



Saint Simon Parish School

*Educating Children to Know,
Love, and Serve God and His World*

June 1, 2010

Dear St. Simon Families,

I want to take this time to go over a new fundraising opportunity we're going to embark on as a parish. In the past there have been many different avenues we've used to try to raise funds. I'd like to introduce a more streamline approach to fundraising, with the introduction of a raffle called the ***Saint Simon Cash Calendar***.

Moving forward, our goal is to create a united and joint effort into the fundraising efforts of our parish. The constant dollar here and dollar there is something I've heard for the past 3 years as a source of frustration for families.

With the introduction of the ***Saint Simon Cash Calendar***, it is our hope to create the largest amount of fundraising dollars with the smallest amount of effort. For reference, during the 2009-2010 school year we raised \$57,000 through the QSP Magazine Drive, Dough-to-Go cookie dough sales, and other miscellaneous fundraisers. If all school families participate in the ***Saint Simon Cash Calendar*** by purchasing \$300 worth of tickets (30 tickets), we could generate up to \$97,500.

Starting with the 2010-2011 school year we will focus on the ***Saint Simon Cash Calendar***, and eliminate the constant "ask". Magazines, Sees Candy, wreaths, cookie dough, and wrapping paper will be offered online, along with Scrip and eScrip. The Walk-A-Thon, Auction, and other parish social events will continue as they do today.

In the end we want to create an easier way to earn monetary resources without the numerous small fundraisers. Please refer to the attached FAQ for details. Rollout for the ***Saint Simon Cash Calendar*** program will begin in June with our first drawing on August 19, 2010 at Classroom Assignment Day.

Once again, I thank you for your continued support.

Blessings,

Steven M. Clossick

Principal



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Cash Calendar FAQ

What is a Cash Calendar?

The Cash Calendar is a raffle, and runs under the guidelines outlined by the Diocese of San Jose and the State of California.

Why are we having a Cash Calendar?

Starting with the 2010-2011 school year, we are eliminating many school-sponsored fundraising efforts, including the magazine drive, cookie dough fundraiser, small ministry fundraisers, and the constant "ask". These programs will still be available as a service to our families with online ordering available via the school website, along with Scrip and eScrip. The Walk-A-Thon, Auction, and other parish social events will continue as they do today.

How does it work?

Raffle tickets are sold at \$10 per ticket in booklets of 15 tickets each. Tickets are available in the Parish and School Office for purchase. The entire Parish is participating in the Cash Calendar, including the School, CCM, Preschool of Religion, EDGE, LifeTeen, MOPS, and other outreach groups.

When does the Saint Simon Cash Calendar run?

The Cash Calendar raffle runs annually between September 1 and August 31 of the following year.

Is the Cash Calendar mandatory?

We strongly encourage each school family to sell 30 tickets per school year (\$300). For us to successfully replace the funding dollars we currently receive, overall participation is key to our success.

How do I buy tickets?

Tickets will be available for pickup in front of the gym the last week of school. If you aren't able to pick up tickets, they will be mailed to your home. Raffle tickets are also sold in the School Office, Parish Office, and at major Parish functions. Tickets need to be returned in booklets of 15. Complete the top portion of the ticket with your name, address, and telephone number to the School or Parish Office. Keep the ticket stub so you know your ticket number(s). There will be four ticket turn-in dates over the summer: Friday, June 25th from 9am-1pm (last day of Vacation Bible School), Wednesday, July 21st from 10am – 2pm (at the Used Uniform Sale), Wednesday, August 11th from 9am – 12pm in the school office, and Thursday, August 19th from 2pm – 4pm (before Classroom Assignment Day). Also, you may send in raffle tickets via mail to the attention of: St. Simon Parish School, Attn: Cash Calendar, 1840 Grant Road Los Altos, CA 94024.

Who can buy raffle tickets?

Anyone! You can purchase raffle tickets for your own use, or sell to neighbors, friends, family, etc. All will be entered into the drawing.

When are the raffle drawings?

Raffle drawings for \$100 amounts occur weekly. Special drawings for larger amounts are as follows: one \$2,000 drawing during Catholic Schools week, and four \$1,000 drawings (Classroom Assignment Day on Aug 19, Parish BBQ on Sept 10, Sundae on Tuesday on March 3, 2011, and the last day of school on June 9, 2011). Each year, a calendar will be distributed with raffle dates for that year.

How are winners notified?

Winners are notified by mail.

What happens to my ticket if I'm the winner that week?

You are notified by mail that you are the winner, and your ticket is re-entered into the raffle again for the next drawing.