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Mission Statement

Immaculate Heart of Mary School fosters a nurturing Catholic school community where children receive a strong spiritual and academic foundation based on Gospel values.

From the Desk of Ms. Sandra C. Larragoiti

Thursday, January 28, 2010

OPEN HOUSE THIS SUNDAY 1/31/10

Reflection

Open House---our Dessert after Mass

On Sunday, January 31, 2010, we will gather to celebrate our traditional Open House. Student work will be on display throughout the entire school. You will find that the students are very proud of their work. This Sunday also marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Weeks. We begin by celebrating Mass at 9:30. When an entire school community attends Mass together, I believe, we gain a great blessing for our students, faculty, and families. Celebrating a traditional event such as our Open House by first attending Mass, gives us a chance to give thanks, to recall our blessings, but most of all, to be in community together as we share a sacred meal. Open House becomes a most wonderful dessert.

Open House is essentially an opportunity to step back and enjoy all the efforts students, parents, and teachers have made. This is a time to visit, to chat, to simply have a cup of coffee or tea with a friend. But, most importantly, it is a time to remember that we have one thing in common, the celebration of your children's growth in mind, body, and soul. Your children make our world possible. We, as your educators, want to toast your child. Let us launch this important day by going to Mass at 9:30. Join the Immaculate Heart of Mary School community as we celebrate the many blessings in our lives.

Registration for 1-8 for 2010-2011

Registration forms for grades 1-8 (NEW Students) are available at the school office or via our school website at www.ihmschoolbelmont.com. **Application forms for new students in grades 1-8 are due in the school office by February 12, 2010.** *NOTE: Parents of Kindergarten siblings do not need to pick up any forms or stand in line during Open House. Your registration applications are already on file in the school office.*

Attention Parents of Kindergarten Students – 2010-2011

Please return confirmation of screening date and fee by **TOMORROW, JANUARY 29TH**. All new kindergarten students must have their Hepatitis B immunization series finished by September 2010. This is a three shot series. There must be one month between doses one and two, and six months between doses one and three. If your child hasn't begun the series yet, make an appointment with your pediatrician for February to begin the first one, March for the second and August for the third. If you have begun the series, please make your appointments now to complete it. Thank you for your attention to this requirement.

SPRING PICTURES – MONDAY – MARCH 1st

Spring Pictures are set for Monday, March 1st. Students having pictures taken may wear free dress. You will receive proofs after the pictures are taken and can make a decision as to whether or not you wish to purchase pictures. Spring pictures are **optional**. Siblings may be photographed together if we have a note from parents.

VOLUNTEER HOURS AND FUNDRAISERS

Thanks to our parents who have completed 40 hours of service. Your card is filed and will not be sent home until the new term of accounting begins.

Just a reminder that volunteer hours have to be completed by March 31, 2010. Non-participants and participants who have not reached the required number of volunteer hours/gift wrap purchase of \$50.00/Jogathon participation of \$50.00 and scrip requirement of \$3,500 will be placed on higher tuition cost for the 2010-2011 school year. Your signed school contract has all the details.

Families with outstanding tuition fees or late fee tuition charges cannot register for the 2010-2011 school year until all bills are cleared. If you need help please call Ms. Sandra Larragoiti. The incomplete volunteer hour cards are in today's brown envelope. Please complete and return them to us no later than Wednesday, March 31st. Note: If we do not have your card, we cannot send it home. Please call the school office if you have any questions regarding your volunteer hour requirement.

Children's Choice Lunch

Our new lunch program is a hit!! Please log on the website to register www.ChoiceLunch.com - registration code: Heart.

In Need of Last Minute Hours!!

How would you like to make snacks for Extended Care? We would love: cookies, brownies, cupcakes, ice cream, juice, anything your hearts desire! Thank you from Extended Care.

REACH OUT PROGRAM

One of the reasons for the existence of a Catholic school is that we prepare our students for service. Our coat and blanket drive as well as our Thanksgiving food drive have proven very successful. The majority of our Catholic schools are involved in Reach Out Programs on an ongoing basis. We know that there are many families who cannot afford what we take for granted. In an effort to help out, our Student Council is sponsoring a drive of toiletries during the week of February 8th-12th. What we are asking for is what is most needed, but anything you have to offer is acceptable. Thank you for reaching out to those in need.

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR GRADES K-8

Kindergarten	Toothbrushes or Toothpaste
Grade 1	Baby Powder or Baby Oil
Grade 2	Liquid Soap only (no bar soap)
Grade 3	Shampoo
Grade 4	Mouthwash
Grade 5	Hair Brushes
Grade 6	Skin Lotion
Grade 7	Shaving Cream
Grade 8	Deodorant

Scrip

Scrip is available in the office.

Amazon	Home Depot
Arco	Jamba Juice
Baskin Robbins	Long's Drugstore
Bed Bath and Beyond	Macy's
Best Buy	Safeway
Chevron	Smart & Final
Chili's/Macroni Bar & Grill	Starbucks
Old Navy/Gap/Banana Republic	Peets Coffee
Walgreens	Borders
California Pizza Kitchen	Century Theaters
Dennis Uniform	Shell
Toys-R-Us	

H1N1 Information

The San Mateo County Health System has daily updates on the seasonal flu and the H1N1 (swine) flu. Website is www.smhealth.org

IHM PARISH AUCTION DINNER DANCE

This year's event is Saturday, April 24th at the Marriott Hotel in San Mateo. If you would like to help with one of the Auction committees please come by the school office and check out the list. We have gift solicitation, gift transportation, grand drawing, gift display, hospitality and many more opportunities for you to get your hours and meet more people. It really brings our community together, it's fun and it helps balance our parish budget. If you have any questions please get in touch with Mrs. Karen Andreano at the school office. Please check our auction website for more information <http://auction.ihmbelmont.org>

Box Top News

Box Tops News: Our final collection for this school year is fast approaching. Let's show our school how much we care and clip and send in Box Tops. Thank you for helping! Every Box Top we collect is worth 10¢ for our school. Check newsletter attachments for the list of participating products.

Junipero Serra High School "Top of the Class" – January 2010

9th Grade

Michael Rutledge
Joseph Sahyoun

10th Grade

Nicholas Totagrande

11th Grade

Derek Koo

12th Grade

Nicholas Roberts

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Adopt-A-Student Fund

Just a reminder that we have a program in place for emergency situations. Our fund is small and needs to grow. All donations, large and small, are welcome throughout the year for this worthy cause. Please specify on the "memo" if you wish your donation to go to "Adopt a Student."

Memorial Cards

We have beautiful memorial cards at Immaculate Heart of Mary School. Please remember to use them. In doing so, you help comfort your friends and support our educational programs at the same time. Cards are available at the school office.