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DAY WITH THE

GIANTS

June 13, 2026
Oracle Park, San Francisco



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year's fun-filled event!



St. Frances X. Cabrini families celebrating the culmination of their Socio-Emotional Workshop.

PiA Remains a Beacon of Hope for Our Families

The Parents in Action Program played a vital role in stabilizing families during the devastating Eaton and Palisade Fires of early 2025 and the subsequent shifts in immigration policy and enforcement. By leveraging its focus on empowerment, the PiA Program and the Dominican Sisters provided participants with personalized interventions and spiritual support to help them cope with these crises, fostering resilience and promoting hope.

PiA addressed the disruptions caused by the fires through Parenting and Mental Health workshops that emphasized self-care, structure, and routine to help caregivers navigate uncertainties amid the chaos. As local immigration activity intensified, PiA hosted *Know Your Rights* immigration presentations and family preparedness plans to mitigate the trauma of potential separation. Simultaneously, the Dominican Sisters organized retreats to uplift schools' morale and strengthen spirits as they endured heightened fear, challenged discriminatory practices, and navigated the complexities of shifting policy.

PiA embodies the Dominican Charism and is committed to cultivating a network of care and engagement that supports families during times of instability and uncertainty.



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School Matters



Spring 2026

New Community Partnership Honors Lynne Hook

The Smart & Final Charitable Foundation has made a generous \$50,000 contribution toward establishing the **Lynne Hook Memorial Scholarship**, in memory of Lynne's longtime support and advocacy for Catholic education. This scholarship supports new students in grades K–8 across all eight Vision of Hope schools. It is intended to assist families who desire a Catholic education for their child but might not otherwise have the financial means to afford it.

According to Tinamarie Squieri of the Smart & Final Charitable Foundation, the organization focuses on strengthening the communities its stores serve. Supporting programs that benefit children and families is central to this mission, and education is one of its *Five Pillars of Focus*.

“Our foundation looks for opportunities that make a lasting difference in local communities,” she explained. “Education is especially meaningful because it creates opportunity for young people and their families.”

The connection between the Foundation and Vision of Hope grew through community relationships and shared values. As Foundation leaders learned more about the scholarship program and its impact on families seeking a safe and caring environment, the mission resonated deeply. Honoring Lynne Hook's legacy through a scholarship gift was a natural fit.

“Lynne was a deeply loved and passionate member of our Vision of Hope family. Even in her passing, she continues to inspire others to support Catholic education for those most in need.”

Nicole Johnson, Executive Director, Vision of Hope



Tinamarie Squieri, Director of the Smart & Final Charitable Foundation, presents Nicole Johnson, Vision of Hope's Executive Director, with a check for \$50,000 towards a new scholarship fund in memory of longtime Vision of Hope supporter, Lynne Hook

Lynne was widely admired for her passion for Catholic education and her sincere dedication to helping children succeed. Those who knew her recall a thoughtful and compassionate leader who believed strongly in the importance of making faith-based education accessible to all families.

For Vision of Hope, the gift represents more than financial support, it reflects a shared commitment to expanding educational opportunity and ensuring that Catholic schools remain within reach for families who need assistance.

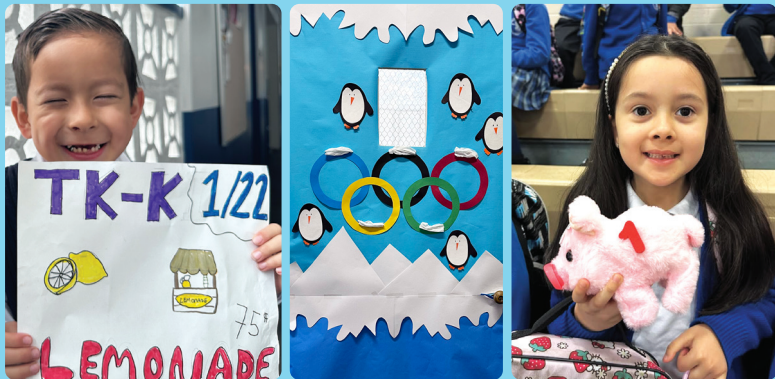
Through the Smart & Final Charitable Foundation's generosity, Lynne Hook's vision lives on—opening doors for students, supporting families, and strengthening Catholic school communities for years to come.

Koins 4 Kids Gets Creative!

Koins for Kids brought the Olympic spirit to life this year with its “Goes for the Gold” theme, held January 8–February 8. Students across the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose affiliated schools embraced friendly competition and created imaginative fundraising efforts—many highlighted in these photos. Their enthusiasm energized entire school communities and raised an impressive \$22,926.05, pushing the cumulative total past last year’s \$906,422.46 and drawing even closer to the \$1 million goal.

Reflecting on the program’s impact, Sister Karen Elizabeth Zavitz, O.P., shared, “I have been involved with Koins for Kids since it began in 1998. The creativity, enthusiasm, and support of all of our MSJ schools never ceases to amaze me. Kids helping kids truly reflects Mother Pia’s outreach to the young, the poor, and the vulnerable.”

This year’s efforts were as imaginative as they were inspiring. Principal Cagigas and the faculty at St. Ignatius of Loyola School delighted students with a lighthearted “pie in the face” fundraiser, while the school’s TK students contributed by selling their very own hand-squeezed lemonade. At St. Elizabeth students revived the beloved tradition of annual mechanical pig races, and St. Anthony Immaculate Conception embraced the spirit of friendly competition with creative Olympic-themed door decorations.



Kids Helping Kids

St. Catherine Academy, an all-boys school led the Koins for Kids effort in 2024 with \$2,871 and surpassed their own record in 2025, raising an outstanding \$4,000. As first-place winners, they earned a video game truck visit courtesy of Vision of Hope—but in true *kids helping kids* spirit, they passed the prize along to second-place St. Michael’s School. In return, the boys happily accepted an ice cream party. Though not a Vision of Hope school, St. Catherine’s beautifully embodies the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose’s charism of community through their generosity and care for others.

Vision of Hope Schools: United in Faith and Community

The 2026 celebration of Catholic Schools Week reflected the Dominican pillars of Prayer, Study, Community, and Service across our eight Vision of Hope schools. Students, families, and faculty embraced the week with faith-filled enthusiasm and school spirit in unique and meaningful ways, as highlighted below.

St. James School festivities began with Sunday Mass, followed by a community celebration, Book Fair, Open House, and Peacemaker Awards. Students participated in a schoolwide D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) Literacy Day. They also participated in a Neighborhood Clean Sweep, created gratitude cards for the Dominican Sisters, enjoyed a Multicultural Lunch, and concluded with a Founder’s Day Prayer Service and ice cream social.

St. Elizabeth Elementary School started off with Mass and a parish potluck. Faculty and staff were honored with student-created bouquets and hosted meals. Students celebrated cultural diversity through family recipe projects and activities planned by the 8th grade, including a volleyball game. A vocations panel, Peace Parade, all-school Mass, and Family BINGO night completed the week.

St. Anthony–Immaculate Conception School focused on service through Koins for Kids, food donations for the Missionaries of Charity, and cards for veterans. Students learned about vocations, enjoyed an ice cream treat, and wrapped up the week with a family STEM Night.

St. Michael School opened with Family Mass and hosted a Middle School Career Day featuring civil servants. Students showed school pride during Field Day and the 8th grade vs. faculty volleyball game. Cultural celebrations, vocations recognition, and a closing Mass honoring teachers highlighted the week.

St. Frances X. Cabrini School embraced its theme, “Together We Learn, Together We Thrive,” through a Gospel Values mural project. Students engaged in service fundraisers, saint presentations, a vocations panel, and activities honoring clergy, faculty, and families.

Santa Teresita School celebrated with Family Mass, “Lunch with Your Loved Ones,” and a Community Service Day, during which students honored LAPD officers with handmade tokens of appreciation. Faculty and staff were also honored with a luncheon.

St. Ignatius of Loyola School energized the week with Koins 4 Kids fundraisers, Falcon Family Day, community appreciation walks, Career Day, Parent Shadow Day, and student celebrations.

Sacred Heart School highlighted kindness, unity, and Dominican heritage with themed dress days, service projects, ice cream treats, a volleyball game, and an Alumni Mass celebrating its 135th Anniversary.

Across our Vision of Hope schools, Catholic Schools Week 2026 was a celebration of faith, learning, service, and community.



St. James students and faculty celebrate their community with a Neighborhood Clean Sweep.

Catholic Schools Week Daily Themes

- Sunday:** Celebrating parishes
- Monday:** Celebrating communities
- Tuesday:** Celebrating students
- Wednesday:** Celebrating the nation
- Thursday:** Celebrating vocations
- Friday:** Celebrating faculty, staff and volunteers
- Saturday:** Celebrating families