

ST. ADELAIDE ACADEMY



Developing Catholic Stewards, Scholars and Leaders



February 11, 2021

Dear St. Adelaide families,

The month of February finds us still in a virtual teaching environment. While our teachers, students and families are working diligently through this situation, we hope to be able to transition into the classroom. We are hopeful as we see Covid-19 numbers going down in our county. We need to be below 25/100,000 positive cases in the county for 5 consecutive days in order to be approved to have K-5 students on campus. We must be in the "red tier" to open for older grades. Please do your part by following the guidelines to keep everyone safe. Our teachers have been given the opportunity to receive their vaccines, so that is a step in the right direction.

Several events and activities occur during the month of February: Catholic Schools Week, Scholastic Book Fair, 100th Day of School, Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday/Lent, Stations of the Cross, and Random Act of Kindness Day. We have been busy planning, and you can find details for some of the events in this newsletter.

Many of you have asked about how to fulfill your 30-hours for the parent service obligation. We have many tasks and cleaning that need to be done around campus. Our Beautification Day on February 27th is one way to get some of your hours. (see details in the newsletter) We would prefer your service, but keep in mind that families will be charged for unfulfilled hours. Thanks to those who are already helping! Please call the school office if you would like more information or to arrange times other than 2/27 to come and help.

Many of our school families have been impacted during these last couple of months with illness and loss. We ask you to lift up these people and their loved ones in prayer. Life is precious!

Blessings,
Mrs. Malouf, Principal

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for those who have recently lost loved ones, those who are battling illness, those who are dealing with financial challenges, those dealing with emotional or mental challenges, and those dealing with stress. We ask for the Lord to provide them with the peace and comfort they need.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week was a great success. Our teachers were creative in finding ways to make the week meaningful. We celebrated from January 31st through February 6th in a variety of ways: creating family trees, recognizing community supporters, honoring those who serve our nation, exploring the ways that Catholic education impacts us now and in the future, and thanking our school staff and teachers who work to provide a strong Catholic education.

As we reflect on the theme, "*Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service*" we know that

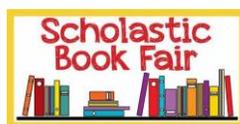
- *Faith* in Jesus is the foundation of our work.
- Catholic educators guide students as they form *excellent* habits and flourish in virtue imitating Christ.
- A commitment to *service* reminds us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for Christ.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support. We know that you recognize the importance of partnering with our teachers to build a strong foundation for your child.



VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

Our Scholastic Book Fair is coming to an end. Please log in using the link below by February 13th at 9pm. Our goal is 150 books. Promoting the value of reading to your children is important. Let's create lifelong readers! This is the link to our **Virtual Store**: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stadelaideschl>. You are welcome to share this link with friends and family.



100th DAY OF SCHOOL

On February 5th, we celebrated the 100th day of school. A number of activities occurred throughout the week including collecting 100 items, writing stories with 100 words, and creating math problems that equal 100. Congratulations to all our students for being 100 days smarter!



DISTINGUISHED TEACHER OF THE YEAR

We recognize and congratulate Mrs. Teashia Lopez for being recognized as our Distinguished Teacher of the Year. We are blessed to have Mrs. Lopez as part of our school family. Her care and concern for her students' growth, both academically and spiritually, is unprecedented. She is invaluable!

Thank you to all our teachers and staff for their exemplary work and dedication to our students. They have all shown incredible resilience and creativity during this challenging time. Our students are blessed to have such an amazing team of teachers and staff!



CAR RAFFLE WINNER

Bishop Rojas picked the winning ticket for the car raffle, and the winner is... Martha Ochoa from St. Thomas the Apostle School in Riverside. Thank you all who bought and sold tickets. The proceeds are allocated for scholarships for our schools in the Diocese of San Bernardino. As a diocese, we sold 22,474 tickets!!



BAN LIFTED FOR INDOOR WORSHIP

On February 5th, the Supreme Court ruled that all houses of worship in California can hold indoor services at 25% capacity. After putting directives in place, Bishop Rojas announced that all parishes in the diocese will be able to offer Mass inside their church starting February 13th. Please see our church website: www.stadelaidhighland.com and their Facebook page for more information.



ASH WEDNESDAY/LENT

The holy season of Lent begins next Wednesday, February 17th with Ash Wednesday. Because of the new directives, we will be able to hold services inside the Church with all the safety measures in place. Our school service will be at 9AM. Families are welcome to come at that time or any other service being offered by our parish. No reservations are needed for that day. The 9AM service will also be livestreamed. Ashes will be distributed with a Q-tip so that there is no risk to anyone.

The services for Ash Wednesday are:

7:30AM Mass - English

9:00AM Service for school - English

12:00PM Service - English

5:00PM Service - English

6:00PM Service - Spanish

7:00PM Mass - Bilingual



In addition, the school will have Stations of the Cross every Thursday at 8AM via Zoom. We will use the same codes that we use for our Wednesday Prayer Assemblies.

Here is some general information for you regarding Lent:

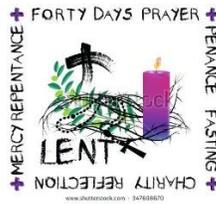
The season of Lent is a Catholic liturgical season consisting of forty days of fasting, prayer, and penitence beginning on Ash Wednesday and concluding at sundown on Holy Thursday. The official liturgical color for the season of Lent is violet. This year, Lent begins on February 17th. The Catholic Church asks all Catholics, 14 years of age or older to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. Catholics between the ages of 16 and 59 are also to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means to limit food to one full meal a day with the possibility of two smaller meals (not adding up to a full meal) as needed. Abstinence means not eating meat, although fish is allowed. Catholics are required to observe all days of fasting and abstinence which is one of the precepts of the Church.

Many Catholics were taught as children to "give up something" for Lent. The sacrifices in Lent are really penance, in the same spirit as the Ninevites that repented at the preaching of Jonah. Throughout our history, Christians have found prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to be an important part of repentance and renewal. Many Catholics now add something during Lent rather than giving up something, either to address personal habits that need work or to add some outreach to others in need.

The Church does not specifically require that we do something beyond the requirements of fasting and abstinence. To do nothing, however, would certainly not be in keeping with the spirit of Lent. Furthermore, the sacrifices and extra things we do for Lent help us grow closer to Christ. We are missing out on so many graces if we do not participate fully in Lent. It is not necessary to be perfect, but we should put forth a good effort.

A good practice is to do something extra in prayer, something involving fasting (whether limiting our intake of food or giving up something non-food-related), and something involving almsgiving (giving money or goods to the needy or doing extra acts of charity).

Taken from www.aboutcatholics.com



RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS DAY

We send out weekly "Kindness Challenges" during our Wednesday assemblies but we also want to participate in the National Day of Kindness on Wednesday, February 17th. The intent of this day is to "Explore the Good and Make Kindness the Norm". We will be doing activities within our classes to promote kindness. We encourage you to do the same in your own homes. Coincidentally, this day coincides with Ash Wednesday. It might be a time to focus your Lenten Promise on something that promotes kindness.



BEAUTIFICATION DAY

We need you!! Our next Beautification Day will be on Saturday, February 27th from 9-1. There are many projects that we would like to accomplish during this event. We would like to do cleaning, gardening/tree trimming, sanding & painting, and simple repairs. There is a job for everyone. Please bring tools, gardening equipment, and your energetic spirit. This is a great way to earn your parent hours. Please remember to log your hours on Gradelink. Can't make it on the 27th? Let us know when you can come to help, and we will try to accommodate your schedule. If you have a sander and would like to help prep the lunch tables before we paint on the 27th, let us know. If we work together, we can accomplish a lot.



ONLINE SAFETY TIPS

Here are some DON'T(s) of online safety:

1. DON'T give out personal information to people you only know online.
2. DON'T agree to meet people in person who you have met online.
3. DON'T use the same username on more than one website.
4. DON'T make your email address public and searchable on social media.
5. DON'T check in on social media unless your account is 100% private.

Here are some DO(s) of online safety:

1. DO turn off GPS tracking in your phone and disable it in apps that don't need it.
2. DO tell the children in your care to talk to you or another safe adult about people they meet online.
3. DO check the apps on your child's phone, and work together to use the strongest security and privacy settings.
4. DO monitor the use of technology on all electronic devices for the children in your care—know what apps are downloaded, how they are being used, and who they are communicating with online.
5. DO manually set all social media and cell phone apps to private, as they default always to public.¹⁵
6. DO report any suspicions of sexual exploitation to the Cybertipline at: <https://report.cybertip.org/>
7. DO research about different [apps targeted for teens](#).

DO have frequent conversations with the children in your care about online safety and what they can do to keep themselves safe.



RUMMAGE SALE

The school will be holding a giant rummage sale in the Spring. Please start cleaning out your closets and garage. We will not be able to accept large pieces of furniture or mattresses. We will let you know when you can begin to drop off items. If you would like to help with this event and earn service hours, please contact Virginia at vhernandez@sbdiocese.org.



OFFICE CLOSURE

In an effort to limit contact and keep everyone safe and healthy, the school office will only be open for essential business by appointment until further notice. You are encouraged to do most of your business by phone or email. Mrs. Malouf can be contacted at bgustafson@sbdiocese.org and Virginia can be reached at vhernandez@sbdiocese.org. We urge you to continue to purchase Scrip. Virginia will be happy to work with you to arrange pick up times. Parents of students in younger grades are still able to come on to campus to pick up work packets.



REPORTING POSITIVE CASES OR CONTACT

In an effort to keep everyone safe, we are asking you to report any instances of positive COVID-19 cases or contact with positive cases if you or your child has been on campus within 5 days of the contact or positive case. We must follow the guidelines for testing, reporting and quarantine when necessary. All who are affected will be contacted if there was potential exposure to you or your child. **All reporting must go directly to Mrs. Malouf, bgustafson@sbdiocese.org.** Thank you for understanding. Please stay safe and keep all those affected by this virus in your prayers!



SCRIP

Scrip is a great way to reach your fundraising goal. We have several gift cards for grocery stores, gas stations, retail stores, home repair stores, restaurants and Amazon. You purchase the gift cards at face value and the school receives a percentage of the sales. Call the school office or contact Virginia at vhernandez@sbdiocese.org to make arrangements to purchase Scrip. Order forms with a list of available cards are on our website. All physical cards must be purchased through the office. If you have a special order that we may not keep in stock, let us know. You can also purchase e-cards. Look on our website for details on how to sign up for that part of the program.



SCHOOL CENTS

Our school is currently in 5th Place!

Please help our school earn up to \$2000 through the School Cents Program at the Inland Center Mall. Many of the stores in the mall are open. You could help our school by logging your receipts. You can log in your receipts online by going to <http://www.shoppingpartnership.com/inland/> Another option is to bring your receipts to the school office and we will log them for you.

All Inland Center receipts dated and submitted between February 1-28 will earn 300 points per dollar spent. Receipts from these dates submitted after 2/28/21 will earn 50 points per dollar spent.



THANK YOU!

Our school families pulled together to make an incredible impact on the lives of many people in need. Thank you for your generous donations of warm clothing and blankets. Because of you, many were blessed and a little warmer!



CARDS FOR OUR MILITARY

In the next few months, we will be participating in a program to thank those in our military who are deployed and away from their loved ones. You can begin now by creating Thank You cards for our military men and women. We will be collecting these in March. More details will be coming next month.



SLE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for being wonderful examples of our Schoolwide Learning Expectations for the month of January:

Faithful Catholic Christian:

Alexander Uribe - K
Aaron Banks-Pichardo - 1st
Alan Uribe - 2nd
Richard Matus - 3rd
Derek Rodriguez - 4th
Honesty Ellis - 5th
Jacob Mendoza - 6th
Isabel Cardenas - 7th
Izabella Duarte - 8th

Effective Lifelong Learner:

Nathan Poirier - K
Milla Nguyen - 1st
Abel Sibichen - 2nd
Brooklyn Flores - 3rd
Abigayle Hernandez - 4th
Jacob Tirre - 5th
Noah Urbina - 6th
Porter Adomitis - 7th
Dylan LaTourette - 8th

Responsible Citizen of God's World

Cecilia Baltazar - K
Liam Jimenez - 1st
Kaylee Cardenas - 2nd
Vaiala Ugapo - 3rd
Bianca Morfin - 4th
Alexander Suarez - 5th
Nathaniel Butac - 6th
James Bellmer - 7th
Jackie Chrisman - 8th



St. Adelaide Academy STEM Fair Classroom Winners

The STEM Fair was held on January 21, 2021 on Zoom. Students described their science projects orally while sharing their slide shows with the judges and the coordinator, Ms. Mary Pettitt. The judges included Dr. W. Hall, Mr. Steven Doyle, Ms. Suzan Hall and Dr. R. Pettitt.

Prizes were awarded to the top three projects in each middle school grade.

The eighth-grade winners are:

1. Joseph Schumaker with *Germ*s
2. Rebecca Garcia with *How to Construct a Lightbulb*
3. Natalie Garcia with *How Does a Motion Sensor Detect Heat from Infrared Radiation?*

The seventh-grade winners are:

1. Isabel Cardenas with *Color My World - Extracting Color from a Rose*
2. James Belmer with *Not All Water Is Created Equal*
3. Ewan Montgomery with *The Temporing of Chocolate*

The sixth-grade winners are:

1. Jaelyn Torres with *How Sweet Is It?*
2. Noah Urbina with *We Drink That Much Sugar?*
3. David Russell with *Hey, Batter Batter!*



As always, Ms. Pettitt and the judges were amazed at the insight and depth of many of our projects. It was easy to see that we have a number of budding scientists and electrical engineers at St. Adelaide Academy.

(Due to the Covid-19 restrictions and concerns, the regional counties' SIM-SEF Fair was greatly limited, and we chose not to participate this year.)

Wishing you all an abundance of love!

A VALENTINE'S PRAYER

*I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord God above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of holy love.*

*I asked Him for sincere and selfless love
The kind that's meant to stay
just like the clean and generous love
You give to those you touch each day.*

*I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked the Lord Jesus to give you
His same love that knows no end.*

*Happy Valentine's Day
to all!*

