

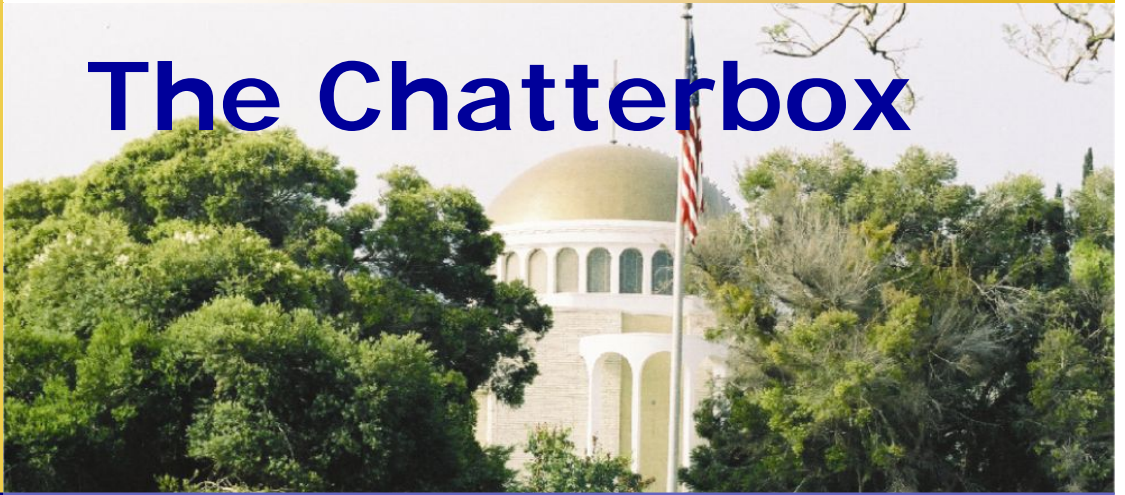
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# St. Nicholas School

# The Chatterbox



## Principals for the Day!

On Saturday, February 26, Constantine Pappas (2-1), Sophia Schlesinger (3-1), and Anastasia Guidi (6-1) all won the "Principal for 1/2 Day" that was auctioned off at Family Night. On Monday, March 28, Mr. Pappas, Miss Schlesinger and Miss Guidi had the opportunity to experience some of the responsibilities of being a principal. They enjoyed doing paperwork in the office, conducting desk checks, talking to students one-on-one and taking care of our school.

Photo at right: Constantine Pappas, Anastasia Guidi, Sophia Schlesinger, and Ms. Kamenos in their office discussing important school policies.



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The three principals visiting Fr. Anthony.



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# Greek Independence And Annunciation Celebrated



Kindergarten, 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 6<sup>th</sup> grade



Angela Bacoulis (3-1) and Gabriella Guidi (4-1)



(Left): Nicholas Andrews, Nicole Collins, and John Melick









Kindergartens ( left front row): Viviana Gomez, Steven Spiropoulos. Left Second row: Maya Darghali, Ryan Younan, Gurmanna Chadha, and Noah Hurney. Last row: Alexsi Harris, Aidan McArthur, Johnny Kollmorgen, and Yash Maharaj



# ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL

## April 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 <b>Girl's Volleyball</b> <b>3:30 pm @ Home</b>  Spring Pictures 	6	7	8	9  <b>9:00 am</b> <b>New</b> <b>Student</b> <b>Testing</b>
10	11  Girl's Volleyball 3:30 pm @ Home 	12  Girl's Volleyball 4:00 pm @ TCA 	13  12:00 Noon Dismissal 	14  Academic Fair 6:30-8:30 pm Gym/Savalas	15  Girl's Volleyball 3:30 pm @ Home 	16
17  <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	18	19  Girl's Volleyball 3:30 pm @ Home   6:00pm 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting -Boston Trip Room 202	20  2:15 pm School Dismissed  3:00 Holy Unction	21  9:00 am Liturgy Holy Thursday	22  Holy Friday  NO SCHOOL 	23
24 	25	26	27	28	29	30
<h1>Spring Vacation</h1>						



# ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL

## May 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 School Resumes  5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boston Trip Begins 	3	4 4 <sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip Leonis Adobe Museum 	5  PK Tea Luncheon 11:00 am Ballroom	6 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders Return from Boston Trip 	7
8	9 Be on time! Stanford Testing Begins 	10	11	12 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Savalas Room 1:30 pm 	13  Stanford Testing Ends Progress Reports Mailed 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Car Wash 	14
15	16	17 8:45 am 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Field Trip to Museum of Tolerance	18	19	20 Jog-A-thon 1:15 pm 	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Picnic Northridge Park 9:00-2:00 pm Dismissed at 2 pm	28 GREEK FESTIVAL
29 GREEK FESTIVAL	30 MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL GREEK FESTIVAL	31 Festival Clean up! No School		  		

# Summer Enrichment



**St. Nicholas School  
Summer Enrichment Workshops**  
Five Weeks - June 27 through July 29

**Half-Day Program (8:00 am to 12:30) includes:**

- **Reading** to strengthen phonics word-attack skills, reading aloud, and comprehension
- **Math** using manipulatives to reinforce math facts, problem solving, basic operations, fractions, decimals
- **Language Arts** to develop proper mechanics in writing and creative expression
- **Elective** with a choice of hands-on science or art workshop




**Computer Workshop Grades 4-8:**

- Research skills using the internet
- Writing in Microsoft Word
- Presentations using Power Point



**Other Workshops Available:**

- Artistic Expression
- Academic Chess
- Dance
- Preparation for high school placement test (HSPT)




Review course descriptions and download registration forms on our website: [www.stnicholaseducation.com](http://www.stnicholaseducation.com)

Registration is now being accepted for our Summer Enrichment Program. Workshops are designed to strengthen fundamentals, as well as provide enrichment work individually tailored to the needs of each child entering kindergarten through eighth grade.

Our Half-Day Program (8:00 am – 12:30 pm) for students entering kindergarten through eighth grader includes reading, math, language arts and an elective. The student can choose between art and hands-on science as his/her elective. Other academic courses available include Preparation for the High School Placement Test (HSPT), Artistic Expression, Computer Research and Presentation skills, Dance, and Academic Chess. Daycare is available until 4:00 pm. For complete course descriptions and a registration packet, call (818) 886-6751 or download the forms from our website:

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# At the End of the Rainbow....



By Ana Atanassov

Today, I saw a rainbow. The rainbow was very pretty and colorful. It had beautiful colors. I followed the rainbow because I thought I would get good luck. Suddenly, when I reached the end of the rainbow, I found a lot of pretty clothes. I was so surprised I stared at it for five minutes.

I think clothes would make me happy because I like to wear a lot of different things. I would also love it because I could finally have some fancy clothes. I could look really pretty and fancy with my new clothes. ☺

By Destinee Trahan

At the end of the rainbow, I would like it if I could find my uncle. He passed away, but I would like to see him again. When I went to his funeral, I was crying. My uncle was a navy man. When I was there, he won captain. My uncle was a happy man.

I would take my uncle golfing. We would also go bowling. My uncle would watch TV at my house. We would play checkers, go swimming, and he would watch my gymnastics competition.

By Cassandra Chacon

If I went to the end of the rainbow, I would find an Indian that spoke English. I would want his name to be "Jumping Monkey". I would want to know about his life. I would want to know if he is in the Cheyenne Tribe. I would want to see what food he likes besides buffaloes. I would ask him if he likes to swim and I would take him to the observatory. I would even teach him math.

I want an Indian because he will help me study. Jumping Monkey would be very good at English and I would want to teach him math so he could be smart. I bet it would be fun to find an Indian at the end of the rainbow.

By Sean Brode

If I go to the end of the rainbow, I would like to find a mansion, the size of Jupiter. It would have twenty-two floors and it would have a garage as big as Plankton. I would have 17 bedrooms, each as big as Pluto. My room would be as big as Triton. My mom and dad's room would be as big as Uranus. It would be a grand house.



By Iann Mena

At the end of the rainbow, I would want to succeed in my dreams. I need to have good grades and make my teacher proud. My other dream is to become a car designer. I love cars! My favorite car is the Maserati.

I would like my dreams to come true because when I was a baby, I loved cars and I still like them today. Do you like cars?

By Marina Spiropoulos

At the end of the rainbow, I would hope to find a little, cute puppy. It would be a yellow lab. I would dress her up in doll clothes, and I would name her Sunny. Sunny would be so cute that I would enter her in dog shows.

I would hug and love Sunny all the time. We would be best friends because we would play in my deluxe nursery and we would camp together. We would have so much fun.

## Holy Week And Vacation Schedule

**Wednesday April 20:** 2:15 pm Dismissal  
Holy Unction 3:00-4:00 pm

There will be daycare

**Thursday, April 21:** Liturgy-Holy Thursday 9:00am

**Friday April 22:** Good Friday  
**NO SCHOOL**

**April 25-29:** Easter Vacation



## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament 2011



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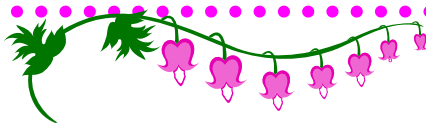
**Tuesday, June 7, 2011  
Moorpark Country Club**



Co-Chairpersons:  
Steve Manios  
Jackie Pappas  
Raina Peters



# ACADEMIC FAIR



**Thursday, April 14  
6:30-8:30 pm**

Come see all the hard work your children have done all year!

## STANFORD TESTING

Our annual Stanford Achievement Testing of St. Nicholas School students in kindergarten through grade eight will begin on Monday, May 9 and continue through Friday, May 13, 2011. Children should eat a good breakfast and be well rested so they can be ready and able to concentrate and perform to the best of their ability. Please make sure that you are early each morning, so that your child will feel relaxed and not rushed.

**"Be gentle, like Jesus,  
and be patient with others."**

Jesus was gentle and kind; helping others, healing, and performing miracles were his specialties. Jesus is an example of how we should behave and treat each other. Each of us is fragile in some way so we should all be gentle with other people's emotions. It takes patience to get to know someone and that is the best way to be gentle with them. Even if you just learn someone's fears, you can learn how to treat them better.

By Irene Boyias (7-2)



Front row (from left to right): Caitlyn Chadwick, Angela Bacoulis, Christina Azzuz, Constantine Pappas, and Athena Bacoulis. Back row from left: Sabrina Azzuz, Soula Bacoulis, Eleni Maglaris, Kristine Daily and Alexandra Pappas.

## The St. Nicholas School Girl Scout Troop

The St. Nicholas School Girl Scouts made 37 stuffed bears at the Build-a-Bear, on Friday March 25, 2011. The stuffed bears were donated to Children's Hospital. In addition to the student pictured above, Marika Fox and Lily Spirtos will be building more bears with the donations that came in after March 25. We want to thank all who donated and Ms. Kamenos for her support.



## ALUMNUS HONORED

Some exciting news from one of our Alumni: Maria Claver, Ph.D., MSW (formally Carpiac) who graduated from St. Nicholas School in 1989, was given the Betty and James E. Birren Emerging Leadership Award in recognition of her leadership accomplishments in the field of Gerontology and Geriatrics (CCGG) on behalf of the California Council. Congratulations Maria!! We are so proud of you!



# THE SAINTS



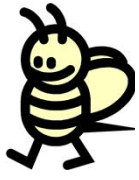
(far left) Abigail Baires, Lauren Siapkas, Lauren Safady, Lily Spirtos, Stephanie Princi, Eilish Melick; (on bottom left) Sarah Slattery, Samantha Peters, Stephanie Younan and Jasmine Elkess.

## Girls Sweep Tournament

The St. Nicholas Girl's Volleyball team led by Mrs. Bethke won 13 straight games to finish as undefeated champions of the first Annual Village Christian Volleyball Tournament. All of the girls played extremely hard and kept their focus during this one day, 10-hour event.

Winning this tournament is extremely impressive considering that this is their first year in the highly competitive Division 1. The girls were led by starters: Abigail Baires, Georgia Perris, Samantha Peters, Lauren Safady, Lauren Siapkas, and Sarah Slattery. The rest of our stellar team includes: Alyssa Deobler, Jasmine Elkess, Eilish Melick, Stephanie Princi, Lily Spirtos, and Stephanie Younan. Congratulations to Mrs. Bethke and the team for such an outstanding accomplishment! Best of luck to the girls as they continue to work hard and play hard for the rest of the season.

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On Wednesday March 16 our 31st annual Spelling Bee was held at St. Nicholas School from 7-9 pm. Our Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth grade teams competed for team placement ribbons and individual trophies.

The Sixth grade team took first place, which included Caitlyn Chadwick, Kevin Curtis, Nicole Deobler, Theodore Duron, Megan Marduk, Alexia Savas and Nicholas Secor. The Fifth grade team, who took second place, included Christina Azzuz, Theophanis Fox, Carmen Matar, Natalie Muzsnai, Ashley Onks, Shawna Smith, and Dmitri Schuyler-Linch. The Fourth grade team, who came in third were Nicolas Andrews, Matthew Assad, Cathy Kollmorgen, John Melick, Marina Milicevic, Nicholas Nasrallah, and Yakira Webb. We would also like to thank our alternates: Sabrina Azzuz (6-1), Nicole Diamond (5-1), Sophia Kaplanis (4-1), Sophia Placencio (5-1). Gabriella Guidi earned a spot on the fourth grade team, but was not feeling well that day.

After the teams competed, the top members were challenged in a Spelldown for the final individual winners. First place winner was Theophanis Fox, second place went to Nicole Deobler, and our third place winner was Alexia Savas. Congrats to all! Our students did a great job this year!



Fr. Anthony and Ms. Kamenos with winners: Theophanis Fox, Alexia Savas, and Nicole Deobler.



The 4<sup>th</sup> grade team



Ms. Kamenos congratulating the 6<sup>th</sup> grade team.

These drawing were created by 8<sup>th</sup> graders using stencil painting in acrylic paint, which was inspired by artist Gaugim.

# ARTWORK



Lily Spirtos



Marissa Hoffman



Briqette Anderson



William Stasinis

# Gold Club Winners

February	
Class	Student
K-1	Brandee Bermudez Maya Darghali Yash Maharaj
K-2	Mia Kost
1-1	Christiana Chrysiliou Jana Palmer
1-2	Nikola Milicevic
2-1	Hailey Huffman Markella Savas Jimmy Spiropoulos
2-2	Marina Chrysiliou Faith Stevens
3-1	None
4-1	Anne Curtis Marina Milicevic
5-1	Justina Fam Carmen Matar
6-1	Caitlyn Chadwick Anastasia Guidi Laura Kollmorgen Megan Marduk
7-1	Mia Kezios Brandon Limeres
7-2	Marina Elkess Anthony Fam Athanasios Kaplanis Mora Kerollos Jonathan Legg
8-1	Blake Berry Marina Fox Jeremy Salib
8-2	Abigail Baires

If you have any questions or comments regarding anything written in The Chatterbox, please use the following email address: [info@stnicholaseducation.com](mailto:info@stnicholaseducation.com).

It would be greatly appreciated if you could send us any pictures you take at the various school events. You can put them on a disc and drop them off at the office or email them. We use photos for our yearbook, our Chatterbox, our church bulletin (The Wonder Worker), as well as for our archives.