

St. Cyprian School
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Mark your Calendars

Tuesday, April 12 4th Grade Field Trip
Thursday, April 13 Triumph of the Cross
 12:30 Dismissal -
 No Extended Care
Friday, April 14 Easter Break Begins
Saturday, April 22 Mountain View Parade
Saturday, April 29 Confirmation 9:30 am
 at the Cathedral

Girls' Volleyball

VBN 4/11 @ CYP vs PINE 6:00 pm
 4/12 @ CYP vs HARKER 5:00 pm
JVA 4/10 @ SS vs SJMV 5:00 pm
 4/25 @ CYP vs RES 5:00 pm
JVC 4/25 @ CYP vs SS 4:00 pm
Mark your calendars for the Track Meet on Saturday, May 13. More information will be discussed in PE classes for the 4 – 8th graders.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

So far, 19% of the families have completed the survey. For those of you who have taken Statistics, you know that a survey is not valid unless there is at least a 30% return. My goal is 100% return because I do not want to base my decisions on 30% of our families. I need to hear from every family. Please return the survey no later than Thursday, April 13. I have already received many wonderful suggestions to improve our school, so don't pass up the opportunity to share your great ideas.

May Madness

I hope you are getting excited about our major school fundraiser. Mark your calendars for May 7th. Many hours have been put into making sure that this year's event is the best ever. So tell your family and friends to plan on joining you for a wonderful family day. Meeting on Wednesday, April 19th at 6:00 pm in the Staff Room.

Alums

Thank you to Mary and Sharon H. for organizing the Alumni Ice Cream Social on Sunday, April 9th. There were over 30 alums who attended the event and they all agreed the highlight of the day was to have Mrs. Jane Wallace, their 4th Grade teacher, share her time with them.

Soup Suppers

Thank you to the 8th Grade Parents and Leslie Gallagher for a fantastic final Soup Supper. Although I was not able to attend, I heard from everyone that it was the largest crowd ever. Thank you also to Mrs. Brady and the 7th Grade class for a moving presentation of the Passion Play.

Change in Handbook

It has come to my attention that the handbook is not clear on exactly what "uniform" means when it comes to the length of socks for both boys and girls. **The Handbook has been changed to state: The sock must be visible at least one inch above the edge of the shoe.**

Playground Supervision

There has been some question about the role of parents as playground supervisors. During recess and lunch, we have three faculty/staff members assigned to supervise the eating and playground area. With 200, students that is not enough supervision, so I ask every adult who is on campus during those times to help watch out for the safety of the students. Often, these parents need to "discipline" for negative behavior - breaking the playground rules, teasing another student, or mean behavior. These parents also report to me or the classroom teacher when these situations arise. Please remind your child that they need to be respectful of the adults who are willing to volunteer their time for the well being of our students. Next year, I will have in place more formal parent yard duty supervision as done in many of the other local Catholic schools.

Volunteer Opportunities

I am forming a committee of parents, faculty, staff, and students to review various character building programs and to make a recommendation for next year. If you are interested, please contact me by email.

Walkathon

Thank you to Mrs. Pierron and all of the parents who contributed oranges, water and their time for the success of the Walkathon. The students prayed in the morning for no rain and God answered us by giving us a blue sky from 10:30 am -12:00 pm. So far, \$1800.00 has been collected. I will let you know when the final tally is completed.

Thank you to Mrs. Asuncion, Mrs. Miranda, Mr. Mora, Mrs. Ma, Mrs. Millendez, Mrs. Defensor, Mrs. Campos, Ms. Asao, Mrs. Pustelnik, Mrs. Connolly, Mrs. Lin, Mrs. Bevins, Mrs. Botros, Mrs. Castillo, Mrs. Dinh, Mrs. Henson, Mrs. Torres, Mrs. Nguyen & Matt's Grandmother, Mr. Kuntarodjanjun, Mrs. Bogart, Mrs. Ng, Mrs. Truong, Mrs. Waters, Mrs. Hinson, and anyone I may have unintentionally missed, for their help on Wednesday. You are a gift to the children and to the school!

SVYA Theology on Tap

"The Mercy of God: What It Takes to Get Into Heaven"

Date: Sunday, April 23

Time: 7-9 pm

Venue: Scruffy Murphy's Irish Pub

187 S. Murphy St, Sunnyvale CA 94086

408.735.7394

Speaker: Fr. Thomas Maher, LC

Cost: Free (food and drink available for purchase)

For more info: svya@saintcyprian.org

State Standards and Diocese Outcomes

In all of the subjects taught at St. Cyprian the teachers are driven by the California State Standards and Diocesan Outcomes. From the survey, it is apparent that we have not done a good job of informing our parents as to the curriculum in our support classes. I have asked all of the support teachers to do a summary of their classes for this school year and I will begin including these reports in the May Tuesday envelopes.

The Heifer Project

Congratulations Ms. Smalldon and the 1st Graders for their purchase of two goats for a needy village. They still have a few more days to earn money- see the graph in their classroom window.

Remember to return your child's Report Card!!!!

Community Baskets

Thanks to Melissa Carstens, we have been able to deliver a Community Basket ever month this year. In March, the 4th Grade class thanked Sunnyvale Community Services and on April 11th the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce will be presented with a basket made by the 7th Grade. Be sure to look at the web page for pictures of this community outreach.

Easter Prayer – The Gratuities

I thought there would be no better time that at the Easter Season to thank those parents who help make St. Cyprian so special.

Blessed are they who go to meetings,
For they meet with high approval from teachers and administrations.

Blessed are they who serve on committees,
For they shall be known as leaders in commitment.

Blessed are they who drive on field trips,
For they carry out an essential role in our education journey.

Blessed are they who work lunch and recess duty,
For they actively participate in every child's favorite subject.

Blessed are the who read with their children,
For they shall receive words of praise from their teachers.

Blessed are they who are Room Parents,
For they always will find room in the hearts of hassled classroom teachers.

Blessed are they who are fund-raisers,
For their efforts go towards raising up our academic excellence.

Blessed are they who do everything under the sun to enhance the parent-student-teacher partnership,
For they shall be called shining examples of living in the light of Christ.

Blessed are they who share their time and talent in our school,
For they are surely treasured by all.

Author: Patricia McMillan, first grade teacher at St. Mary Magdalen School in Altamonte Springs, Florida.

I WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A BLESSED EASTER SEASON AND A RESTFUL EASTER VACATION. Be sure to attend services during the upcoming Triduum. This is such a wonderful time in the life of the Church.