



The Latest Word

St. Perpetua School - Weekly Newsletter

January 24, 2024

Weekly Update from Mrs. Gotchet



We have many exciting events coming our way over the next few weeks, and we begin by celebrating Catholic schools and what makes St. Perpetua so amazing!

We are grateful to all of you for entrusting us with your children each and every day. St. Perpetua is truly a magical place and it wouldn't be what it is today without our amazing educators that have said "yes" to the ministry of Catholic education.

In an effort to take care of our faculty and staff, the Diocese of Oakland is working to close the salary gap between our surrounding dioceses - San Jose and San Francisco. Please [click here](#) to read the letter from the Superintendent regarding these increases.

Interested to know how this effort by the Diocese will impact our school's tuition? Please come to our Mid-Year 'State of the School' on Thursday, February 8th at 6pm in the Community Center. We will talk all things St. Perpetua. We will look at the progress and successes of the current school year as well as looking ahead to the 2024-2025 school year (first day of school, tuition, etc.). Please join us after the presentation for refreshments and appetizers and to mingle with other school families, staff, and school board members. This is a parent-only event.

Catholic Schools Week is next week! We can't wait to kick it off with you all at our 9:30am Mass on Sunday, January 28th. Students are to wear St. Perpetua sweatshirts and jackets. Following Mass, we will host our Open House at the school from 10:30am-12:00pm! All next week, students may participate in our dress-up days and different activities throughout the week. Parents, you don't want to miss Tuesday morning carpool! ☐ If students do not wish to participate in the dress-up days, they must wear their full uniform.

Monday, January 24	Tuesday, January 25	Wednesday, January 26	Thursday, January 27	Friday, January 28
Celebrating Our Community Wear Red, White, & Blue We'll continue open house in the Community Center!	Celebrating our Students and Families First Dress-Up for Students	Celebrating our Nation Full Uniform Day School Wide SNICO	Celebrating vocations Career Day, Dress Up or College Spirit Wear	Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers 100th Day of School Dress Up like 100 year olds Teacher's Table

School Schedule and Calendar

Normal Bell Schedule

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays: 8:00 - 3:05pm
- Wednesdays: 9:00 - 3:05pm - Late start and mass uniforms
- Fridays: Cafe Perpetua 7:20 - 9:30am ~ unless stated as a 'No Cafe' day ~ (cash or check only). Students may wear St. Perpetua spirit-wear tops and uniform bottoms.
- [Lunch Schedule](#)

Next 10 Days

- Wednesday, 1/24 - Science Night (bring the whole family!) 6:30 - 8:30 in the Community Center
- Friday, 1/26 - Cafe Perpetua open 7:20 am - 9:30 am
- Friday, 1/26: [February Pizza Order Link](#) closes
- Sunday, 1/28 - School Mass for Catholic Schools Week at 9:30am
 - Students are asked to wear their St. P's sweatshirts or jackets**
- Sunday, 1/28 - Open House at St. Perpetua School: 10:30 - 12:00

- Parents, if you can help our Parent Association serve donuts & coffee from the Cafe right after mass, please sign up [HERE](#)

- Monday, 1/29 - students have 'Red, White & Blue' free dress
- Tuesday, 1/30 - students have regular free dress
- Wednesday, 1/31 - School Mass - students wear mass uniform
- Wednesday, 1/31 - Spelling Bee / Assembly Schedule ~ **Lunch is 12:00 - 12:35 (1st-8th)**
- Thursday, 2/1 - students dress as what they want to be when grown up ~ or ~ college gear
- Friday, 2/2 - 100th day of school! Students dress as 100 year-olds (or wear school uniform)
- Friday, 2/2 - **NOON Dismissal (Panther House closed)**

Other Important Dates

- Sunday, 2/4 - Rise & Shine Mass, hosted by 6th & 8th grade
- Thursday, 2/8 - State of the School Presentation in the Community Center: 6:00 - 8:00
- Friday, 2/9 - Sweetheart Dance in the Community Center: 6:45pm - 10:00 pm
- Wednesday, 2/14 - Ash Wednesday ~ School Mass, students wear mass uniform
- Thursday, 2/15 - students have red, white, & pink 'valentine free dress'
- Friday, 2/16 - **NO SCHOOL** ~ enjoy a 4-day holiday!
- Monday, 2/19 - President's Day Holiday
- Friday, 2/23 - **NOON Dismissal (Panther House closed)**
- Friday, 2/23 - Taste of Perpetua' in the Community Center: 6:30pm - 9:30 pm
- Thursday, 2/29 - Last day of the current Scrip profit tracking period (3/1/23 - 2/29/24)

Monthly School Calendar

St. Perpetua Auction - Saturday, April 13th

Book your babysitter, get out the old letterman's jacket, acid wash jeans, skateboard or whatever was nostalgic while you were in High School because we are hosting the biggest *High School Flashback* party to hit Hamlin Road.

Saturday, April 13th is going to be an evening you won't want to miss. Keep an eye out for lots of auction details coming your way!

[Follow us on Instagram!](#)



[Auction Website](#)

Lost & Found Items ~ are you missing some of your children's things?

PLEASE, label your child's clothing items so that we can get items returned to them!

We have quite a few sweaters, jackets, lunchboxes & water bottles with no names. These items are on the table outside the front office doors.

Any unclaimed items will be donated on January 25th!

Have you met your Scrip profit obligation??

All families have a Scrip profit obligation, per the Family Agreement you signed as part of the admission process for this 2023-2024 school year.

- **The current tracking period is 3/1/23 - 2/29/24, so you still have time to earn your Scrip profit!**
- New families starting the 2023-2024 school year have a \$125 profit obligation
- All other families have a \$250 profit obligation
- Families will be billed on April 1st for any profit shortfall
- New families this year earn tuition credit for earned profits above \$275
- All other families earn tuition credit for earned profits above \$400
- Tuition credits will be issued on April 1st

Sign-Up to be a Hot Lunch Volunteer ~ slots open for January - May

We have unfilled slots for hot lunch volunteers, and we need your help! Each day has a Lead Parent who will be there to show all volunteers everything you need to know to keep our hot lunch service running efficiently.

Below you'll find the Sign-Up-Genius link for all available slots January - May. Earn your volunteer hours and have fun and the same time!

**Hot Lunch Sign
Up**

Order February SEEDS Pizza!

The order link for February SEEDs pizza is open! We are offering pizza on five Thursdays in February. **ORDER LINK**



Order Link closes on Friday, 1/26!

St. Perpetua's Sweetheart Dance is February 9th!

A longstanding St. Perpetua tradition, the Sweetheart Dance is a special evening our girls have to share with their dads or someone special and all of their friends to dance the night away!



Raffle baskets, our favorite photographer, the amazing DJ keeping the dance floor full, and the ever popular dessert bar are all in the works for an incredible event!

Friday, February 9, 2023

Doors open for check-in @ 6:45 pm

Dancing starts @ 7:00 pm

Event ends @ 10:00 pm

St. Perpetua Community Center

Purchase your tickets [HERE!](#) You *may* have purchased tickets for this even at last year's auction. Please reach out to Cameo Gore if you want to double-check.

We need volunteers to help this unforgettable evening happen! Please consider signing up for a variety of opportunities and earn your volunteer hours! **[Volunteer Link](#)**

Hosted by:

Cameo Mucha, Vanessa Beltran, Tawny Burns, Mary McCoy, Heather Alexander, Christine Milne, Jenna O Murchu, Kelly Fontana, Liz Voelker, Lindsay Hanover, Kelly Inman, Suzanne Kroger, and Molly Maduck



Taste of St. Perpetua is coming on Feb. 23rd!

Taste of St Perpetua is an annual community event which entails volunteers of our community making their specialty recipes from appetizers to desserts. It will be held on Friday, **February 23rd at 6:30 in the Community Hall.**

Buy your tickets **[HERE!](#)**

Like to cook? Have a family recipe you want to showcase? We are in need of chefs to make this event a success. If you love to cook (and you do NOT need to be a professional or have any prior food experience), please consider participating! Have a favorite go-to

appetizer or family favorite recipe for a dessert, please make it! Feel free to partner up with a friend, if you'd like.

Deadline to sign up to be a chef is Wednesday, February 14th.

Email Heidi Kuss at heidiaakuss@gmail.com to sign up and answer any questions you may have.



Panther House After-School Care

Panther House after school care is available. Please take time to review the [program details](#). If you are interest in enrolling your child(ren), please fill out the [enrollment form](#) (required for all students).

Submit forms via email to pantherhouse@stperpetuaschool.org.

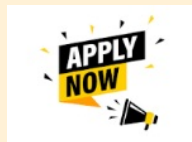
[February Calendar](#)



Lafayette Library & Learning Center Activities

Celebrate the creations of Black History inventors that changed life as we know it by 'Crafting Creations" on each Wednesday in February! For ages 9 - 18. No registration needed.

See [flyer](#) for details on each Wednesday event.



Application for 2024-2025 School Year

[Application Link](#) for **NEW STUDENTS** interested in the upcoming school year

Contact Gretchen Trapp, our Admissions Director, gtrapp@csdo.org for more information on class availability or to set up a tour.



Volunteer Opportunities and Links

We need your help at St. Perpetua. Please review the [volunteer participation agreement](#) and sign up now to complete your hours and get to know our wonderful St. Perpetua school community.

Sign Up Now to Volunteer

- [Serve Donuts & Coffee at Open House](#) - **NEW**
- [Sweetheart Dance Volunteers Needed](#) - **NEW**
- [Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed](#)
- [Yard Duty Volunteer](#) - 2 required for each family
- [Crosswalk Volunteer](#) - 1 required for each family
- [Become an 'All Clear' volunteer](#)

[Log Volunteer Hours](#)

Important Links

- [Choice Lunch Service](#)
- [PowerSchool Login](#)
- [Family Directory](#)
- [Scrip Obligation & ordering information](#)
- [2023-2024 Parent & Student Handbook](#)
- [Faculty Directory](#)
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