



SAINT NICHOLAS SCHOOL, II

JANUARY 2012



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- 02--- Non-Academic Day
Attendance not required. Teachers
In service training.
- 16--- MLK, Non-Academic day
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Parents who choose January registration will do so by January 2nd. If you have any questions, please contact Laurel Welkey.

Our monthly "Bring Your Lunch" meeting has really developed into a Parent Advisory group with parents talking at different times with each other, the head, administrators, and board members. January would fall on an in service day so we will not hold a meeting. Monday, February 6th at noon in the conference room upstairs is the next time. Parents are welcome to send any topics in advance to the office.

Last December 5th, the following topics were discussed during the meeting:

- Parent request to have a Primary Progress Chart on the website.
- How parents can help build enrollment
- The advantages of SNS that are completely unique
- Parents are planning a Silent Auction for Teacher appreciation

Some ideas offered were:

- Open houses, participation in Benefits Fairs, bumper stickers, yard signs, more banners, and a lit sign on the Main Street side of the building
- We are looking for expertise in marketing and advertising
- It was approved to have the Primary department added to the school Grade Book on line
- It was suggested that parents in each "grade" meet together with the head to make plans about what they want for their children in elementary school. At SNS Primary I and II will be in the same grade in school, as will Primary III and IV be in one grade. So, for example, Primary III and IV will be going to "Kindergarten" next year.

The unique advantages of SNS were described by parents or others as:

- Open from 6 to 6, year round and some holidays
- Food service including many organic and grass-fed products
- Linens and most supplies furnished
- Field trips, all programs, and books included without fees
- Playgrounds for all ages and sports field available
- *Languages Through Phonics* curriculum only in our schools
- *Focus* curriculum is used
- *The SNS Curriculum Guide* is only used in our schools
- Instruction required in English, Spanish, French, and Latin
- All languages are taught with early reading and writing
- We have cultural instruction in each language with classical songs and music of that culture
- We teach basal reading with the best, Lippincott readers
- We teach grammar in all languages and diagramming beginning with Level 4.
- We teach literature from original sources for all ages
- Mathematics begins with Montessori and in Level 1 also includes *Everyday mathematics*. Beginning this year we are analyzing *Singapore Mathematics* and planning to incorporate this curriculum.
- The Outdoor Curriculum continues at the Lazy A Ranch