



# The Parent Connection

## San Jose Episcopal Day School

May 24, 2007

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I am nearly overwhelmed with gratitude. This has been a banner year, and I just wish that I could see each of you personally to give you a hug and a trophy!

Our Parents' Association is unbeatable, unflappable, and like none other. With their help and guidance this year has been smooth sailing. Everywhere you look, you see the PA's touch--the yearbook, the technology lab, the Media center, the mosaic garden, the new white boards that are being installed--even the clean carpets. Kisses and hugs and bouquets of roses and heartfelt thanks to the best PA in the world.

We are ever grateful to the duPont Fund for supporting our cutting edge educational initiatives. Last year, they provided a feasibility grant launching our global studies program, and, after a year of study and preparation, Fr. Britt and I are thrilled to announce to you that our school has been awarded over \$50,000. This will allow us to continue our global studies program over the next three years. Dr. Susan Arnold, Lily's mother, was our guiding force, using her fantastic grant writing skills to insure complete success. We "traveled" to China and now will look toward Egypt, South America, and Africa as we teach our children geography in this unique way using the global studies curriculum authored by Deborah Dodd as a template.

I will write you early in the summer to introduce you to our two newest faculty members and to keep you abreast of the exciting summer projects. We wish you a happy and productive summer abounding in God's blessings. Journey safely wherever you travel.

Jean Dodd

- **Coach Gilbert** wants to remind all our SJEDS students to continue exercising, walking and/or running over the summer! Look forward to an exciting 2007-2008 year in P.E.-including new challenges and fun ways to stay fit and have fun!!!
- **Used Uniform Collection** will be on Thursday, May 24 from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Consignment forms and information sheets are available in the office and will be available at the drop-off site. **Please note that there will be no May sale.** The next used clothing sale will be on Meet Your Teacher Day in August. We will hold items consigned in May until that time. Graduating families may consign clothing and will be paid on items sold, regardless of attendance at SJEDS.

Please retrieve your missing clothing items from the lost and found bins located in the gym and extended day. Items not picked up by the end of the school year become charitable donations.

- **Medications in the clinic** must be picked up by Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. **Medication may only be released to the parent.** After May 29<sup>th</sup> left over medication will be thrown out. If you have any questions, please call the school office.
- **REWARD!** Please search your homes, cars and backpacks for those missing visitor badges and return them to the front office before the end of the school year. Mrs. Herndon is offering a reward for each badge returned.
- **Vacation Bible School.** Come take a wild ride through God's world. July 23<sup>rd</sup>-July 27<sup>th</sup>. Registration fee before July 1<sup>st</sup> is \$15.00 and \$20.00 after. Registration forms are available in the church or school office.
- **Meet Your Teacher Day** for the 2007-2008 school year will be Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Classes begin Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. See below for other important dates for the 2007-08 year.



The 2006-2007 Giving Tree: Annual Fund Committee is thrilled to report that the school community comprised of faculty, teachers, the board of trustees, the parent association, the school alumni, the church vestry and community, and mostly, our wonderful school parents, have contributed over \$91,000 to the Annual Fund. We anticipate some contributions to continue to come in prior to the end of the school's fiscal year, bringing us very close to our goal of \$100,000. We cannot thank you enough for your commitment and understanding of this crucial component of San Jose Episcopal Day School's growth and well-being. This commitment truly reflects the value you place on the education your child is receiving at SJEDS and, ultimately, joyful giving.

The grade participation levels are currently as follows:

P-K	K	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
19%	45%	55%	45%	57%	43%	49%	57%

Congratulations to the third and sixth grades for leading the way in participation. Clearly, the first grade was a close runner-up. Thanks to everyone! Have a wonderful summer!!

- **Save those Hotel Shampoos!** Keep those little bottles of shampoo, soaps and shaving cream! Dot Ivey and the San Jose Church Ladies are collecting hotel size toiletries to give the City Rescue Mission. They package them in a little bag to help with personal hygiene items for the homeless. Please collect these items every time you go to a hotel and **bring them to the Church Office**. Many of our parents travel for business, so please just pop them in your suitcase. Our next donation is in June. Thank you for your help on behalf of the SJEC!
- **Jacksonville University Football** coach Kerwin Bell and his coaching staff are excited to announce their 2007 Youth Football camps! Camps begin on May 29<sup>th</sup>-June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit their website at [www.judolphins.com](http://www.judolphins.com) or call Kerry Webb at 256-7471.

#### **Tentative 2007-2008 Important Calendar Dates**

September 3	Labor Day-No School
September 26	Half Day Students-Parent/Teacher Conferences
September 27	Half Day Students-Parent/Teacher Conferences
September 28	No School-Parent Teacher Conferences
October 8	Columbus Day-No School
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Break
November 26	Faculty Workday-No School
December 19	Half Day Students-No Extended Day
December 20-January 4	Christmas Break Begins
January 7	Classes Resume
January 21	Martin Luther King-No School
February 18	President's Day-No School
March 21	Good Friday-No School
March 24-28	Spring Break
May 9	Non-Academic Awards Grades 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>
May 16	Academic Awards Grades 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>
May 19	Last Day of School
May 20	Graduation-1 <sup>st</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Only