

School Board News

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What's Happening

MOMS Group	Fri., 10/3 8:15-10 am Parish Hall
GAB: LCR Dice Game	Fri, 10/17 8:30 am Bushey's
GAB: Bowling	Wed, 11/5 8:30 am Parkway
Walkathon	Fri, 11/7 Lake Murray
GAB: Nordstrom Café	Fri, 12/5 Fashion Valley

SMA students take a walk for a better track

This November, SMA students will participate in the 18th Annual Walkathon at Lake Murray. As the first of two signature fundraising events, the proceeds of this year's Walkathon will go to improving the field track and providing financial assistance to SMA families.

Previous Walkathon proceeds have been used to build the field, purchase new playground equipment, supply new athletic uniforms and equip classrooms with

new technology.

The annual appeal seeks support from the parish as well as students' extended family and friends. The business community has also supported the event each year.

"Morgan's Monograms, the Jertberg family of VanBerg construction and Orthodontist Kurt Stormberg have all worked with us to keep the event cost down," said Chair Tracy South. "Obviously meet-



SMA students Parker and Julien competed in the sack race.

ing our goal for donations will make the event successful, but cutting costs through business partnerships means we raise more for our school."

The event includes a student walk around Lake Murray followed by lunch, outdoor games and music. Mark your calendars for Friday, November 7. Look for details and volunteer sign-up information in the parent envelope.



Classmates Gabi, Haviland, Maria & Hannah get ready to dance.

Growing Faith in Family

Sponsored by Parent Faith Formation Committee

- Back to school can be for parents too! The Diocese of SD offers Adult Ed classes in faith, church history, scripture and more. For more info, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org
- Kids love Halloween and often forget about All Souls Day on Nov. 1. In honor of this day, check out a book about saints at your local library or purchase a saint statue or prayer card to share at bedtime.
- *Saints at the Dinner Table* is a newly-released book that offers a unique way to learn about saints. There are 12 saints featured with stories, dinner menu, conversation starters and meal prayers. Look for it online or at Pauline Books and Media
- Look for the inspirational feature film *FireProof* in theatres on Sept 26.

MOMS group opens door to SMA women

Prayer group established last year appeals to mothers.

Last year, the Family Faith committee established a new group focused on Academy mothers. The Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS) began last winter with an aim to build a community of St. Martin moms who meet regularly.

"I was hoping for a chance to get to know moms on a different level," said Cynthia Claunch. "Instead of just saying 'hi' in the parking lot, I wanted to deepen friendships and build the community. This group has done that."

In the meetings there is a lot of laughter, friendship and inspiration for being a better mom, wife and faith-filled woman. The meetings also allot time to

pray for the needs of our academy students, teachers and families.

"Real healing goes on in the meetings," said one mom who asked not to be identified. "It's not a social group or a prayer meeting, it's connecting on a deeper level."

Women of all ages are welcomed, and moms are welcomed to stay for some or all of the meetings. The MOMS group meets one Friday per month in Parish Hall from 8:15-10 am. For more info, contact Lisa Zickert at L.zickert@cox.net.

Vacation Bible Camp Success

This summer more than 60 kids participated and dozens of adults volunteered to make Vacation Bible Camp a success. Through crafts, religious education, music and outdoor activities, campers saw the Mass Come Alive.

Thanks to all!

E-scrip & Scrip raise funds at no cost to parents

Do you shop at Vons or make credit card purchases? If so, you can help SMA earn money with a click of your mouse.

Through the e-scrip program, purchases made at Vons and at participating vendors with registered credit cards earn money for designated non-profit organizations. The only "investment" is the five-minutes it takes to sign up online.

Last year, SMA raised more than \$4000. Given that only half the SMA families are currently signed up, the potential to earn thousands of dollars more each year is real.

"Most parents have a credit card and many shop at Vons," said Board Member Gayle McMahon. "by taking just a couple minutes to sign up and renew their cards, SMA could raise thousands to enhance."

Albertson's and Ralph's have similar programs and parents can sign up via their websites.

Scrip Gift Cards help too!

Another easy way to help SMA raise funds is to purchase gift cards through the scrip program. Need gas? By using gas cards purchased through scrip, SMA earns up to 2% of your purchase and you don't spend any extra!

And the choices aren't limited to gas stations. Starbucks, Barnes & Noble and Outback Steakhouse are among more than 30 vendors available. Proceeds to SMA range from 1% to 10%.

"At ARCO you get charged to use your ATM, so I've been using scrip gift cards for years," said parent Cheryl Preciado. "And shopping at Smart & Final is easier when I have those cards."

Starting in October, SMA will sell scrip in the parking lot during drop-off and pick-up each Friday. Look for Sr. Charlene and don't forget to bring **y o u r c h e c k b o o k !**

E-Scrip Sign-Up Instructions

Go to www.escrip.com
Create an escrip account

Enter SMA code: 137613132
Sign up Vons card and credit cards

E-waste recycling helps environment and SMA

Old TVs, monitors, computers and other electronics will soon be welcomed at SMA. On Saturday, Oct 4 SMA's parking lot will become a receiving center as parents, parishioners and members of the larger community

E-Waste Recycling

Where: SMA Parking Lot

When: Sat, Oct 4th

Time: 10am—4 pm

Early drop-off starting 9/27

drop off unwanted electronics.

Thanks to the hard work of June Maeva and Susan Skinner, the event will not only provide an opportunity to dispose of e-waste safely, but also raise money for SMA.

"Our partner, E-Waste Green, will pay SMA a fee for every item with a screen like monitors and TVs," said Skinner. Other electronics won't

generate funds but will be disposed of safely. In addition, a storage bin will be available starting Sept 27 for early drop-offs.

Volunteers are still needed to man the event which will run from 10 am—4 pm. Contact Susan Skinner at 619-447-3040 to sign up and earn service hours.

Items to recycle

Monitors, TVs, Computers,
Stereos, Printers,

Cell phones, Faxes, VCRs,
DVDs, Cameras, Scanners

Please no batteries or appliances

Setting our goals for the year

- Family Faith Committee will offer MOMS group meetings, faith tips and a labyrinth journey.
- Parent Services will host GAB events, connect with new families thru mentoring, assess events and publish the Board Newsletter.
- Bingo is projected to meet budget expectations of \$75,000
- Walkathon & BIG 10 aim to generate similar funds as last year.
- Wish List now available via website and will be maintained all year.
- Tech committee plans to install security cameras and provide support for classroom technology.
- Fundraising-Advancement aims to increase funds from new fundraisers (e-waste) and e-scrip/ scrip programs.

SMA School Board working with families to make a difference.

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