



SRCS Paw Print

E*news – December 11, 2009

From Mr. Benestad

On December 15th, we will be holding another All School Meeting in Merlo at 7pm. Please do everything you can to make this meeting. The Administration of our school will update everyone on our finances and present our plan and options. Our goal is to obtain parental feedback before going to the School Board for final approval in advance of any operational changes.



All Shook Up!

Elementary families took a “stroll” down memory lane on Tuesday night as the K-5 students, decked out in Poodle skirts and slicked back hair, treated us all to a fantastic 50’s performance...“Celebrating the King at Christmas”. The audience laughed, clapped and bounced along as the students rocked the house with the multi-faceted performance. There were acrobatics, break/couples dancing, a special performance by the “lunch bunch”, amazing choreography and a cameo appearance by our very own Mr. Benestad. In disco attire Mr. B. led the celebration by busting out with the classic “worm”.

Hats off to Mrs. Vicki Brandt, who wrote, directed, and choreographed the entire musical production! The message of the King of Kings was portrayed brilliantly through the 50’s music, and Elvis realizing who the true King is! What started as just an idea for Mrs. Brandt came to fruition on Tuesday night in an unforgettable performance. Mrs. Brandt is so grateful to the Administration for giving her the freedom and support she needed to make this happen. She also thanks the students for working so hard. It was evident to all in attendance, by the smiles on the students’ faces, that they were having a blast! Thank you Mrs. Brandt for a memorable evening!

Your appreciation was evident by the generosity you showed in response to the love offering that was taken; a sincere **thank you** for your donations that totaled nearly sixteen hundred dollars for the music program at SRCS!

And the Trophy goes to.....

Congratulations to our AWESOME 5th/6th grade Girls Volleyball Team! They have just returned from the Volleyball Tournament where they took home the Consolation Trophy, by winning 3 games in a row! In addition, the girls ended their regular season 4-6, losing a couple of those games by one point!! Team Members included Hannah Robertson, Montana Farrow, Ashley Wells, Kayla Cameron, Carly Evans, Ellie Morris, Shailan Lutz, Sabrina Baudin, Jina Park, Kelsie Granneman, Nazra Mengistab, and Taylor Brandt.



A Turkey Trot?

On November 21st a few Middle School students from Santa Rosa Christian School partnered with Redwood Gospel Mission to earn money and turkeys for the Great Feast held on November 25th which provided aid to low income families. Students were sponsored either with turkeys per lap, \$ per lap, or a flat rate to accomplish this goal. This is our second annual event. There were 15 students and adults who raised \$865 and brought in 30 turkeys. Students also helped bag groceries and other duties as the needs arose.

Jay Maudlin, Zach Tracy & Callan Lutz trot for Turkeys!



Drama, Drama, Drama!

The Santa Rosa Christian School Theatre Department is proud to present: "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood" tonight and tomorrow night, December 10th and 11th at 7:30pm (in Merlo Theatre). You can buy your tickets in the office, or they will be available at the door, adults \$10 (\$12 at the door) children \$5 (\$7 at the door). This is a very family friendly comedy and every age will love it. Hope to see you there!

More Drama Please...

Join us Thursday evening December 17th, for the After School Enrichment performance of "Peter Pan." The elementary students have been working hard on this and are excited for their "big night". The curtain goes up at 7:00 pm in Merlo Theatre, and admission is *free*. Come support our elementary kids!

Early Dismal for December 18th... No Child Care!

Parents please pick up your students by 12:00 on Friday, December 18th. After school child care is not provided on Friday, December 18th. May your Christmas holiday be blessed!

3RD Grade Christmas Change Collection

WHO: The homeless and needy in our community

WHAT: Loose change to buy Christmas Dinners at the Redwood Gospel Mission

WHEN: December. 3 – 17

WHERE: 3RD Grade Class

WHY: To follow Jesus in word and action: "it is more blessed to give than to receive"
3RD Grade invites one and all to join us!

Do you give gift cards as part of your holiday gift giving?

There are so many vendors that are offering bonus contributions right now as they gear up for the holiday shopping season. Do you give gift cards as part of your holiday gift giving? If so, check out the www.shopwithscrip.com website. Every item you purchase gives money back to our school as well as a rebate to your family to use against tuition or as a check in your hand if your tuition is paid in full. Join the many other families that are already using this service. So far this calendar year over \$3,000 has been earned in rebates. It doesn't take a huge amount of effort to work the grocery, gas, hardware store, drug stores into your regular budget and it is so worth it to help our school. Please contact Cheryl Sisson at cheryl@money movers.com if you have any questions or need help getting set up. Paperwork is available in Terri Wilcox's office

The next order cutoff for Shop With Scrip Deadline is Monday 12/14!

Tell your Friends about...Open House Friday!

Each Friday from 9am until 2pm SRCS will host an open house for prospective students and their families. December 11th staff will be available to give tours of the campus!

SENIORS AND SENIOR PARENTS:

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) time is here. The submission period in January 1st through March 2nd. The earlier you complete the FAFSA the better aid opportunities you will have. Please go to the official FAFSA website: www.fafsa.ed.gov to fill out your application. You will need your parents help on this form to complete the taxable income portion.

All colleges require the FAFSA to be completed before they offer you financial aid so this application is very important. Even if you think you will not qualify for financial aid, it is very important that you fill out the FAFSA. A denial may open the door for one of your colleges of acceptance to offer more "in house" scholarships.

You are not able to submit until January 1st, but Christmas break is a great opportunity to get this done. You can follow the links to the FAFSA4CASTER which is an online

worksheet that transfers your information to the regular FAFSA. I highly recommend you begin the FAFSA if you haven't already. It may take a couple of days to register as they will send you a PIN.

Please come by my office to receive the College Planning Handbook if you haven't yet. It contains more helpful information about the FAFSA and other college related questions.

I recommend you view this entertaining 5 minute video about the FAFSA:
<http://www.finaid.org/fafsa/video.phtml>

Thanks, Mrs. Dibley

We Saw That!

...and the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. Luke 2:40

Jebodiah Cargile 2nd grade and Jina Park 5th grade were chosen for a free pizza lunch on Friday for their helpful examples on the playground.

Jeb was 1 of 6 students who eagerly put away all of the playground equipment. Jina was extra helpful by cleaning up after middle school!

Great job, Jeb and Jina!

Sport Spot:

December 15 4pm Elementary Boys Basketball @ Home

January 7 4pm Elementary Boys Basketball @ Brookhaven

What's Coming?

December: 10th High School Play, 7:30 pm

11th High School Play, 7:30 pm

17th Elementary Play, 7pm

18th All School Christmas Chapel, 11am (Parents are invited to attend)

Christmas Break, December 21st-January 3rd.