



Registration ends January 31st.

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BJ's Corner

"You cannot do a kindness too soon,
for you never know how soon it will
be too late."

Thank you to everyone who
participated in last week's Science
Fair, Spelling Bee and Geography
Bee. You are all winners!!

St. Charles appears to be almost
snow free. However, temperatures
are dipping drastically so I need
students to wear a coat or layers.
Albuquerque's wind chill factor
causes temps. to be freezing.

Friday, January 19th is Parent
Conferences. Please note your
times and try to be punctual.
Grades 5-8 will have student led
conferences facilitated by teachers.

Classes are quickly filling up,
so please pick up your packet
in our finance office or
download it from
www.stcharlesabq.org.

Lastly, as we finish the
second Trimester please
continue to check your
student's work daily.

I'll see you Friday. Thank
you for your support.
B.J.

**Open registration began
January 4th. Please pick up
your registration forms
from the Finance Office or
go online and print them
out and return them to us.
You may register at
anytime during January.**

Calendar Update:
January 19th -
Parent/Student/Teacher
Conferences (Times should
have come home last
week).

Time is Running Out!! Order your Yearbook Now!!

Order your yearbook now to
ensure a copy for your
family. The price of the
yearbook is \$25.00. Placing
your order is quick and easy:
Fill out the attached order
form. Send a check payable
to St. Charles and turn in
the form to the Finance
Office. **OR**

To place a credit card order,
go to jostens.com, locate St.
Charles and click on the
2007 Yearbook link.

NOTE: After January 19th
the price of the yearbook
goes to \$30.00 and you can
only order online. No
personalization, icons or
add-ons are available after
January 19th. If you have
any questions, you can
contact Mrs. Gallegos, the
yearbook advisor at 243-
5788.

Girls Basketball

Practices:

A-Team 4:30-5:30

B & C Team 5:30-6:30

Monday thru Thursday.

Humane Society Project

The 4th grade classes
are sponsoring a service
project for The Albuquerque
Humane Society.

Please bring food for cats
and dogs, kitty litter (non-
clumping kind),
Kong toys, rope toys, plastic
play balls for cats, cat and
dog treats, clean and/or
used blankets and towels,
and food bowls for cats
and dogs. Please be
generous for the animals
less fortunate and without a
nice, safe home.

Thanks for your
participation.

We will be accepting your
donations through Friday,
February 2nd.

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An A+ in Integrity

The just man walketh in his integrity (*Prov. 20:7*).

Daniel burrowed deeper into his jacket and wished he were somewhere else—anywhere else. He hated parent-teacher conferences. For some children they were a quick pat on the back, but for Daniel they were a time of dread. They were where Mom learned all about his shortcomings as a student. They were where he heard the sadness in her voice and saw the disappointment in her eyes.

"Now about English." Mr. Harding's long finger tapped a fat C- on the grade sheet, then ran slowly down a row of numbers. "These are the scores that added up to Daniel's grade."

Daniel cringed and stared at the dark grain of the tabletop. Mom studied the numbers. "Well," she said with a sigh, "at least you don't have any zeros this time."

Mr. Harding pointed out several low quiz scores. "The problem here is that Daniel didn't read the assignment. On every quiz I ask the students if they've read the story. If they haven't, I take away half their points even if they get all the answers right." He glanced at Daniel. "Reading the assignment is just as important as knowing the answers."

The talk went on, but Daniel stopped listening. Would the conference never end?

At last they were on their way home. Mom didn't say anything for a long time. Daniel knew that she was disappointed, perhaps even angry. When they stopped at a light, Mom turned to him. "I'm proud of you," she said.

Daniel stared at her, too astonished to speak. Had he heard right?

"I'm not saying I'm proud of your grade," she explained. "We both know you should have read those stories."

He looked away and nodded.

"But you showed me something that's more important than a grade."

"I did?" He felt completely confused.

The light turned green, and they drove on. "You could easily have marked that you read the stories," Mom continued. "Your grade would have been higher, and no one would have known for sure whether you answered truthfully."

Daniel shifted in his seat to get a better look at Mom. She was smiling, and for once there was no disappointment in her eyes. "You told the truth knowing that it would hurt your score and that I might be

really angry about your grade. Sweetie, that's called integrity."

Integrity. Daniel had heard the word, but wasn't sure he knew what it meant. Even so, he felt a warm spot growing inside as they drove on home.

When they pulled into their driveway, Mom turned off the engine and took Daniel's hands in hers. "Integrity is doing the right thing at the right time even when it's hard," she said. "You got a C- in English today, and that has to change. But you earned an A+ in integrity. I hope that never changes."

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2007 St. Charles School Spelling Bee

Students from second through eighth grade participated in a Spelling Bee held

Tuesday, January 9th.

The participants were:

John Babington 2A

Kevin Benavidez 3A

Conner Munsey 3B

Hurley Fidel 4A,

Alejandra de la Cruz 4B

Jasara Benedict 5A

Katrina Llamas 5B

Shelby Jones 6A

Samantha Hilborn 6B

Ariel Tobyas 7A

Andres Gallegos 7B

Rosie Garay 8A

Stephen Mancha 8B

Alternates:

Taylor O'Connell, Tanya Portillo,

Jason Pavelko,

Rayleen Ortiz, Sarah Albanna,

Bradley Vallez, Jordan Humble,

Jordan Flynn, Kasey Wallace,

Katrina Estrada, and Tomas

Tafoya. After eight complete

rounds, Rosie Garay became our

champion and Andres Gallegos was

the runner-up.

Congratulations Rosie!!

Way to Go Cardinals!!

Kudos...

To our families!! Mac from

The Storehouse came over

to announce that our little

school donated the most

food items of any institution

in Albuquerque. We have

been #1 in donations 5 years

in a row!

Raskob Foundation-

Thanks to our former school

board president, Dr. Susan

Murphy, and Yvonne Ibarra,

(Eduardo's mom). St.

Charles received a

\$15,000.00 check from the

foundation to help pay for

our much needed broiler and

pump. Thank You, Thank

You!!

St. Charles Elementary

Choir - They performed

under the direction of

Ninette S. Mordaunt at

Saturday's Lobo game. Mrs.

Kathy Mulhern is our choir

"Manager" and coordinates

all performances. It was an

awesome performance!!

Thank you everyone!!

May I Suggest?

Can us 3rd, 4th, 5th, and on,

kids play on the little kid's

playground?

Rafael S. 4A

B.J. - Thanks for the

question, I'll check and get

with you.