

Dear Parents,

Did you know...?

Our annual Town Hall meeting will be held THIS Thursday, February 24, at 6:30 P.M. in Colman Hall. During this mini version of our "state of the school" address, information will be shared regarding the following topics:



- Tuition for the 2011-2012 school year (not painful...)
- Full-day TYKE and Kindergarten Programs (yeah, finally!)
- Additions to the SSJ uniform (so cool...)
- Home-School communications (this is the 21st century...)
- SSJ test scores (your kids rock!)
- The journey ahead (like changes to the Service Hours policy...)



I will be delighted if you join me...not only will EVERY parent present receive TWO SERVICE HOURS for attending a one hour meeting (do the math...that's 4 hours for your family if both parents attend), your presence will prevent me from just talking to myself—again. ☺ See you there!

SSJ TYKE/KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

The information meeting regarding our full-day TYKE/Kindergarten enrollment for the 2011-2012 was very well attended. Please note that we are having a special **SSJ KINDERGARTEN "OPEN HOUSE" THIS Sunday, FEBRUARY 27, from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon.** All families who are interested in having their students attend kindergarten at SSJ are welcome to attend. Our screening date for student placement will be **Saturday, March 5, beginning at 8:00 A.M.** If you or anyone you know is interested in fall enrollment, please call the school office at 714-962-4451.

SSJ LIBRARY NEWS

The transition to the new Accelerated Reader program is now complete! A Parent login information letter was sent home last week containing each student's username and password with the Home Connect address. There is also a link to the site under "Library" on the SSJ webpage. At Home Connect you are able to view your child's progress on quizzes they have taken and points they have earned. Additionally, you can also view your child's personal bookshelf to see which books he/she has read. By clicking on "help" at the top of the screen you can get more information, and there is a Parent's Guide to Accelerated Reader that can be downloaded. If you would like to receive e-mails when your child takes a quiz, simply click on the e-mail setup link. If you have any questions please call the library at (714) 962-1602.

SCRIP NEWS!

IN NEED OF SERVICE HOURS????? Here is a fun way to earn them! Shop & Save is looking for volunteers to process and distribute scrip orders to the classrooms twice a week. Most positions average just 1 to 1 ½ hours per week. This is typically a one year commitment from September through June. No prior experience is necessary; we will train you. If you are interested in helping us or have any other questions, please contact Jessica Shipley (714) 348-6420 or leave your name and phone number in the school office and Jessica will contact you.

SSJ FISH FRY: SAVE THE DATES & HELP NEEDED

Looking for a fun way to earn those remaining service hours before the April 30th deadline? Join us at the annual SSJ Fish Fry which begins **Friday, March 11, 2011** and continues each Friday through **April 15, 2011**. Earn bonus service hours by working all six weeks! There are many jobs available; no experience is necessary. This year, we're using VolunteerSpot (an online sign-up and reminder tool) to schedule our volunteers. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to go to our invitation page <http://tinyurl.com/fish2011>
- 2) Enter your email address. VolunteerSpot will then send you a personal* sign-up invitation coded to your email address. (No registration is required) Please note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone or send spam emails.
- 3) Go to your email inbox and open the invitation from VolunteerSpot – click "Sign Up Now/Learn More" to choose your spots. Note: If you have trouble accessing the site or prefer not to enter your email address, please email Joyce Peterson at hbpetes@verizon.net and she can sign you up manually. (Please don't share your personal sign-up invitation as the link is unique to your email address. If you delete your personal email invitation, please go to www.VolunteerSpot.com and click "Find My Activity Links" to get a new email with links to all your activities).

Please contact Joyce Peterson at 714-747-7383 if you would like more information or if you are interested in helping with this great community-building event.

In faith, pride and spirit,

Crystal Smith & Faculty

**Don't miss out on the meeting
this Thursday at 6:30 P.M.
(Now we know what happened
to all the dinosaurs! ☺)**

