



Dear Parents,

Registration packets are being sent home today to all of the families who submitted the **Intent-to-Return** forms, and to the families who are currently on our waiting list. If you have not yet returned your form and intend to enroll your children for the 2011-2012 school year, please take a few minutes to **complete and return the INTENT FORM to the school office**. Registration packets will ONLY be sent to those families who indicate they are returning next year. **Our families will have until Monday, April 18, to return the fees and completed registration packets**. If you have any questions/concerns regarding the registration process, please contact Christine Nguyen at (714) 962-1642.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE...PLEASE NOTE...LAST CALL**

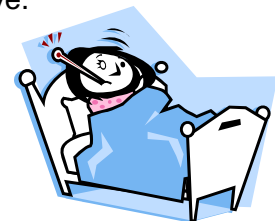
**Beginning NEXT WEEK, the weekly communication will only be sent to our school families via e-mail.** We will no longer be utilizing the family envelopes for distribution of our school newsletter and accompanying flyers. To join our email list, simply log on to our school or parish website, click on the **“join our e-mail list”** button, and complete the information required. It's quick and easy. Whatever e-mail address you register is the one that we will be using to send our information to you each week. Both parents can receive the e-mails; all you need to do is sign-up separately. Please note that the student data is needed so that we can send targeted e-mails regarding specific sports announcements, grade level reminders for special events/activities, field trip itineraries, etc. (Personal and confidential information will not be sent through this system.)



### **SSJ LENTEN SERVICE PROJECTS**

As we continue our Lenten journey, this year we are focusing our Christian service efforts on helping the youngest, most vulnerable members of our community who could certainly benefit from a little “TLC.” Last week, all SSJ students participated in the **schoolwide math-a-thon** in an effort to raise funds for children who are battling cancer. As our students were building essential math skills, they were also raising money to help fight childhood cancer. Every dollar raised by our students will be sent to **St. Jude Children's Hospital** to support them in their mission to find cures and provide hope to these very fragile patients. It costs the hospital approximately 1.6 million dollars a day to do all of the good work that happens there. Donations provide 70% of that funding. When people donate, the nurses and doctors are able to help everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. It is our fervent prayer that these little miracles never cease to happen.

The second part of our efforts is being geared towards bringing a bit of happiness to the youngest patients at **Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC)**. Last week, we placed a beautiful blue **“chest of hope”** in the hallways of SSJ. (We are very grateful to the Price family for building the chest for us.) We are hoping that our students will help us fill this chest with lots of NEW and simple toys, coloring books, crayons, puzzles, books, etc. that can be used by the children at CHOC to help make their hospital stay a bit more comforting. Please note that because the hospital must take every precaution to protect their young patients from germs, we cannot accept any “gently used” donations. Whatever you are able to give will be greatly appreciated by the doctors and nurses of CHOC, and the families they serve.





### **HELP & HOPE FOR JAPAN**

On Friday, March 25, the faculty, staff and students of SSJ will be participating in a “prayer walk” for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan! The prayer walk will begin at 8:30 A.M. and end at 2:00 P.M. Each classroom will participate in the walk as it fits into their schedule for the day. Just as we did for the victims of Haiti, we will once again be collecting and bringing shoes to Sport Chalet in support of their “**Soles 4 Souls**” program. We kindly ask our students to bring “gently worn” men’s, women’s and children’s shoes (either tied or wrapped together) to school on that particular Friday **ONLY** as we have no storage room for our collection. At the end of the day, the shoes will be transported to our local Sport Chalet. Parent support and participation for the prayer walk is both encouraged and welcomed!

### **TRAINING FOR ALTAR SERVERS**

All students in grades 5 through 8 are invited to become Altar Servers for the parish Sunday Masses. Training will be held on Saturdays, March 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. in the church. All are welcome to become part of this wonderful parish ministry.

### **COOKIE DOUGH/FROZEN FOOD ORDERS**

The **one & only** day for pick-up of cookie-dough/frozen food orders will be next **Tuesday, March 29**, in Colman Hall from 11:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Please make every effort to pick up your orders as we do not have adequate freezer space to hold any items not claimed.

### **SSJ FISH FRY NEWS**

A BIG thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help during this year’s Fish Fry. Last week a total of 993 dinners were prepared and served by our volunteers so your support is greatly appreciated! Please know that it’s not too late to sign-up to help. This can be done in one of three ways: you can go to <http://tinyurl.com/fish2011> and sign up via VolunteerSpot, send an e-mail to Joyce Peterson at [hbpetes@verizon.net](mailto:hbpetes@verizon.net), or show up on Friday evening and we’ll gladly find a place for you!

*Lemon Donations* – Thanks also to all who so generously donate lemons every year. To avoid a huge deluge of lemons one week and a lemon shortage the next, we have devised a schedule for donations to ensure we have a steady stream of delicious, fresh lemons. **Please bring lemons according to your last name (lemons can be dropped off at the kitchen.)**

Week 3 (3/25)	K thru P	Week 4 (4/1)	Q thru U
Week 5 (4/8)	V thru Z	Week 6 (4/15)	A thru Z

*Dessert Donations* – Bakers, heat up your ovens! The bake booth needs your yummy desserts! It seems that fewer and fewer folks give up sweets for Lent because the bake booth is always busy with happy customers. You are welcome to donate desserts even if it’s not your assigned night. .

### **IMPORTANT SCRIP INFORMATION**

Mark your calendars with some important dates! Great Lakes Scrip Center will be closed for inventory and system maintenance April 4<sup>th</sup> through April 8<sup>th</sup>. Prior to their closure, we will place a scrip order on March 31, with delivery scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>. We will **NOT** be placing any scrip orders on April 5<sup>th</sup> or April 7<sup>th</sup>. We will resume placing orders on April 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be our last scrip order prior to the SSJ Easter vacation schedule. This order will also be the last opportunity you will have to receive credit toward the 2010-2011 school year. Once we return from vacation, we will continue to place scrip orders until June 2, with credit going towards the next school year.

### **SEES CANDIES FUNDRAISER**

The Sees Candies fundraiser is on! This is a sweet and delicious way to fulfill your fundraising obligation. Families will be credited with 50% of their total Sees Candies orders. Items are reasonably priced, and families will have the opportunity again this year to donate an item to the children of Thomas House. The one-and-only turn-in date is Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Free Dress day for students who sell four (4) or more items and turn in their completed order form on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. For questions about this fundraiser or the volunteer opportunities please contact Wendy Lotts at 714 488-2555, or you can send her an e-mail at [hblotts@yahoo.com](mailto:hblotts@yahoo.com).

### **PHYLUM PHASION SHOW at SSJ TONIGHT!**

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade students of Sts. Simon & Jude School proudly present their annual "Phylum Phasion Show" TONIGHT, March 22, at 7:00 P.M. in Colman Hall. This is an amazing entertainment opportunity appropriate for all ages. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade science students have been studying a variety of organisms and becoming experts on them. During this culminating event, they will transform into these unique organisms and teach you all about themselves. Those in attendance will witness an awesome multimedia event filled with colorful costumes, runway struts, music to match each organism, student created artwork and rhymes, and various projected imagery. The show is FREE and will run for approximately one and a half hours. Make plans to join in the fun!

*In faith, pride and spirit,*

*Crystal Smith & Faculty*



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the weekly newsletter  
via e-mail!**