



# ST. EDMUND'S NURSERY SCHOOL

## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER – 2016

Family /fəm·mel·ee/ n. – a group of people, each a unique masterpiece, sharing unconditional love, hugs and support. One of life's sweetest blessings cherished always.

**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. 22 - Coffee Morning – 9:00 am, Pre-K
- Friday, Sept. 23 - Coffee Morning – 9:00 am, 5 Day
- Monday, Sept. 26 - Coffee Morning – 9:00 am, Young 4's
- Tuesday, Sept. 27 - Coffee Morning - 9:00 am, Old 3's
- Wednesday, Sept. 28 - Coffee Morning – 9:00 am, MWF 3's
- Thursday, Sept. 29 - Coffee Morning – 9:00 am, Young 3's
- Monday, Oct. 3 - Spirit Days – Wear SENS gear or red, white and blue
- Monday, Oct. 3 - Chapel / Blessing of the Animals on the courtyard at 9:00 – All welcome  
Please bring your pets or stuffed animals
- Tuesday, Oct. 4 - Spirit Days – Wear SENS gear or red, white and blue
- Tuesday, Oct. 4 - Chapel / Blessing of the Animals on the courtyard at 9:00 – All welcome  
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- Wednesday, Oct. 5 - Coffee Morning – 9:00 am, Old 4's (please note date change)
- Thursday, Oct. 6 - Julie Lilly Photography – T/Th and 5 Day
- Friday, Oct. 7 - Julie Lilly Photography - MWF and Pre-K
- Tuesday, Oct. 11 - Fire Drill – 10:45 am
- Wednesday, Oct. 12 - Fire Drill – 10:45 am
- Friday, Oct. 14 - **Family Fall Festival** – We hope to see you all there!
- Monday, Oct. 17 - **Elk's Eye Screening** – MWF classes  
\*\*Permission slips will be sent home for each day
- Thursday, Oct. 18 - **Elk's Eye Screening** – T/Th classes
- Friday, Oct. 19 - **Elk's Eye Screening:** 5 Day and Pre-K
- Thursday, Oct. 20 - On-line Scrip Orders Due
- Thursday, Oct. 20 - Kindergarten and Elementary Options Night at Mayfield Jr. School in  
Pasadena 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- Monday, Oct. 24 - Friday, Oct. 28 – Mrs. Nelson's Book Fair in Fellow's Hall**
- Thursday, Oct. 27 - **Halloween Dress up and Parade** - T/Th classes – 9:15 am
- Monday, Oct. 31 - **Halloween Dress up and Parade** - MWF, 5 Day and Pre-K classes 9:15 am
- Friday, Nov. 11** - **School Closed** – Veteran's Day

## Picnic Information:

Monday, Oct. 17 - Special Halloween Picnic - Pumpkin and Ghost votive  
Mrs. Doerning 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.** A late fee of \$15 will be charged for any student picked up after 2:50 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. Mimi Stolpe 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 Mimi 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. Thank you for observing our reserved parking spots.

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. 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 2:50 pm.**
- ✓ **NO CELL PHONES IN CAR PICK-UP LINE PLEASE**
- ✓ **PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO CLIMB TREES OR WALLS, ETC. AT DISMISSAL**
- ✓ **We are in need of children's shorts.** If you have any that your children have outgrown or you are ready to turn over to Godwill, think of us first. Thank you.

# St. Edmund's Church Events

These are not sponsored by the Nursery School

**Wednesdays, beginning September 21**

**Mothers In Transition Group**

6:30 pm | Library

**Sunday, September 25 - October 16**

**Table Talk Bible Study**

5:30 pm-7:15 pm | Cowen's Room

Jesus always seems to be at a party or dinner table in the Gospels. Join us for a simple dinner, a brief presentation by one of the clergy and Table Talk about our faith.

For more information, or to RSVP please contact Isabel Roa in the Parish Office  
isabelroa@aol.com

**Sunday, October 2**

**Blessing of the Animals/ Feast of St. Francis**

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*Sunday School will be in Worship*

**Monday, October 3 & Tuesday, October 4**

**Blessing of the Animals Chapel with Father George and Rev. Heather**

9 am | The Close

Bring your leashed pet or special stuffed animal to be blessed during our first chapel of the school year.

We ask that parents bringing live animals stay & bring pets home after the service. Please inform teachers of any allergies or fears so accommodations can be made.

**Saturday, October 8**

**High School Youth Brunch**

10 am | Einstein Bagels

Roll out of bed, throw on some flip flops and come eat bagels!

**Sunday, October 30**

**Sunday School & Halloween Parade**

Come to church in your Halloween costume!

10 am | Sunday School Classrooms

**"The Nightmare Before Christmas"**

4 pm | El Capitan Theater

Cost: \$10 per student

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

Questions: ask Karen Stoteraux at [karenbesa@gmail.com](mailto:karenbesa@gmail.com), Kristen Fohrer DeArman at [kristen.fohrer@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.fohrer@gmail.com) or Mary Bruno at [marybbruno@me.com](mailto:marybbruno@me.com)

**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!**

He who sows courtesy  
reaps friendship, and  
he who plants  
kindness gathers  
love.

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Proverb

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GRATITUDE IS  
THE MOST  
EXQUISITE FORM  
OF COURTESY.

JACQUES HANSTAIN



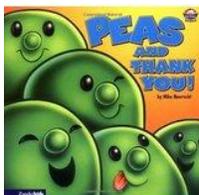
## COURTESY - October

October is the month we talk about COURTESY. Courtesy starts with “Please” and “Thank You” but is really about teaching our children how to respect others, respect themselves and respect their community. Courtesy is a kindred sibling of Kindness and can be a lost art if we focus too much on the “me”, the “here” and the “now”. We hope you will take time this month to talk with your child about the “why” behind Please and Thank You – and talk about the positive impact those words can have on the recipient.

We hope these quotes and books will be something you can share with your children to explain the importance of friendship – and to help them learn to nurture relationships.

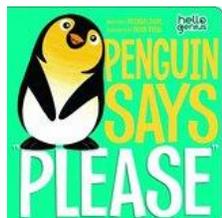
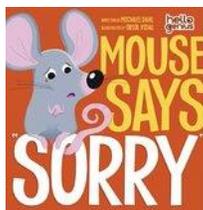
The books below are available on Amazon.com.

**“Manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness, you have good manners, no matter what fork you use.” - Emily Post**



Peas and Thank You! (Big Idea Books / VeggieTales) Aug 4, 2003  
by Mike Nawrocki

Mouse Says "Sorry" (Hello Genius) Oct 1, 2014  
by Michael Dahl and Oriol Vidal



Penguin Says "Please" (Hello Genius) Feb 1, 2013  
by Michael Dahl and Oriol Vidal

Bear Says "Thank You" (Hello Genius) Feb 1, 2013  
by Michael Dahl and Oriol Vidal

