



St. Felicitas Catholic School

Mission Statement: Saint Felicitas Catholic School as a Catholic school in the Diocese of Oakland educates children in the Catholic faith and nurtures their minds, bodies, and souls, inspiring them to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, achieve their highest academic and creative potential, and actively serve and enrich the community.

Leading And Serving Others Joyfully In Our Faith

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Every year around this time I write to you about the Iowa Assessment or ITBS testing that happens during September. In the past, we have taken one week in September and one week in May to complete the ITBS Assessment. I am very excited to announce that we will no longer be taking the Iowa Assessment. This is a change that has come from the Diocese of Oakland central office for all elementary schools within the Diocese of Oakland.

St. Felicitas and all schools in the Diocese have been taking the STAR Renaissance Learning Online Adaptive test for the last 2 years. We take this test 4 times a year on the computer or iPads. Our students take it in August, November, February, and May. Instead of taking two weeks away from instructional time we will only be taking an hour for reading and an hour for math, 4 times a year. Additionally, the data that we get is real time data that we receive the moment the children are done taking the test.

We use the data in many different ways. I, as the principal, have access to all student data to watch for trends and class and individual achievement information. This helps me to have dialogue with teachers, students, and parents. It also offers an additional assessment of student progress outside of teacher prepared tests to assess them compared to students across the country. Teachers use the data to make

sure they are serving all of the student's needs. It helps teachers to know what skills a class or individual student needs to work on or how to challenge them.

We will be sending home results in October at conferences and with each report card at the end of each trimester. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Abundant Blessings!

Mrs. Jorgensen



Student Learning Expectations:

- * *A spiritually centered person*
- * *A life long learner*
- * *An effective communicator*
- * *A globally aware citizen*

This Week's Raffle Drawing Winner is:

Dalina Guan

Dalina is the mother of Justin Ou in 1st Grade

Congratulations!



Important Dates & Events

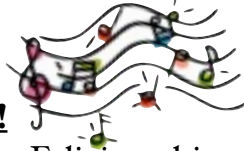
- **Friday, September 9th, Free Dress for Students who turned in their Summer Learning Packet**
- **Wednesday, September 14th, Minimum Day for K-8th Grade**
- **Friday, September 23rd, Coffee Talk with the Principal, 8:30 am**

Order Your Yearbook



Yearbook Sales are Now Open Online

Order your child's yearbook now and you won't have to do it later! We have been able to maintain the same pricing as last year! Please go to this link for order information. <https://sfcsyearbook.picaboo.com/>



Introducing Our New Music Teacher, Ms. Tripp!

I'm so excited to be here at St. Felicitas this year, as the new music teacher!

We are looking for singers (3rd-8th grade only) for our school choir! The choir will sing at all the school Masses, and at other special events that occur throughout the school year. Rehearsals will be from 3:15-4:15 pm on Tuesday afternoons.

A little about myself: I grew up in northern Virginia, where I went to St. James Catholic School from Kindergarten through 8th grade, and was in the choir. I continued with choir through high school, and went on to be a four-year member of the Choir of the College of William and Mary. I studied jazz vocals at William and Mary, in addition to directing an a cappella group and singing with various instrumental ensembles. As Ella Fitzgerald once said, "The only thing better than singing is MORE singing!" Singing in my Catholic School choir was so important for me and for my growth. I believe it taught me confidence, and more importantly, it taught me to be a part of something greater than myself. I would love to have as many students in choir as possible!

If your child is interested in joining choir, and you give your permission, please fill out the attached form and return it to the school office by Tuesday, September 13th (our first official rehearsal).

Sincerely,
Raquel Tripp

We Need Your Help!

Our annual pancake "Breakfast with Santa" is coming up on Sunday, December 4th and we need a parent volunteer to "Chair" the event. If you can help, please contact the school office!



MUSE Instrumental Programs



MUSE is open for registration!

Instruction is offered to students from grades 4-8. No previous experience is needed. Additionally, our school can supply some instruments to rent for a nominal fee! Please see their website, www.museband.com for more information.



HSPT Prep Course

St. Joseph Notre Dame will host a High School Placement Test Prep Course on Saturday, Oct. 8th from 8:30 am-1:00 pm. For more information, please see the attached registration form.

Evacuation Drill-Mark the Date!

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 21st, we will be conducting our evacuation drill. Remember a parent or authorized adult listed on the yellow emergency card will need to pick up your child/ren. No afternoon Falcon's Nest will be available that day. It is a minimum day with a 12:00 noon dismissal.

Online-Safe Environment Training

For parents and guardians new to our school, the Diocese requires a Safe Environment Class be taken. Please go to this site, www.virtus.org to take the online class. When complete, please return the Certificate of Completion to the school office with the \$8.00 fee. For all returning parents, our school is on a 3 year cycle, next school year (2017-18) all parents will need to renew their Safe Environment training.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Deacon Tim Myer
- Bill Costa
- Orobosa Okhomina
- Colleen Jackson
- Jeff Heusler
- Mary Lou Ramirez
- Lori Mastrantonio
- Sister Kathleen
- Deirdre Polonsky



Join the St. Felicitas Choir!



Rehearsals: Tuesdays 3:15-4:15 p.m.

I give permission for my child _____ to participate in Choir for the 2016-2017 school year.

Parent Signature: _____



St Felicitas CYO News:

Girls Volleyball (Gr. 4-8)

Sign up today!

Registration closes 9/30 – NO Late Registrations allowed!

*** 7th and 8th Grade Girls – Add to your High School Resume! Join our CYO teams today! ***

Questions: Coach Jenny Porciuncula (510) 207-9261

Boys Basketball (Gr. 3-8)

Sign up today!

Registration closes 9/30 – NO Late Registrations allowed!

*** Grades 3 – 7 Boys – We are looking for two teams at each grade level! All Skill Levels are welcome! ***

No Tryouts!

Questions: Coach Jerry Delos Reyes (510) 750-7248

Registration link for Volleyball and Basketball:

<http://stfelicitascatholicyouthorganization.siplay.com/site/>



<https://www.facebook.com/StFelicitasCYO/>





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High School Placement Test Prep Course

2016 Registration Form

The SJND HSPT Prep Course is designed to familiarize 7th and 8th grade students with the format and focus of the HSPT. SJND is committed to offering a high-quality course that helps students with both test-taking strategies and the test subjects.

Parents are welcome to stay the morning of Saturday, October 8, to meet SJND teachers, administrators and students. Student-led tours are available for parents interested in seeing the SJND campus.

Cost for the HSPT prep course is \$100. Course registration is due by Friday, September 23, 2016.

HSPT Success Strategies at SJND

Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. *(Pizza lunch included)*

Student Name: _____

Current School & Grade: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Cell Phone: _____

Please send a check for total amount with this registration form to: SJND, Attention: HSPT Prep Course, 1011 Chestnut Street, Alameda CA 94501 or fax with credit card information to SJND: **510-814-7118**. For more information, contact Gabriela Lippi at 510-995-9458 or glippi@sjnd.org.

Charge amount due (\$100) to Visa or MasterCard. (Please circle one.)

Card Number: _____

Name on Card: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____