

# St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Elementary School

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## Parent to Parent Newsletter...



Principal's Corner—Dr. June Rosena

*Wishing all of  
our wonderful  
families and  
students a  
Blessed and  
Joyous  
Christmas*



Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year! Wishing you and your families the happiest and blessed Christmas yet!

Our school Christmas Program was on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Eleanor's Hall. It was a lovely evening filled with songs of the season. I hope everyone enjoyed the evening.

The Kindergarten Christmas Program was held on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Eleanor's Hall. What a wonderful program it was.

With Pride, I would like to announce that the number of Principal Honor Roll and Honor Roll students was remarkable this quarter! Thank you to their parents and the students for a job well done! I am looking forward to many more students added to these categories. We are truly a highly academic Catholic school as well as a school who lives by the Six Pillars of Character counts. I AM VERY PROUD OF YOU!

Our Christmas Basket program is in full swing. Hopefully, by now you should have received a flyer from one of the class room moms. These baskets are to be delivered on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all of our wonderful families for their generosity.

We have our next PTO board meeting on January 11, 2010 at 6pm in the ministry center. I hope to see you there.

Please be advised that homework is now posted on the school website

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in the National Assessment Testing on March 3, 2010. Subjects for testing include History, Geography, Civics, Math and Reading.

SRB School is now accepting credit cards for tuition payments.

Please remember to sign up for our e-Scrip fundraiser at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) - Here's how it works:

- You register any one or all of your existing grocery loyalty, debit and credit cards for use in the program.
- Participating merchants will make contributions to your chosen group, based on purchases made by you, just by using the cards you have registered.
- Your purchases are tracked and available to you online, allowing you to see just how much you are earning on your child's behalf!
- Signing up is FREE!

Christmas break will begin on December 18, 2009 and school will resume on January 6, 2010. The last day of school for 2009 will be on December 17<sup>th</sup> with a 12:00 dismissal. Please note that there will be no day care that day.

God Bless You and God Bless America!

With Much Love—Dr. June



**Attention all  
Parents...**  
Please be sure to  
join the PTO  
Board Meeting on  
January 11, 2010  
at 6:00pm in the  
Ministry  
Center. Hope to  
see you there.

*PTO Board President & Vice President*

The first 3 months of school have been busy with various events – Back to School Night, Walk-a-thon and Ministry Fair to name a few. It was nice seeing “old” families and meeting new families as well.

As we approach the busy time of the holiday season, let’s not forget about the less fortunate families in our community. Let’s find it in our hearts to be more giving and donate for our class assigned family. Baskets will be delivered on Saturday, December 19. For those who are interested in delivering baskets, please contact your Class Room Parent. I suggest that you deliver the basket as a family; it helps us realize how blessed we are.

I would like to invite everyone to join us at our monthly PTO meetings. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month, 6:00pm at the Ministry Center. Everyone’s welcome to send me agenda items a week prior to the upcoming meeting. My email address is [inachuidian@gmail.com](mailto:inachuidian@gmail.com).

Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Regina Chuidian  
PTO President



Holiday greetings to everyone!

I would first like to introduce myself. My name is Charo Dolendo and I am your new PTO Vice President. I have taken over the position from Lourdes Malam who so ably served the board tirelessly for the past 3 years. We thank her so much for her contributions to our children and to St. Robert Bellarmine Elementary School. I have been a parent at SRB for the past 9 years and I also am the current room parent for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. So as you can see I have been at the school for a long time. I will try my best to represent the parents’ point of view and to be a constructive voice at the board meetings. Hopefully, we will accomplish tangible goals before the end of the school year.

Now that I have introduced myself, I will proceed to remind all of you about this year’s Christmas Basket program. As most of you know, this is a yearly charitable undertaking that each class takes on. In the spirit of giving and sharing each class sponsors a family that needs help and we extend help by providing non-perishable food items, some of the classes provide fixings for a holiday meal and Christmas gifts for the entire family. The room parents completely rely on your generosity to complete a Christmas basket that will give a little Christmas joy to a family during this time of year. Please give with all your heart.

Lastly, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the parents who have been active and supportive during the first half of this school year. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you during the next half. The PTO meetings and Room Parent’s meetings are open to all the school parents so please drop by. The schedule is on the school calendar and on the SRB website at [www.strobertbellarmineschool.com](http://www.strobertbellarmineschool.com).

Have a very Merry Christmas and a most blessed New Year.

Sincerely,

Charo Dolendo  
PTO Vice President

*It is with great pleasure that the Principal, members of the faculty and the California Junior Scholarship Federation announce the recipients of the Principal's Honor Roll and Honor Roll awards for the First Quarter for the 2009-2010 academic year.*

*Honor Roll*

**Third Grade:** Niccolo Chuidian, Gabriel Marrone, Daphne Policarpio, Astrid Pratt, Jessie Yang & Niamh Dempsey.

**Fourth Grade:** Rebecca Battles, Jung Ho Kim, Gabrielle Malam, Andres Orozco, Sahak Ter-Sahakyan, Amira Timani & Nicole Bishara.

**Fifth Grade:** Arvin Baera, Athena Cedeno, Natalie Hayek, Jennifer Kassir, Christopher Le & Samantha Wolfenden.

**Sixth Grade:** Vincent Alvarez, Lauren Castanon, Matthew Cristi, Joelle Ibrahim, Jenna King, Neil Markey, Sarah Markey, Nicole Nassaney, Ryan Reyna, Brianna St. Denis, Caitlin Ye & Hayley Ziegler.

**Seventh Grade:** Veronica Abuyog, Alex Alexanderian, Sarah Carr, Stephen Fistrovic, Nicholas Halaby, Edgar Karapetyan, Christopher Marrone, Alina Nshanyan, Amanda Rivas & Sarah Valdes.

**Eighth Grade:** Patrick Barcarse, Christopher Casapao, Pablo Casillas, Jessika Esparza, Ricardo Francia, Alicia Gallarzo, Jennifer Garcia, Daniela Gonzalez, Jasmine Haladjian, Xavier Izquieta, Angela Kasturiraj, Grant Le, Nicholas Lucero, Amanda Maalouf, Gabrielle Ocano, Yusin Okuda, Vishnu Prasad, Kristan Rivas & Briana Sanchez.

*Principal Honor Roll*

**Third Grade:** Katrina Dolendo, Emma Lauth, Nicholas Sailer & Megan Ye.

**Fourth Grade:** Matthew Gosparini.

**Fifth Grade:** Francesca Alvarez & Jessica Mouawad.

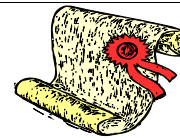
**Sixth Grade:** Bailey Battles, Shayanne Casapao, Michael De Guzman, Charlotte Duldulao, Christian Falcon & Edric Orta.

**Seventh Grade:** Giancarlo Castiglione, Gabriel Sahagun, Jade Teetsel & Lorena Ubillus.

**Eighth Grade:** Kristin Cedeno, Tiffany Cedeno, John Conty, Isabella Dolendo, Danielle Dominguez, Briana Hillo, Angela Jimenez, Natalie Kanimian, Tustin Klinmalai, Colbert Orta, Ysabella Panggat & Alaina Villagran.

Students of the Month

Congratulations...



The Pastor, Faculty and the members of the Student California Junior Scholarship Federation take great pleasure in announcing the Students of the Month:

*September 2009*

Kindergarten A - Ashley Davis & Lucia Mosquera.  
Kindergarten B - Elli Sumera & Joshua Calero.  
First Grade - Matthew Sailer & Charlize Manuel.  
Second Grade - Trevor Villagran & Brigitta Rahme.  
Third Grade - Chris Drewes & Jaylene Kassir.  
Fourth Grade - Jung Ho Kim.  
Fifth Grade - Arvin Baera.  
Sixth Grade - Lauren Castanon.  
Seventh Grade - Janice Urbina.  
Eighth Grade - Alicia Gallarzo.

*October 2009*

Kindergarten A - Joseph Fernandes & Jewel Sassenrath.  
Kindergarten B - Mark Lin & Elli Sumera.  
First Grade - James Markey & Kaeli Cedeno.  
Second Grade - Jocelle Lauron & Ryan Davis.  
Third Grade - Katrina Dolendo & Nick Sailer.  
Fourth Grade - Matthew Gosparini & Sahak Ter-Sahakyan.  
Fifth Grade - Francesca Alvarez.  
Sixth Grade - Ryan Reyna.  
Seventh Grade - Veronica Abuyog.  
Eighth Grade - Colbert Orta.

*November 2009*

Kindergarten A - Isabella Mashour & Christopher Conkle.  
Kindergarten B - Lucy Stuck & Melody Mercado.  
First Grade - Sebastian Keane & Alejandra Casillas.  
Second Grade - Emma Molloy & Matthew Masoudi.  
Third Grade - Niccolo Chuidian & Jessie Yang.  
Fourth Grade - Rebecca Battles & Nicole Bishara.  
Fifth Grade - Christopher Le.  
Sixth Grade - Matthew Cristi.  
Seventh Grade - Nicholas Halaby.  
Eighth Grade - Ricardo Francia.



*Congratulations*



St. Robert Bellarmine  
Baseball Club



The St. Robert's baseball season will start the weekend of Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. This season we have three T-ball teams, two C-ball, two B-ball and one A team. This year we are glad to have 36 students from St. Roberts participating in the baseball program. The SRB players and coaches for the 2010 season are:

**T-Ball**

**Cardinals:** Alberto Ayala, Giovanni Castiglioni, Liliana Fernandez, Astrid Pratt, Gunnar Pratt, Riley Share, and Caitlyn Walling.  
Coaches: John Ayala and Tony Castiglioni

**Padres:** Ryan Davis, Matthew Piamonte, Andrew Orellana, Daniel Villosis, Gabriel Villosis, and Bryce Whitaker.  
Coaches: Mike Campbell

**Mets:** Rayna Dunn, Isabella Drewes, Andrew De La Torre, Jason Cook, Niccolo Chuidian, Austin Blacano, James Markey, Nicolas Santizo, Trevor Villagran.  
Coaches: Mario Villagran and Victor Reyes

**C-Ball**

**Mariners:** Charles Weissman.  
Coaches: John MacDonald and Rocco Romano

**Mets:** Marc Bin, James Filmardirossian, Mason Guevarra, Matthew Shaugabay, Michael Kunza.  
Coaches: Cary Meltzer and Eugene Diego

**B-Ball**

**Mariners:** Michael Bin, Adrian Ramirez, Matthew Villagran, John Kunza.  
Coaches: Mike Bin and Raphael Ramirez

**Mets:** Vincent Alvarez.  
Coaches: Doug Nicol and Steve Laborico

**A-Ball**

**Mets:** Carlo Castiglioni, Christian Falcon, and Ryan Reyna.  
Coaches: Tony Castiglioni and Ivan Galan

I would like to thank the coaches and their assistants for all the hard work and time they volunteer to our program. I would also like to thank all the parents and family members who make this program possible.

Come out and support our kids out on the fields. You can visit the website at [www.bplbaseball.com](http://www.bplbaseball.com) for all the game schedules starting the first weekend in January.

The SRB Baseball Club Board has done a wonderful job preparing us for this season. The SRB Board is made up of volunteers and I would also like to thank them for their time and efforts. They are: Cary Meltzer, Eugene Diego, John MacDonald, Ivan Galan, and Doug Nicol.

**Girls "A" Volleyball Team**

It is with great pride that we announce that our Girls "A" Volleyball Team won the NAC League championship for the 2009 season.

The team posted a 12-2 record.

**The team members are:**

- Isabella Dolendo
- Daniela Gonzalez
- Briana Hillo
- Amanda Maalouf
- Jenny Nardoni
- Ysabella Panggat
- Lorena Ubillus
- Coaches: Marina Perez & Anna Maalouf

These girls had an amazing season and we are so proud of their efforts and dedication.

The Coaches would like to extend their thanks to all of the students, faculty and family members who where so supportive throughout the season.



**GO GUARDS!**

Let's have a great season!

Tony Castiglioni  
SRB Baseball Club President

**Girls "B" Volleyball Team**

Sarah Markey  
Nicole Nassaney  
Lauren Castanon  
Caryn Cay  
Stephanie Hanno  
Jenna King  
Joelle Ibrahim  
Katherine Magana  
Allison Allen  
Jennifer King  
Clarissa Walling  
Natalie Hayek  
Francesca Alvarez  
Samantha Wolfenden  
Vanessa Smith  
Coach: Patty Bertole



The girls finished the season with a 4-4 record.

It was wonderful to see these girls come out and play some great volleyball.

Thank you to all the students, faculty and family members who supported our team.

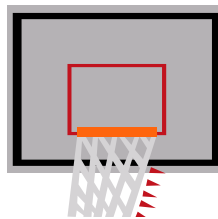
**Boys "A" Basketball Team**

It is with great pride that we announce the 2009-2010 Boys "A" Basketball team and coach:

Pablo Casillas  
Xavier Izquieta  
Grant Le  
Nick Lucero  
Yusin Okuda  
James Jacobe  
Colbert Orta  
Jordan Bridges  
Eric Davidians  
Stephen Fistrovic  
Matthew Mikaelian  
Coach: Aaron Rufus



Good luck to our team on their upcoming season!



**Girls "A" Basketball Team**

It is with great pride that we announce the 2009-2010 Girls "A" Basketball team and coach:

Alaina Villagran  
Veronica Abuyog  
Jennica Flores  
Jenna King  
Joelle Ibrahim  
Stephanie Hanno  
Rita Hanno  
Katherine Magana  
Coach: Mario Villagran



Good Luck to our Girls "A" Basketball team on their upcoming season!

**Guard Pride!**



*Just a few small reminders from  
Our school front office...*

1. *Please make sure that your child or children arrive at school promptly at 7:40am. Arriving at flag salute will result in a tardy slip. Please refer to your handbook.*
2. *Please be sure to sign in and sign out your child or children at the school front office.*
3. *All volunteers must be finger printed and are required to take the Virtuse training.*
4. *Please read all the information placed in your family envelope and return the envelope as soon as possible.*
5. *Please remember to refer to the school website for additional school and classroom information at [www.strobertbellarmineschool.com](http://www.strobertbellarmineschool.com)*
6. *All visitors and volunteers must sign in and out at the school front office when on school grounds.*
7. *All visitors and volunteers must wear a badge which is provided to you at the school front office.*
8. *All information going out must have the approval of Dr. Rosena.*

*Thank you!*



Cone Zone



Should you have any questions regarding the cone zone -  
Please contact the following people:

**Morning Cone Zone:**

Mr. Ramirez (818) 507-1716.

**Afternoon Cone Zone:**

Mrs. Priscilla Castillo (818) 397-8169 or  
Airene Gonzalez (818) 554-2228.

Should you have additional questions, please contact  
Patty Bertole at (818) 203-4366.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.



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Please don't forget to sign up for eScrip at  
[www.eScrip.com](http://www.eScrip.com) and receive 5 service hours  
just for signing up!

If you have any questions, please  
contact me through the school website.

Thank you for your continued support of our school!

Patty Bertole  
Service Hours Director/Fundraiser



Dear St. Robert Bellarmine Parents,

If you haven't already seen the flyer that was sent  
home with your children we are having a  
**fundraiser** at the **Granville Cafe** located at  
**121 San Fernando Blvd.** (right down the street  
from school) on **December 29th.**

For everyone that has dinner/drinks there  
**between the hours of 4pm and 10 pm** on  
12/29, they **will donate 20%** of the checks back  
to us. It is a great little place to eat and  
reasonably priced for the family. For the families  
that do support, there will be 2 service hours  
given. Just copy your receipt and drop it in the  
front office with your family name and child's  
name and that's it.....2 hours for you.

Great way to support our school and get some  
service hours for having a nice evening out after  
the Christmas rush!

If you have any questions, please contact me  
through the school website.

Merry Christmas and Thank You,

Patty Bertole  
Service Hours Director/Fundraiser





*Dates to remember:*

- December 17, 2009: Mass 8:30am 12:00 dismissal—No Daycare.
- December 18, 2009 to January 5, 2010: Christmas Vacation.
- January 6, 2010: School resumes 7:40am to 3pm.
- January 11, 2010: PTO Board Meeting 6pm in the Ministry Center.
- January 12, 2010: Room Parent meeting 8am in the Ministry Center.
- January 15, 2010: 2nd quarter ends.
- January 18, 2010: Martin Luther King Jr. Day—No School.
- January 22, 2010: Report cards distributed.
- January 30, 2010: High School Placement Tests.

Please keep in mind that all Fridays are formal dress and a minimum day with dismissal at 12:00pm(noon).

*Christmas Gift Prayer*

*Thank you, God for the wonderful gift of your son, Jesus, as we celebrate His birthday. Help us to remember Him as we give and receive gifts, taking time to pray for each person and for those who have nothing. Help us, Lord, to fill this Christmas with you and with your love, peace and joy.  
Amen*

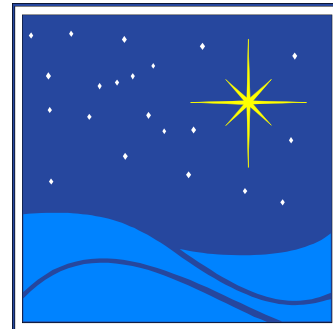
*Wishing all of our wonderful Teachers, Staff Members, Families, Friends & Students a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*



***Italian Classes for Kids and Adults at SRB Spring Session Starts on February 6, 2009***

Registration has begun for the Spring Session of Italian Classes for Kids and Adults offered on Saturdays by Fondazione Italia at St. Robert Bellarmine School. Classes start February 6th and are offered at all levels from Mommy & Me and Preschool to Elementary Age and Adult. Register by January 30th to take advantage of the early bird rate.

Download a schedule of classes and pricing information at [www.fondazione-italia.org/](http://www.fondazione-italia.org/), or e-mail [info@fondazione-italia.org](mailto:info@fondazione-italia.org), or call (310) 739-9350.



Thank you,

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