pm, Saturday, October 14th the activities begin from 12:00 until 10:00 pm, and on Sunday, October 15th come and start your day with a delicious pancake breakfast from 8:00 – 11:00 am in the parish hall, join us for an open air Mass from 9:30 – 10:30 am, and from 10:30 – 4:00 pm more Fall Fest fun, ending our Festival with the BIG RAFFLE a chance to win a new 2017 Toyota. Please keep in mind, if you're not able to go to the Fall Festival, another way you can support this event is by buying raffle tickets 5 for \$100.00 or \$20.00 each. The drawing is the main profit of this event, and we need all our families to reach out and help to support this fundraiser so our goal can become a reality. All proceeds go directly into our school budget. Also, we always need lots of volunteers! This is a great way to work off your family service hour commitment. Important note: Look for the raffle tickets coming home today with your child.

FALL FEST BREWERS' COMPETITION: Something new has been added to this year's Fall Fest....You're invited to enter the 1st ever St. Columba Beer Brewers' Competition! If you plan to enter your homebrew, plan to provide 3 gallons and if you have any questions, please email Maggie at maggieoden@gmail.com.

The Cougar Connection



DATES TO REMEMBER

September 11-

- 9/11 Morning Assembly 8:00
- Parents in Prayer 8:30-9:00/Library
- STAR Testing Begins

September 12-

- Band Introduction 8:45

September 13-

- BBQ/Ice Cream Social 5:30-8:00

September 15-

- All School Mass 8:15
- Formal Dress Uniform
- Minimum Day 12:00
- Deadlines for Talent Show Sign-ups

September 17-

- Catechetical Sunday 9:30 Mass

September 18-

- Morning Assembly/Mad Science Presentation 8:15
- Parents in Prayer 8:30-9:00/Library

September 19-

- Talent Show try-outs
- Room Parent Meeting 5:30-6:30

September 22-

- All School Mass 8:15
- Formal Dress Uniform

September 25-

- Morning Assembly 8:00
- Parents in Prayer 8:30-9:00/Library

September 26-

- School Picture Day
- Formal Dress Uniform

September 29-

- All School Mass 8:15
- Formal Dress Uniform
- STAR Testing Ends

DAY CARE: Reminder: If your child will be attending the before or after school extended care the \$20.00 enrollment fee per child is due with the registration form. The fee helps to cover the cost for snacks and supplies. The hourly rate is \$5.00 per hour, per child, and will be set up through FACTS.

PTG/ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Our PTG Ice Cream Social/BBQ is Wednesday, September 13th starting at 5:30 pm. come join this family fun evening. The BBQ is \$6.00 per person and includes hamburger/hot dog, chips and drink. So that all may enjoy this evening safely, parents we ask you to please discuss the following guidelines for a safe night: no running, no chasing, no scooters or skateboards. Thank you for your assistance!

AFTER SCHOOL SPANISH: Our after school Spanish classes have begun and the response has been fantastic! For Grades 1st & 2nd classes will be on Wednesday from 3:00-3:30, followed by grades 3rd & 4th from 3:30-4:00. For grades 5th through 7th classes will be on Thursdays from 3:00-3:30. Thank you for supporting this after school program. A very special thank you to Maggie Perry for her time and dedication for organizing this after school program. If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Perry at mperry@francisparker.org. Also, since we had to adjust the class times, please note; if your child(ren) are attending the 3:00-3:30 & 3:30-4:00 classes on Wednesday you will not be charged for EDC during that time.

COMEDY FOR A CAUSE: Parent, come join the fun at The Comedy Palace Friday, September 22nd at 7:30 pm located at 8878 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Great comics, great food, silent auction, giveaways and more! Tickets are \$20.00 each and are available in the school office. Checks made payable to St. Columba School, or pay with cash or credit cards. The Comedy Palace will donate 50% of all ticket sales back to our school. All proceeds will go to benefit our St. Columba secret garden. Thank you to Mary Lou Scott for organizing this event. Any questions, please contact Mary Lou at volunteerstcolumba@aol.com. Please note: Reservations required: Go online www.ComedyPalace.com or all 858-492-9000.

PARENTS: If you do not receive the school e-mails, please let the office know. We want to make sure all our families receive all the important school information.

TITLE 1 FAMILY SURVEY: Last Friday, September 1st Title 1 family surveys were sent home. If you haven't returned this survey, please do so as soon as possible. According to the number of families eligible, private school students can receive supplement educational services under Title 1. Students may receive services based on their academic need.

GIRLS SCOUTS: Interested in finding out more about Girls Scouts or Daisies, please join us Wednesday, September 27th from 6:00-7:00 pm in the parish hall.

JV & VARSITY FALL SPORTS: Fall sports will begin soon for JV & Varsity boys football and JV & Varsity girls volleyball. All forms must be received ASAP! If we don't have enough sign-ups, there won't be teams.

GIFT CARDS: Don't forget to purchase gift cards! If you purchase a lot of gift cards for the holidays, plan ahead and get them from St. Columba School. To order online just go to www.shopwithscrip.com enter the school code: 5B7465D45922 and follow the simple instructions. You can also stop by the office to pick up an order form. Thank you to all the families and parishioners who use the gift card program on a regular basis. This is a great and easy way to help support the school.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Don't forget! Keep collecting Box Tops for Education. You can find them on numerous food items. Save them and send in with your child. Box tops are collected at the end of each month. The class that collects the most for the month will earn a free dress day, and the class with the most collected for the entire school year will earn a pizza party.

SAFETY REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder: Please do not drop off or meet your child in front of his/her classroom. Morning line up will be at their regular playground line up area. Teachers will meet students at 7:55 and bring them to the classroom. For the safety of all students, afternoon pick-up will be at the office/quad area or at the back parking lot line. **Also**, for the safety of all, please watch your speed while driving in the back parking lot before and after school. We ask that if you are dropping off or picking up in the back parking lot, please do not block the passing lane, and please do not park in the sand area. Thank you for helping us to keep all our students safe. Your help is greatly appreciated.