

Cathedral Chapel School News
From Miss Tina Katherine Kipp, Principal
Tuesday, September 29, 2009

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: GIFT WRAP & GOURMET CHOCOLATE
ORDER FORMS DUE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

Please make every effort to do your best to sell the items in the Signature Gift Wrap Catalog and send your orders with the money to school no later than Thursday, October 1, 2009. We are counting on 100% participation from every school family to make this a successful fundraiser for Cathedral Chapel School. We are working hard to raise money for our science lab at CCS and we can only achieve this goal with your support from our school fundraisers. Use these last few days to make final contacts with family, friends and co-workers to request their help in supporting our school! We would appreciate receiving CHECKS MADE OUT TO CATHEDRAL CHAPEL SCHOOL rather than cash when sending your orders to the school office. Thank you!

Signature's Gift Wrap Drive Ends on Thursday, October 1, 2009

Orders can be placed online at: www.sigfund.com.

Relatives and friends can support us by purchasing online!

CCS Annual Golf Tournament and Hall of Fame Dinner

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Tee Time: 12:30 PM

Social Hour: 5:30 PM

Dinner: 6:30 PM

Brookside Golf Club
1133 Rosemont Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91103

\$150.00 per person for Golf and Dinner

\$50.00 per adult and \$25.00 per child for Dinner

This is a school fundraiser and all families are invited to participate!

Registration Forms were mailed to each school family last week.

We need 52 golfers and people who want to join us for dinner.

If you know someone who would be interested in joining us that day,
please pass on the information and the registration form.

We hope that many of our school families will want to participate in the
Golf Tournament as well as the Dinner. Please return the registration
form as soon as possible if you wish to participate in the Golf
Tournament or join us for the Hall of Fame Dinner!

Cathedral Chapel Hall of Fame

This year at the dinner the parish and school will induct the following people into the Cathedral Chapel Hall of Fame to recognize their extraordinary service to the parish, the school and the local community.

**Sister Diane Donoghue, S.S.S. '45 & Mr. John Donoghue '46
Dr. Clyde V. and Mrs. Peggy Lyon '39 Von der Ahe
Mr. Wilson Winnek '49**

Iowa Tests of Basic Skills from September 28 – October 9

In the next few weeks, our students will be taking the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS). These tests are standardized achievement tests that are taken by children all over the nation. The main purposes of ITBS are to provide the school with information that can be used to improve instruction and to help teachers make sound educational decisions about each student's learning. The scores allow teachers to check each student's year-to-year growth and to identify some of each student's strong areas of achievement and needed areas of improvement.

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills cover many of the fundamental skills your child is learning in school in the areas of reading, language, and mathematics. We also test in the areas of social studies, science, and sources of information.

The results from the ITBS will not be used to determine report card grades of students. Instead, the principal and teachers will use the results to monitor students' learning of some of the important skills taught in school. The results will be useful to you and your child by providing supplementary information in addition to the teacher's observations and judgments. When test results are used in conjunction with other information from both the classroom and the home, teachers and parents can work together to identify and address the educational needs of each student.

Students should be encouraged to do their best on the ITBS, as they should for all of their school activities. It is important that students are not made to feel anxious during this testing period and we encourage you to make sure that they get plenty of rest as well as eat regular nutritious meals to keep their thinking clear and focused.

ITBS Test Results will be shared with you at the required Parent-Teacher Conferences in November. Please work with your child to make them feel positive about the testing time and help them understand that it is a tool for parents and teachers to use to improve their educational experience.

Have a Positive Attitude

Approach the big test as you'd approach a giant jigsaw puzzle. It might be tough, but you can do it! A positive attitude goes a long way toward success.

Some Test-Taking Suggestions

Below are some test-taking tips that can help your child obtain test scores that accurately reflect his or her achievement. Many of these suggestions apply to all kinds of test-taking, not just for standardized testing. You may want to talk to your child about some of these ideas.

- 1. During the week of testing, make sure you get as much sleep each night as you normally get on a school night.**
- 2. Read and listen carefully to the directions for each test while your teacher reads them. Then follow those directions exactly. If you don't understand the directions, ask your teacher to explain them.**
- 3. Look at ALL the answer choices for a question before you select one as your answer. For many test questions, you will need to compare the answer choices and then choose the BEST one.**
- 4. If you are not sure about the correct answer to a test question, first eliminate any choices you know are wrong. Then choose your answer from among the choices that remain.**
- 5. Mark your answers by filling in the circles with heavy, dark marks. If you decide to change your answer, erase the first mark as completely as possible.**
- 6. Your teacher will tell you how much time you will have to work on each test. Try to work at a steady pace and try not to waste time. If a certain question is taking a lot of time, you want to skip it and try it again later if there's time.**
- 7. When your teacher gives you rest periods between tests, use them to stretch if you feel tired of sitting.**

Progress Reports Sent Home on Friday, October 16, 2009

We are in the fourth week of the first trimester and soon it will be time to notify parents regarding their children's progress at school. Progress Reports will be sent home on Friday, October 16, 2009. It is very important that you take some time with your child to make sure that all assignments have been completed and missing work has been made up. If you need to make an appointment for a Parent-Teacher Conference, please contact the school office.

**Parent/Student Handbook Agreement DUE Friday, October 2, 2009
Please return page 60 to the school office to verify that you have read the handbook and agree to the policies at Cathedral Chapel School!**

**You Are Invited to Join Us for the School Family Mass
Sunday, October 11, 2009 at 10:00 AM
Cathedral Chapel of St. Vibiana
Mrs. Karla Heredia and the fifth graders will host the Mass!**