

SANT BANI School Notes

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Sant Bani School Notes is published monthly during the school year to share news of the school community. The School Notes are edited by Arlene Taranow with contributions from staff and friends, and with help from the Parent Committee. The Parent Committee supports the school through fund raising and by serving as a sounding board for parent concerns. Meetings are held monthly during the school year; all are welcome to attend.

- December 22-January 2-**Christmas Break
January 5- School Resumes
January 10- Board of Directors Meeting
January 12- All School Geography Bee Final
January 14- Math Meet at Sant Bani
January 16- End of First Semester
January 19- Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
January 21- Parent Committee Meeting at 5:50 p.m.
January 21- General Parent Meeting at 7 p.m.
January 29- Parent Conferences - School out at Noon
February 6- Kirpal Singh's Birthday - No School
February 12- Family Writing Night at 6 p.m.
February 18- Grades 3-6 Performances at 7 p.m.
February 19- Grades 3-6 In-School Performance
February 23-March 6- Projects Period and Vacation

January 29
Parent Conferences
school out at noon

Parent Committee Notes

— Emily Galvin

Tis' the Season! Not much to report here just before school vacation, but I did want to take a moment to give you all a brief update on our most recent fund-raising efforts. The citrus sale was very successful, and while I don't have the exact figures, the citrus sales surpassed last year... thanks to all of your efforts. This was especially nice to see since we've all been affected by the tight economy, and we didn't know what to expect. We hope you enjoy your citrus! Special thanks as well to all of those who purchased citrus for area food pantries... they are especially appreciative since they don't see much in the way of fresh produce.

The Holiday Catalog efforts are wrapping up as well, and I will share the report with everyone in the next newsletter once we have some final figures in. Thank you to all who participated... whether research, providing products, catalog production, shipping or shopping, and the myriad of other tasks that it takes to pull off a project of this magnitude! A VERY special thanks to Sara Rosenbloom for heading up this huge project... we are so thankful for all that you do! After many years of Sara tackling the catalog, she will be stepping down from the task next year. We're still looking for that veritable "army" that it's going to take to fill her shoes. If you're interested in assisting with the next catalog, please let us know. Sara has graciously agreed to lead us all through the process, so if you're uncertain, there will be plenty of guidance. We'll be needing people for product research and development throughout the year, as well as a few people to help organize. This is an ongoing project, and work begins again in January.

After the new year has begun, efforts will also be underway for the Auction & Cabaret that will take place in June over Graduation weekend. Watch for information regarding this important and FUN event!

We hope that you have a glorious vacation, and get to spend lots of quality time as a family. Pull out the games, the movies and the popcorn... winter has officially arrived!

Happy Holidays!

Next Parent Committee meeting:
Wednesday, January 21 from 5:50 -6:50 p.m.

General Parent meeting at 7 p.m.

All are welcome!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

—Hillary Pincoske

The Preston Center, located in the basement of the Pines Community Center in Northfield, is a drop off location for donations. They serve families in need in the Tilton, Northfield, and Sanbornton area. They are currently in need of new or gently used infant and children's clothing, toys, shoes, backpacks, diaper bags, and blankets for children from infancy to 12 years of age. They are also in need of winter clothing (hats, mittens, jackets, snow pants.) The Preston Center is open and accepting donations between 3-6 pm every Wednesday. Stop by after school someday and drop off your donations. They will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You!

So many hands helped with the citrus sale. First off, thank you to Emily Galvin and the Parent Committee for promoting such a successful fundraiser and calling out to parents to ensure maximum participation. A huge thank you to Margo Bartz for all of the organization and data entry of orders and money. Margo undertook a huge task again this year and made it look easy! Thank you to Dave Coulter for everything, from ensuring easy access in the garage for the fruit to making sure the driveway would be sanded for the truck delivery during the ice storm. Oh, he also helped unload the truck! Thank you to Susan Dymont, Todd Schongalla, Jonathan Powell, Karen Boreau, Jeronimo Guarrigues, Jacob Guarrigues, Dick Shannon, Andres Orr, Julian Taranow, and Joshua Taranow, who along with Dave Coulter and Mitch Taranow came out during the ice storm to unload cases and cases and cases of citrus for families, friends, and local area food pantries.

Winter Roads and Pathways

Please be careful on roads and pathways during the winter season. Although the town maintains the Osgood Road and Ashram Road, they can still be quite slick. Please use caution and allow other cars enough "just in case" space.

At school, doorways and pathways may be sanded, but ice may still appear as the weather conditions change throughout the day. Please use caution for your safety and the safety of our children.

Family Writing Night

Thursday, February 12

6-6:30 p.m. Dinner

6:30-7:30 p.m. Writing Night

Join us as we share an evening with our children in the joy of writing. We'll begin with a spaghetti dinner, and then warm-up with a quickwrite and share in small groups. Then we'll listen to a story and take a block of time to write from ideas that the story may have generated. After our writing time, we'll share with the whole group and then enjoy dessert together. Sharing your writing is always optional.

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with our children through the writing process. Look for more information to be sent home including a reservation form.

For more information contact staff members Kari Allen or Arlene Taranow.

Coffee Fundraiser

—Sherry Bogacz

For several years now, Cafe Monte Alto has allowed us to purchase their wonderful coffee at wholesale prices so we can sell it to you for the same price you would pay for premium coffee anywhere and \$3.00 from every bag sold goes directly to the Sant Bani Financial Aid Fund.

Place your order today! It's Easy!

Choose from the following options:

Regular Roast - \$ 9.00 / 16 oz. bag

**Dark Roast (This is REALLY high test!) - \$ 9.00 /
14 oz. bag**

**Decaf: - \$ 10.00 /
16 oz. bag**

Indicate if you prefer whole beans or ground.
Give your order/payment to Roxanne in the middle building.
The orders go to Cafe Monte Alto at the beginning of each month and the coffee is delivered to the school for pick-up.

PROJECTS PERIOD 2009

PROJECTS PERIOD IS COMING!!!!

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!

Projects Period is coming up in February. It's not too late to start planning. It is a great opportunity to study something that is personal and rewarding for you. In January we will brainstorm ideas at school for new projects and career projects for the middle school level but please start this process at home. If you would like to find out more about a career and don't know someone in that field, contact the Projects Period Committee and we can hopefully find someone to help you out. Students must do a Career Project in grades 6 – 9 and a Service Project in grades 9 – 12. Take advantage of this time to learn and enjoy.

The Projects Period booklet is on the Sant Bani website. Younger students will also get a hard copy handed out in early January. As always don't hesitate to call the school with any questions.

IMPORTANT DATES

- January 7th—Projects Period information for new parents, 6:30 p.m.
- January 28—Proposals due to committee Grades 3-12 (by 12:45)
- February 2nd K-2 proposals due (by 12:45)
- February 23rd-March 6 Projects Period (off campus)
- March 10th-11th Projects presentations in school
- March 12th Projects Period Pizza café for parents.

Thank You For Your Support!

Gift Cards Work Just Like Cash!

Help support

*The Sant Bani School Scholarship Fund
while you shop for groceries!*

Shaw's Gift Cards are available at Roxanne's desk during school hours. For more information or to make special arrangements for purchasing/picking up your Shaw's Gift Cards contact Roxanne at the front desk. Gift cards are sold in \$50 increments.

Shaw's gives 5% to Sant Bani per gift card.

Why not purchase a few gift cards at a time?

It's an easy and convenient way to support Sant Bani!

Box Tops for Education

www.boxtops4education.com

Thank you for collecting Box Tops for Education coupons! There is a collection box in the front office for all of those little Box Top for Education coupons that are found on so many packages.

You can register at www.boxtops4education.com and receive money saving coupons for those items you use that contain Box Tops coupons. Once registered, you can shop online at the Box Tops Marketplace which contains over 70 participating stores and a percentage of your qualifying purchase will be automatically credited to Sant Bani School.

If you have any questions, please contact Parents JoAnne Bousquet or Marian Sawicki.