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Dear Parents:

1. USF AWARDS CERMONY: Proudly Mrs. Trelut and Dr. McDonald attended the University of San Francisco Awards Ceremony today. This annual event honors the top academic achievers from Catholic elementary schools in the Bay Area. These students are chosen among 8th graders who exemplify consistent ongoing academic achievement. Congratulations Brianna Roque for receiving the Consistent Academic Excellence Award. Her name will be inscribed on the General Excellence Award plaque in memory of Nancy Preston. Congratulations to Mary Lane who will receive the Most Improved Academic Excellence Award. Her name will be inscribed on the Most Improved Student plaque in memory of Elizabeth Siordia. These plaques hang on the wall outside the principal's office.

2. FACULTY NEWS: After over twenty years of devotion to Nativity School both Mrs. Joe, Grade 4 teacher (20 years), and Mrs. Cassidy, office staff and yard duty coordinator (29 years), will both retire to enjoy their new found life and grandchildren.

3. SAVE THE DATES: Celebrate with us! There will be two events to honor Mrs. Joe and Mrs. Cassidy so please save these dates. The student body of Nativity School will honor them on Thursday, May 24th, with a special rally in Sobrato Pavilion at 1:30 p.m. Then on Sunday, June 10th, Monsignor will celebrate the 9:30 a.m. Mass in their honor. Immediately following all are then invited to a free Pancake Breakfast immediately following Mass at Nativity School to share our best wishes for Mrs. Joe and Mrs. Cassidy. Please join us for all these events!

4. STUDENT COUNCIL: What a busy week for Student Council campaigners! Campaign posters showing wonderfully creative information on each candidate were displayed in the halls today. Campaigners attended a short workshop to help them create their speeches. Starting at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 22nd and Wednesday, May 23rd, candidates will be delivering their speeches. Grades 4, 5, 6, and 7 will be voting after the candidates complete their speeches. Winners of the 2012-2013 Student Council elections will be announced on Thursday, May 24th. Inauguration will be held on Friday, May 25th, at 2:15 p.m. **GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE CANDIDATES! YOU ARE ALL WINNERS! GO PANTHERS!**

5. SPRING CONCERT: Tomorrow is our Spring Concert! Grades 5-8, under the direction of Mrs. Judy Bayse, will perform this evening at 7 p.m. in the Sobrato Pavilion. There will be a rehearsal at 1:45 p.m. for the student body and any parents or grandparents who may not be able to attend the evening performance.

6. ROOM PARENT ALERT: We need volunteers for Room Parents in Grades 2, 4, 6, 7, & 8. Please complete and return the attached form.

7. RETURNING FAMILIES: General Registration fee (\$350 per child), signed Contracts and Emergency Cards were due today. Please complete and return them to the school office. **They have to be returned by Friday, 5/18.**

8. BASEBALL: All Baseball sign-ups are due by Friday, May 18.

9. NATIVITY CARNIVAL: The Nativity Carnival Urgently Needs Your Help! Please read the attached fliers!

10. NATIVITY CARNIVAL SILENT AUCTION: The Carnival Silent Auction has a wonderful opportunity for you! Please read the attached flier for details!

11. GRADE 5 PARENTS: There will be an Outdoor Education Informational Meeting for Grade 5 parents on Wednesday, May 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the Grade 6 classroom. It is important that all the 5th grade parents attend. Outdoor Education Science Camp will more than likely be scheduled early next school year.

12. 2011 PERTUSSIS (WHOOPING COUGH) IMMUNIZATION: For all 2012-2013 school year, a State law now requires that **all** incoming 7th-12th graders get a whooping cough booster shot, called Tdap, before entering school. **Students who have not received this booster shot prior to the beginning of the school year (August 23, 2012) will not be allowed to start school.** We encourage you to contact your child's doctor **now** to schedule an immunization appointment. We will need proof of this vaccination prior to 8/23/2012 for our incoming 7th and 8th Graders. Some children may qualify for free immunizations through the Vaccines for Children Program. Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, is widespread throughout California. This vaccine can help keep your child and family protected. For more information about the law and where to get shots, please visit www.shotsforschool.org or call the school office.

13. CALENDAR REMINDER: Monday, May 21st, is a 12:30 p.m. dismissal day.

14. USGS OPEN HOUSE: Bring the family and see 80+ exhibits, music and more at the USGS Open House in Menlo Park this weekend, May 19th and 20th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.! This is a FREE public event. Take a look - <http://openhouse.wr.usgs.gov> . The US Geological Survey is the geoscience research agency of the US Department of the Interior. Scientists at the USGS Menlo Park campus are leaders in research on earthquakes, water quality, volcanoes, coastal and marine geology, mineral and energy resources, geography, and the San Francisco Bay ecosystem. Come interact with USGS scientists, enjoy hands-on exhibits, and gain a greater appreciation of our connection to the natural systems of our dynamic planet – Earth.

Blessings,

Mrs. Trelut, Principal

Help wanted

Volunteers to be Room Parents

As the school year ends, so does the job of this year's Room Parents. First, I want to thank all the Room Parents for the wonderful job they did by helping the teachers with classroom parties, field trips, classroom gifts for the auction dinner dance and the Carnival silent auction, etc. Also, as a group, they helped by hosting the Open House in January, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in May, refreshments for the monthly Sunday Family Mass, and monthly luncheons for the senior group at Nativity Parish, as well as coordinating classroom volunteers for the Christmas Tree Sale.

Now it is the time to ask for volunteers to be Room Parents for the next school year beginning August 2012. Any parent can be a volunteer. All you need to have is enthusiasm, a willingness to help, a telephone, and a class roster. Some of the current Room Parents have been doing the job for a while and would like others to take over. Some others may re-volunteer. From those who volunteer, each teacher will select two for his/her class.

If you are interested in being involved for the next school year, please indicate on the slip below and return it to the school office as soon as possible. A general job description for the Room Parent position is enclosed.

Mrs. Trelut
Principal

ROOM PARENT VOLUNTEER (Please fill out and return to the school office.)

Yes, I would like to volunteer to be a Room Parent for _____
(Grade in the Fall)

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

The 32nd Annual

NATIVITY CARNIVAL

Urgently needs your help!

We are running a bit behind on the carnival raffle this year and if every school family could pick up one ticket, it would make a huge difference to the overall success of the event.

Your donation doesn't go into a black hole - it comes right back to Nativity. This years proceeds will continue to pay down the loan on our beautiful Sobrato Pavilion. But we need each family to participate!

And wouldn't you like to win the \$15,000 dollar grand prize?!

If you received your tickets in the mail, don't forget to send them back in. If you need to pick up raffle tickets, you can see a carnival committee member at morning drop-off on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We'll see you at the Nativity Carnival

June 8, 9 & 10

The 32nd Annual

NATIVITY CARNIVAL



JUNE 8, 9 & 10

CARNIVAL BOOTH SIGN-UPS

Nativity Parish families are needed to help at the annual Nativity Carnival.
We need volunteers to work at the many Nativity Game Booths.

GAME BOOTHS

Basketball Hoops, Baseball Throw, Cherry Bells,
Spin Art Wheel, Pan Games, Silent Auction,
Prize Redemption, Raffle and Duck Pond.

If you would like to help Nativity School, please fill out the attached form with name, day, time, and booth from the list above and return it to Nativity School or email alba.rivera@sbcglobal.net

PLEASE NOTE

Pan Game & Cherry Bell volunteers must be at least 21 years of age.

Any questions please e-mail Alba Rivera @ alba.rivera@sbcglobal.net

NATIVITY CARNIVAL 2012

Friday, JUNE 8

1 to 5 pm (Set-Up) _____

5 to 8 pm _____

8 to 11 pm _____

Saturday, JUNE 9

12 to 2:30 pm _____

2:30 to 5 pm _____

5 to 8 pm _____

8 to 11 pm _____

Sunday, JUNE 10

12 to 3:30 pm _____

3:30 to 7 pm _____

Take Down (Clean Up), 6 to 9 pm _____

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Volunteer's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Child's Name & Grade: _____

E-mail: _____



The Carnival Silent Auction has a wonderful opportunity for you.

If you have a service or items to sell, donate them to us.
We in turn will show off your donation at the Carnival Silent
Auction.

Tons of people walk through the Auction on Friday and Saturday,
the opportunity for you to get some great exposure is huge.

If you have a cleaning service...donate to us a couple of hours

If you make great jewelry at home...donate a set

Starting out as a new chef of cupcakes, catering? Donate a dozen
or a party.

We are in need of donations and would love to help support our
local Nativity Parents.

As always, thank you so much for all you contribute to Nativity
School and Parish

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