



ST. EDMUND'S NURSERY SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER – 2015

People who wonder whether the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable.

October is a month with many changes in nature. We will be learning about the season of autumn/fall as we cook, study and experience lots of art. We will also talk about the firefighters and their fire engines and we will have our first “**Fire Drill.**”

Christian Quality: COURTESY, “A Friend Always Loves You” - Proverbs 17:17

The children will be busy cooking, cutting, pasting, and painting with red and yellow, to make **orange**, the color of the month. The shape is a **triangle**, the number is **2**, and the concept is “**big**” and “**little.**” The theme is learning about **ourselves** and how very **special** we are. We will discuss how it feels to be in school, how we share, how we take turns and how we make new friends. We will talk about healthy habits such as eating healthy food, brushing our teeth, washing our hands, being polite and we will learn about our five senses.

Important Dates in October:

- Thursday, Sept. 24 - Coffee Morning – 9:00am, Pre-K
Friday, Sept. 25 - Coffee Morning – 9:00am, 5 Day
Monday, Sept. 28 - Coffee Morning – 9:00am, Young 4’s
Tuesday, Sept. 29 - Coffee Morning - 9:00am, Old 3’s
Wednesday, Sept. 30 - Coffee Morning – 9:00am, MWF 3’s
Wednesday, Sept. 30 - SENS Restaurant Day – CPK in Pasadena, lunch and dinner
Thursday, Oct. 1 - Coffee Morning – 9:00am, Young 3’s
Friday, Oct. 2 - Coffee Morning – 9:00am, Old 4’s
Thursday, Oct. 1 - Julie Lilly Photography – T/Th and 5 Day
Friday, Oct. 2 - Julie Lilly Photography - MWF and Pre-K
Monday, Oct. 5 - Chapel – MWF and 5 Day -10:10 – Parents welcome to attend
Tuesday, Oct. 6 - Chapel - T/TH and Pre-K -10:10 – Parents welcome to attend
Friday, Oct. 9 - Scrip Orders Due
Tuesday, Oct. 13 - Fire Drill – 10:45am
Wednesday, Oct. 14 - Fire Drill – 10:45am
Thursday, Oct. 15 - Kindergarten and Elementary Options Night at High Point Academy in Pasadena 6:00 – 7:30pm
Friday, Oct. 16 - **Family Fall Festival** – We hope to see you all there!
Monday, Oct. 19 - **Elk’s Eye Screening** – MWF classes
**Permission slips will be sent home for each day
Tuesday, Oct. 20 - School Closed - Staff In-Service Day
Thursday, Oct. 22 - **Elk’s Eye Screening** – T/Th classes
Friday, Oct. 23 - **Elk’s Eye Screening:** 5 Day and Pre-K
Monday, Oct. 26 - Friday, Oct. 30 – Mrs. Nelson’s Book Fair in Fellow’s Hall
Thursday, Oct. 29 - **Halloween Dress up and Parade** – T/Th classes – 9:15
Friday, Oct. 30 - **Halloween Dress up and Parade** - MWF, 5 Day and Pre-K classes 9:15
Wednesday, Nov. 11 - School Closed – Veteran’s Day

Picnic Information:

Monday, Oct. 12 - Special Halloween Picnic - Canvas Halloween candy bags
Mrs. Doering and Mrs. Westphal – This is an optional activity
Additional \$15 charge

Picnic afternoons have started and we are having fun! Any enrolled student is welcome to come to any of our picnics (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday,) regardless of the days your child comes to school. Picnic is from 12 noon with pick up no later than 2:45 pm.

Our intention is to simplify our picnic payment system and streamline bookkeeping. We are asking for families using our terrific picnic program to write checks to SENS in \$100 increments instead of a separate check for each picnic. You may certainly write a check for \$200, \$300 or more as well. Sue Wickhem will keep track of your picnics and notify you when you need to put more money in your "picnic bank." If you are going to take advantage of our "special picnic" days, you will write an additional check for \$15 for those specific days. We hope this will streamline your check writing as well and not burden you with keeping track of picnic coupons. Darlene or Sue welcome your questions.

Safety First, Please!

Please be extra careful when entering the main parking lot when arriving in the morning...there are distinctly marked signs for entrance and exit-we have had a few near misses! **Please be sure to observe all traffic directions. No car should exit through the entrance driveway.** If there are no available spots when you arrive please drive out to San Gabriel Blvd and park on the street and walk in. Also, **please stop in south parking lot and buckle up your children before leaving school at dismissal time.**

Reminders:

- ✓ For the safety of your children - please have them wear rubber-soled shoes. No party shoes, sandals, crocks, or backless shoes.
- ✓ Please label all sweaters, jackets, sharing and lunch boxes.
- ✓ Make sure to read all the notices that go home and that are emailed.
- ✓ If your child is going home with someone else, please write a note or make a comment on the Sign-In sheet (even though they are on your Authorization Sheet)
- ✓ Please be sure to put picnic dates in the memo section of your check. If you are paying by cash, please label the cash with a slip of paper and include your name and picnic date. Please pay when you sign up, a coupon will be given if you do not attend. Picnic Coupon books available in 5 and 10 packs. Each picnic cost is \$20.
- ✓ Picnic Hours are from 12 Noon to 2:45 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. PLEASE honor our **dismissal time of 2:45**. A late fee of \$15.00 will be applied after 3:00pm.
- ✓ **NO CELL PHONES IN CAR PICK-UP LINE PLEASE**
- ✓ **PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO CLIMB TREES OR WALLS, ETC. AT DISMISSAL**

Church Events:

All are welcome, regardless of church affiliation.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 4th at 10am

Turtles, bunnies, dogs, cats, all creatures great and small, and stuffed friends too, are invited for an informal Blessing of the Animals and Celebration of Eucharist outside on the Close!

No homily this day, but a happy, chaotic gathering, with the blessing of children along with the pets!

RELIGIONS & SPIRITUALITIES

September 20th - October 18th

4:30pm - 6pm Sunday afternoons in Cowans

In an increasingly pluralistic culture, and in an interactive and dynamic world, it is helpful to understand a variety of religious and spiritual perspectives.

September 20th: Hinduism

September 27th: Buddhism

October 4th: Judaism

October 11th: Islam

October 18th: Christianity

Through clergy led discussion and DVD presentations, this class will consider four primary world religions while reflecting also on less structured forms of American spirituality, and our own Episcopalian perspective

NOVEL PACK – LADIES BOOK GROUP

2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

The group includes members representing every decade of age from the 20's to the 90's. The meetings are held in the homes of members. Attendance is welcome whether or not you have read the book. Please contact Debra Spaulding at dspaulding@socal.rr.com for meeting locations.

October 6 ***The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks***, by Rebecca Skloot

November 3 ***All The Light We Cannot See***, by Anthony Doerr

December 1 ***The Road to Character***, by David Brooks; Christmas party

MAT PILATES CLASS

Tuesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

BYO Mat!

Taught by parishioner Tori Mordecai, a Body Arts and Science International (BASI) trained Pilates instructor with over 14 years of practical experience, will be teaching. Wear comfortable clothing you would wear for yoga, plan on bare feet or slip-proof socks. You should check with your doctor prior to beginning this class. Please be prepared to sign a waiver and release of liability form prior to beginning your first class. A suggested donation of \$5-10 per person, per class will go directly to St. Edmund's Church.

**Have you registered for escrip?
Have you purchased SCRIP?
Just think of the possibilities if everyone participated!!!**

Questions: ask Erin McCarthy or Vanessa Sinner

SENS Families and Staff support our community. Our current service projects for this year are:

- **Hillsides** – Purchase a book at our Mrs. Nelson’s Book Fair to benefit Hillsides’ children – details to follow
- Grocery store gift cards to support Hillsides at Thanksgiving – details to follow
- SENS staff provides Christmas for a needy family through the **Door of Hope.**
Please let us know if you are interested in participating.

THANK YOU ST. EDMUND’S NURSERY SCHOOL FAMILIES
FOR YOUR HELP IN MAKING OUR SCHOOL SO SPECIAL
FOR ALL OF OUR CHILDREN!

CHRISTIAN QUALITY: COURTESY



October's Christian Quality of the month is Courtesy. Courtesy is the gift of treating others with warmth and respect. Please help your children work on courtesy this month by reminding them to practice good manners. Always say please and thank you, sharing with others and being kind to others!

"There is no footprint too small that it cannot leave an imprint in this world." – Unknown

"Life is a Gift, and I try to respond with grace and courtesy." – Maya Angelou

"Treat everyone with politeness, even those who are rude to you — not because they are nice, but because you are." ~Author Unknown

Recommended Reading for Children:

- 1.) Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns to Listen by Howard Binkow
- 2.) The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog by Mo Williams
- 3.) Llama Llama Time to Share by Anna Dewdney

