

Dear Parents,

We are excited and happy that our school will have **our own Summer Program this June through July. Attached is the Summer School Application.** We have tried our best to make it affordable for your families. Our own teachers will be teaching. They will have in their class the students who they will be teaching next year. We believe this to be very important as it will give them time to know one another and to feel more comfortable for the next school year.

We found out today that Saint Joseph School in Santa Ana will not be having their usual Summer Program. The school will be receiving new windows through the Shea Family Charity just as we did a few years ago. They will be installing them in the summer and cannot have staff or students on site.

Congratulations to the **Second Grade students** (and a few older students as well) who will be receiving the beautiful sacrament of **Reconciliation next Wednesday.** We are very proud of the work of Mrs. Wenninger who prepared them so well, and has helped them realize just how much Jesus loves them and cares for them in this sacrament of His mercy. Let us pray that they will remember this experience so that it becomes part of their lives when they grow older. We also hope that their parents will bring them to the sacrament of Reconciliation often in the future. The school does its part in preparation, but it is really the parents who make the lasting impression on their children when they see that the sacraments are important to their parents and witness them receiving the sacraments.

Mr. Heffernan will be making one more trip to Calexico where we drop off our supplies for the **Mexicali shelters.** There are **two shelters with over 130 women and children.** Here is one of the recent photos that our sisters took when they crossed the border to visit both shelters this past weekend. The sisters who went made sure that they bought an ice cream for each child - something they never get - and from their faces you can see just how happy they are.

These shelters need the support of others as all are refugees from Central America and have waited up to three years to enter the US legally. They cannot return to wherever they came from and they cannot enter as of yet into the US. The sisters brought two immigration lawyers when they went so that they can review their cases and help them fill out the necessary paperwork if they had not done so yet. As of now 8 families have gone to San Diego and crossed over legally into the US. Eight more families took their places at the shelter, one who said it took 2 months of walking to get from Honduras to Mexicali with her two children.

Most are single women with their children who had to make the trip due to poverty and gang violence in their own countries.



We know that some of you may have a **PAL hour or more** that you would like to do at school. Because of the pandemic it was harder this year to complete them. We would like you to consider helping these women and children by donating any of the items below and giving us the receipt. For each \$15.00 (usually PAL hours require \$20.00) you will receive credit for a PAL hour. You will be making a huge difference in the lives of these people.

Here is the list of what is most needed in the shelters:

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| Flour | Beans | Cans of meat (tuna and chicken) |
| Capri Sun | Boxes of Cereal | Cans of vegetables or fruit |
| Powdered milk | Powdered Baby Formula | Boxes of Cookies |
| Band-aids | Cough Syrup | Children's Vitamins |
| Toothpaste/Toothbrush | Tylenol | Cans of Tomato Paste |
| Detergent for Clothes | Diapers | Shampoo |
| New Stuffed Toys | Hairbrush/Comb/Ribbons | Children's Underwear |
| New T-Shirt for kids | Hand Soap/Body Soap | Children's Hats for the Sun |
| Children's shorts | Coloring Books/Crayons | New Socks |
| Flip Flops for kids | Toys such as dolls/cars | Sidewalk Chalk |

We do not want large bags of used clothing due to COVID. If you have a good pair of shorts or a nice t-shirt for a child, you can send these, but they **MUST BE WASHED AND LOOK PRETTY NEW.**

You could also make a **\$15.00 donation made out to Saint Anne School** for Mexicali (put MEXICALI on the bottom left corner of check) as they need also a couple of thermometers, a blood pressure machine, and it costs \$2,000 per month to fee the over 300 people that live in the two shelters. We can purchase whatever is most needed by the shelters.

This drive will end on Cinco de Mayo. Thank you for your generosity in the past. You can send your donations in bags with your name and the receipts taped or stapled on the outside of a bag. Thank you!

Have a wonderful rest of your week! God bless you and your families... Sr. Teresa

HERE ARE THE DATES TO REMEMBER

April 26, Monday	Wear Red Jog-A-Thon Shirt
April 28, Wednesday	First Reconciliation
May 3, Monday	Wear Red Jog-A-Thon Shirt
May 5, Wednesday	Cinco de Mayo, Wear Red/Green or Cultural Dress
	End of the Mexicali Drive
May 7, Friday	NOON Dismissal, Faculty Meeting
May 10, Monday	Wear Red Jog-A-Thon Shirt
May 11, Tuesday	School Board Meeting, 6:00 pm via Zoom
May 15, Saturday	First Communion
May 17, Monday	Wear Red Jog-A-Thon Shirt
May 24, Monday	Wear Red Jog-A-Thon Shirt
May 28, Friday	Marian Mass, Grade 8 May Crowning
May 31, Monday	NO SCHOOL
June 4, Friday	NOON DISMISSAL, Faculty Meeting
	Grade 8 Graduation, 5:00 pm
June 7, Monday	Wear Red Jog-A-Thon Shirt
June 9, Wednesday	NOON DISMISSAL, Wear Relaxed Dress
	Class cleanup day and class party day
June 10, Thursday	Kindergarten Graduation at the Mass
	10:00 am Dismissal, NO DAY CARE