

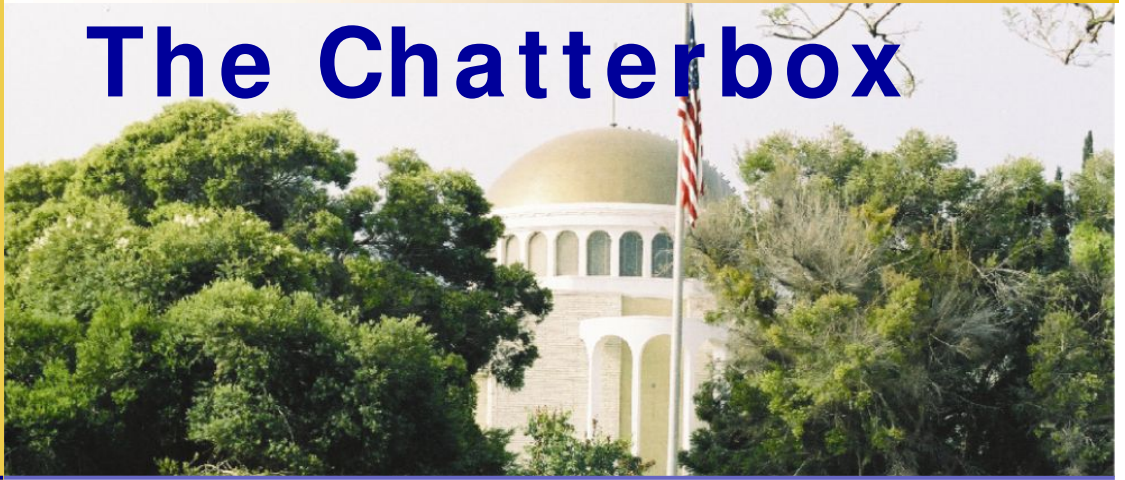
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St. Nicholas School

The Chatterbox



Halloween Festivities

Princes and princesses, police officers, firefighters, famous athletes, and movie characters joined us Friday, October 31 as the teachers and children of St. Nicholas School dressed up for Halloween and became part of our Halloween Parade in their colorful costumes. They enjoyed the festivities, the food and the games set up in the gym for our Halloween Fair, thanks to parent volunteers who put together and managed the game booths. We also owe a huge thank you to the Halloween Fair Chairs, Lisa Schuyler and Carrie St. John, who did a fantastic job of planning and organizing the event. One of the biggest hits was the Dungeon, where, for three tickets, you could send someone for three minutes. Students particularly loved sending their teachers and principal. The Dance Revolution, also new this year was a big hit, as well.

Winners of the Costume Contest:

Nicholas Andrews (2-1) "The Hulk"; Christina Azzuz (3-1) "Table for Two"; Carmen Matar (3-1) Fall Princess; Damian Delgado (4-1) "Senator John McCain"; Angela Theodosiou (5-1) "Pinochio"; Athanasios Kaplanis (5-2) "Donald Trump"; Chantal Wahba (7-1) "The Witch"; Gerard Matar (7-2) "The Hunchback"; and Patric Amar (8-1) "The Housewife".

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Jana Palmer and Alexander Goga



Three of the Costume Winners:
Athanasios Kaplanis, Damian Delgado, and Angela Theodosiou



ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL

November 2008

SUN.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
						1
2	3 Yearbook Sale Begins  3:45 Boy's Football @ Branford Park	4 3:00 Junior Girl Scout Meeting	5 9:00 - 12:00 Speech/Hearing Test   3:45 pm Girls Basketball @ Home	6	7 Report Cards Q-1 3:00pm Boys Football @ Northridge 3:30 Girls Basketball @ Home	8
9	10 TEDDY BEAR DRIVE BEGINS 	11 Veteran's Day  No School	12 5:30pm Conferences Grade 8 (Ballroom) 	13 Field Trip 2 nd grade  Science Center in Los Angeles	14	15
16	17 3:00 PM BOYS FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS   3:30pm Girls Basketball Playoffs	18 Field Trip To Ronald Reagan Library (6 th , 7 th , 8 th grades)  3:00 Junior Girl Scout Meeting	19 Picture Retakes 3:00 pm Boys Football Final   3:30 pm Girls Basketball Finals	20 Open House for New Students  (Ballroom & Savalas Room)	21 Yearbook Sales End TEDDY BEAR DRIVE ENDS 	22
23	24	25	26 11:30 Vespers Dismissal 12:00 Noon No Daycare	27 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>  <i>No School</i>	28 <i>No School</i>	29  Girl Scouts: Riding Academy
30						

St. Nicholas School



Open House

Thursday, November 20
10:30 am and 6:30 pm

www.stnicholaseducation.com

**Refer a friend and earn \$50 per student
enrolled as credit toward tuition.**

9501 Balboa Blvd. Northridge, CA

**Have a friend bring this to the school office or to our
Open House.**

New Student Name: _____

Grade _____ **in Sept. of** _____ **Birth Date:** _____

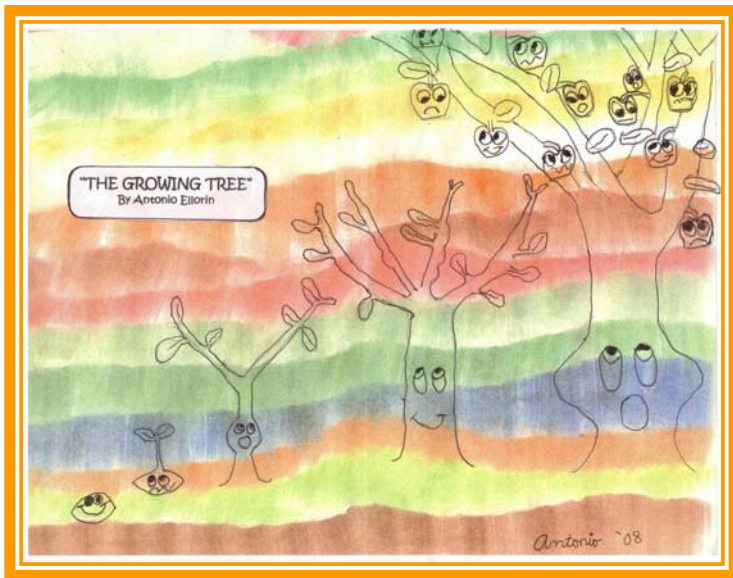
Parent name: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Referred by: _____

Call (818) 886-6751

Students' Art Published



Dmitri Schuyler-Linch, Mrs. Duschinsky's Drawing I Workshop student, had his drawing (at right) published in the Los Angeles Times Comics Section of Creativity Corner. Mrs. Duschinsky submitted his work from the art workshop and was thrilled to see her student's work published. Antonio Ellorin, a student enrolled in the summer cartooning workshop also had one of his works (above) published.

The Great Houdini

Mrs. Theodoratos's third grade class wrote about what it would be like for them to become a magician after reading "The Great Houdini".

By Dimitri Schuyler-Linch

Dmitri the great, my name is Dmitri the great. I am a magician. I am eight years old. I became a magician because a shiny purple turtle taught me magic and I liked it. I perform on Broadway. I do stunts like escaping chairs from above land and surfing alligators. I rehearse six hours a day. My challenges are turning water into fire and making stuff disappear.



By Theo Fox

Theo the great, I am Theo the great and I am 3,000,000 years old. I became a magician because a fluffy bunny taught me magic. I perform in Theoland. I can make a card change, I can make a ball go through a cup, I can make sugar cubes jump and I can find a chosen card. I rehearse for two milliseconds. A magician might have problems with tricks, but I don't have any problems at all.

THE GOOD NEWS

By Mouna Kezbar

At St. Nicholas School, students were interviewed about good things they have done for their 8th grade religion class. I interviewed Dmitri Schuyler-Linch, a third grader; Nicole Muzsnai, a second grader; and Marie Panneton, a first grader. These students all have wishes that they want to come true. Nicole said, "I want to look like Demi Lavato". Dmitri wishes to be the biggest actor in the whole wide world. Marie wanted a new bike. Dmitri, Marie and Nicole all love sports and wished to be involved in way more than just playing in their backyards.

This is Marie's first year here. She said, "I miss my old school". Dmitri and Nicole have been here since preschool. Nicole and Marie have done many good things for their friends. They have also been rewarded with gold slips. Nicole helped her friend write something down while Marie was helping her friend pick up some papers. They are all involved in their community and help recycle and try to become someone they want to be.

"I consider myself a friendly person", says Dmitri. "I'm really friendly to people", said Nicole. "I have a lot of friends", said Marie. Friends take a big part in teamwork and responsibility in people's lives. They all love their family and are thankful for what they do for them. I think that these kids were excited when I asked them these questions. They sounded like they have all done good things in their lives for which they should be rewarded.



Anthony Luu



Patric Amar and Andrés Ocampo

THE SAINTS

Flag Football Team Headed to the Playoffs



The 2008 St. Nicholas Flag Football Team opened its season on October 16th with a road victory at Westmark. After opening up a 20-0 lead, The Saints held on for a dramatic 20-14 victory. Following the opening victory, however, offensive miscues led to a 13-2 loss. The offense quickly rebounded, posting consecutive victories, 25-0 against TCA, and 26-6 on the road against First Lutheran Northridge. With a current record of 3-1, and one remaining league game, the Saints are guaranteed to finish the season with a winning record. Come out and support the Saints on Friday, November 7th, 3:30 PM at Northridge Park as the Saints Flag Football Team tries to lock up the 2nd seed in the playoffs.



Alumnus Honored

Congratulations to Christina Cherry, St. Nicholas Class of 2003, who was honored at a year-end banquet for becoming part of the California Lutheran University Scholar – Athlete Society for 2008 in basketball. To qualify, a student-athlete must achieve at least a 3.4 cumulative GPA for the academic year. We are very proud of Christina for her achievement.

8th Graders (from left to right) Mouna Kezbar, Darrel Miranda, Patric Amar, Patrick Cassley, and Mariah Winston.

Magazine Drive

The Magazine Drive was a wonderful success. Thank you to all of the students and families that dedicated themselves to supporting our school. You sold over \$24,000 in magazine subscriptions and music.

Seventy students sold 9 or more orders and participated in the Bingo Party on Thursday, October 23. The top sellers will be invited to the Limo ride along with a friend of their choice. The lunch will be scheduled soon.

Limo Lunch Winners!

PS-1 ALEXANDER SAROUKOS

PK-1 CONSTANTINE THEODORATOS

K-2 ALEXANDER TURLEY

1-1 DAVID STEPICH

2-1 JACOB SAMORANO

2-1 GABRIELLA GUIDI

3-1 NICOLE DIAMOND

4-1 ALEXA ATKINSON

4-1 THEODORE DURON

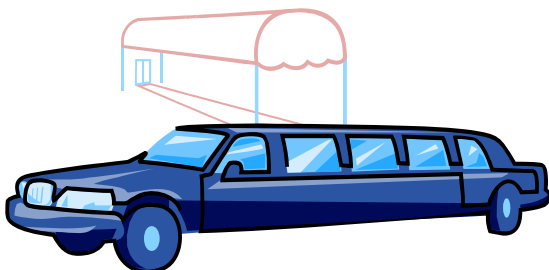
4-1 ANASTASIA GUIDI

5-1 KRISTINE DAILY

5-1 STEVEN NASSIF

5-2 JANELLE WAHBA

GREAT JOB KIDS!!

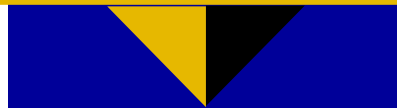


A Fundraiser That Pays YOU!

With the holidays coming up, you may be purchasing gift certificates for your family and friends. Why not earn credit towards your tuition and money for our school at the same time?

The Bucks Back program raises money for our school while you earn money, too! With every gift card purchase made through the Simplified Scrip Bucks Back program, the card-issuing merchant makes a donation to our school. A portion of the merchant donation (50%) is rewarded to you as Bucks Back. Bucks Back are tracked and credit towards your tuition for the amount you earn are distributed back to you quarterly. There are many choices of merchant cards that you can also use to buy groceries, fuel, go to the movies and much more.

Go to www.simplifiedscrip.com to begin earning Bucks Back.

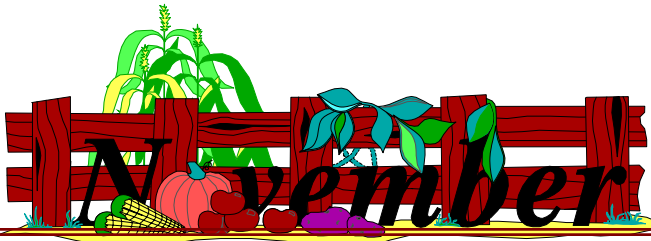


5th Grade Going to Sacramento

By Mrs. Vogeley

The fifth grade is very excited about their end of the year field trip to Sacramento. In May, they will conclude their year of studying American history with a chance to see our state government in action. Besides touring the Capitol Building, they will review our California history by visiting Marshall Gold Discovery Park and pan for gold at Sutter's Fort. Of course, no trip to Sacramento would be complete without a stop in San Francisco. The fifth graders will tour Alcatraz Island and enjoy a meal at Fisherman's Wharf. It promises to be a trip the students will never forget.

Upcoming Events



YEARBOOK SALES

2009 Yearbooks will be on sale this week through Friday, November 21. The yearbook will be entirely in **full color!** This is your only opportunity to own a book filled with photographs that document childhood memories. The price is \$45.00 per copy and the order form has been sent out. Remember this is the only time orders can be placed!

Advertisers who buy space in the yearbook help to keep the continual rising cost of printing to a minimum. Any advertisements from parents or businesses that wish to advertise in our yearbook would be greatly welcomed and appreciated. Further details will be forthcoming.



SPEECH AND HEARING EVALUATION

Wednesday, November 5: This invaluable opportunity is conveniently offered during school hours. When the forms are distributed, please return with fees to the classroom teacher.



REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be coming home with the students on Friday, November 7. Watch for them! Please return your child's **signed** report card with the envelope to school on Monday, November 7.

NO SCHOOL VETERANS' DAY - November 11

GRADE 8 CONFERENCE NIGHT Wednesday, NOVEMBER 12, 5:30 P.M.

An information letter regarding this important opportunity will be enclosed with the 8th grade report card.

SCHOOL PICTURE "MAKE-UP" DAY

We are scheduled for picture re-takes on Wednesday, November 19.



THANKSGIVING VACATION

School will be dismissed at **12:00 NOON** Wednesday, November 26. **THERE WILL BE NO DAYCARE.** Classes will resume on Monday, December 1. **Have a wonderful family holiday!**



Toy Drive For P.A.L.s

December 14: Our annual toy drive is always a success by any measure both for those who give and those who receive. A new, unwrapped toy valued at \$10.00 is to be brought to school on Thursday, December 11. Join us on Friday, December 12 at 2:15 p.m. to witness the procession of all the children carrying their gifts to lie before the altar for blessings during Vespers. You will be especially glad you did.

Christmas Program

December 19: We look forward to seeing you at our annual, all-school Christmas program directed by Mrs. Barefoot, which will take place Friday, December 19, 9:00 a.m. in the Grande Ballroom. Students are to come to school dressed in **FULL** costume on Friday morning. We invite you to join us for a wonderful program, which is sure to fill the air with holiday spirit and your heart with holiday warmth. The Booster Club will also sponsor a Bake Sale beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Savalas Room.

Christmas Vacation Begins - Noon Dismissal

December 19: *Christmas vacation* officially begins at dismissal after the program Friday, December 19. **THERE IS NO DAYCARE.** The office staff will be most appreciative to see a safe, on-time dismissal.

School will resume on Monday, January 5, 2009.

The faculty and staff of Saint Nicholas School wish you and your family a very Merry and Holy Christmas. We look forward to beginning 2009 together, renewed in hope and bright in spirit.

May God grant you abundant blessings,



Ms. Kamenos, Saint Nicholas Faculty and Staff, and the St. Nicholas School Board.

SPORTS SKILLS WORKSHOPS



Join Now



Beginning Sports Skills

Grades Kindergarten - 2

Developmentally appropriate drills and games are used to introduce and practice fundamental skills, such as throwing, catching, kicking, dribbling, body and spatial awareness, and sportsmanship. Activities include: tag games, Frisbee, soccer, Wiffleball, gatorball, and basketball.

Class dates: Nov. 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17, Jan. 7, 14, 21, & 28

Tuition: \$100

Instructor: Mr. Rothenberg

Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:15

Advanced Sports Skills

Grades 3 - 8

Prepare yourself to tryout for St. Nicholas team sports! This class will show you what it takes to make one of the teams. Play flag football, basketball, softball, hockey and Ultimate Frisbee through fun drills, scrimmages, and sportsmanship. Students will learn basic fundamentals and advanced skills, as well as basic plays, offenses, and defenses.

Class dates: Nov. 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17, Jan. 7, 14, 21, & 28

Tuition: \$100

Instructor: Mr. Rothenberg

Wednesdays 4:30 - 5:15

SPORTS WORKSHOPS SIGN UPS

Be Athletic!



Turn in this tear-off with check payable to St. Nicholas School. **Tuition is Non-refundable. We reserve the right to cancel any class for which there is insufficient enrollment. Refunds will be made in this case.**

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Check class enrolling: Beginning Sports K - 2 Advanced Sports 3 - 8

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Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Check class enrolling: Beginning Sports K - 2 Advanced Sports 3 - 8

Parents Signature _____ Phone _____



After-School Art Workshops



The following 8-week art workshops are now available.

Art enrichment Grades 1-8 includes: Blind contour line drawing and experimenting with multimedia such as paper, clay, acrylic paint, watercolor, printing, collage, wood, and more. Seasonal art projects include bookmaking, cards, 3D form, jewelry etc.. Class dates: Nov. 13, 20 Dec. 4, 11, 18 Jan. 8, 15 Last class Jan. 22

Tuition \$100.00

*Student must be picked up by 4:30 to avoid daycare charges Instructor: Mrs. Duschinsky Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30

Cartooning- Grades 3-8 includes: Develop drawing skills and learn to create original cartoon characters.

Produce a comic strip sequence, anthropomorphic characters, and super heroes. Develop story lines and use creative writing skills. Experiment with colored pencil, watercolor pencil and chalk pastel.

Tuition \$100.00

Class dates Nov. 13, 20 Dec. 4, 11, 18 Jan. 8, 15 Last class Jan. 22

*Student must be picked up by 5:45 to avoid daycare charges Instructor: Mrs. Duschinsky Thursdays 4:45 - 5:45

Drawing Basics Grades 2-4 includes: Individual development of student's skill with emphasis on blind contour line drawing and shape drawing methods. Experimenting with various media, such as watercolor pencil, pastel, charcoal, ink, marker and oil crayon resist.

Tuition \$ 90.00

Class dates: Nov. 10, 17, 24 Dec. 1, 8, 15 Jan. 5 Last class Jan. 12

*Students must be picked up by 4:30 to avoid daycare charges Instructor: Mrs. Duschinsky Mondays 3:30 - 4:30

Drawing II Grades 4- 8 Includes: Individual development of student's drawing skills. Focus is on realistic drawing and a variety of subject matter: still life, wild life, landscape, human form and perspective. Experimenting with various media, such as pencil, charcoal, acrylic, watercolors, and pastels.

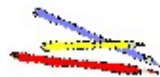
Tuition \$ 90.00

Class dates: Nov. 10, 17, 24 Dec. 1, 8, 15 Jan. 5 Last class Jan. 12

*Students must be picked up by 5:45 to avoid daycare charges Instructor: Mrs. Duschinsky Mondays 4:45 - 5:45

Art Workshops *The tuition for the 8 weeks includes materials. Turn in this tear-off with check payable to St.*

Nicholas School. Tuition is Non-refundable.



Be Creative!



Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Check class enrolling: Drawing Basics 2-4 Art Enrichment 1-8 Cartooning 3-8 Drawing II 4-8

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

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Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Check class enrolling: Drawing Basics 2-4 Art Enrichment 1-8 Cartooning 3-8 Drawing II 4-8

Parent Signature _____

Phone _____

GOLD CLUB WINNERS

September	
Class	Student
1-1	Kassandra Chacon Athenie Kalos Melodie Shousha
2-1	Nicholas Andrews
3-1	Jordan Palmer
4-1	Justin Palmer
5-1	Michael Nasarallah
5-2	Michael Gorgy
6-1	Yeshaya Ryder William Stasinis
6-2	Jeffery Palmer Jonathon Miller
7-1	Alex Mikrakis Nicole Kludjian
7-2	Matthew Aguilar
8-1	Sobeira Fillad Athanasia Kyriazis

October	
Class	Student
K-1	Matthew Gorgy Daniella Hanna
K-2	Virginia Khachatourians Natalie Shousha
1-1	David Stepich
2-1	Nicholas Andrews Molly Cosenza Nicolas Nasrallah Jacob Samorano
3-1	Jordan Palmer
4-1	Matthew Hoffman Alexia Savas
5-1	Cheyenne Delgado
5-2	Angel Wahbi
6-1	Damian Savas

October	
Class	Student
6-2	Alyssa Deobler Christina Farag Rachel Luu Jonathan Miller Jeffrey Palmer Michael Panneton Jeremy Salib Lauren Siapkas Sarah Slattery Lily Spirtos
7-1	Andrew Critescu Alex Mikrakis
7-2	Theo Cristescu
8-1	Patric Amar Patrick Cassley Kevin Daily Nicholas Dinsmore Jake Hagen Mouna Kezbar Ryan Legg Janet Safar Justin Salib

If you have any questions or comments regarding anything written in The Chatterbox, please use the following email address: info@stnicholaseducation.com.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could send us any pictures you take at the various school events. You can put them on a disc and drop them off at the office or you can email them to the above email address. We use photos for our yearbook, our Chatterbox, our church bulletin (The Wonder Worker), as well as for our archives.