

PABT Dharma School (DS) - 2015-2016

Welcome (or welcome back!) to Dharma School.

We are very pleased to have your children in our Dharma School. We hope it will be a fun year for them. We welcome students to join DS anytime during our school year.

Noted is some information about the Dharma School.

DHARMA SCHOOL TEACHING STAFF:

Minister	Rev. Dean Koyama	dkoyama@comcast.net
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Choir and Taiko	Amy Yoshida	aryosh@sbcglobal.net

ACTIVITIES:

We have several activities which we look forward to throughout the year. Each class (Teachers partnered with their class Parents) are responsible for one or two activities for the year. We encourage and depend on strong parent support for our activities.

Below is a partial list:

Event	Date of Event	Organized by
Dharma School Registration	9/20/15	DS Teachers
Temple Clean Up	10/18/15	Entire Sangha and DS
Halloween Party	10/25/15	Lotus Class, Grades 1,2,3
Field Trip to San Jose DS	TBD	DS Teachers
Baked Potato Snack	11/22/15	Dana Class, Grades 6,7,8
Bodhi Day Service Rehearsal	12/6/15	Rev. Dean and DS Teachers
Bodhi Day Service	12/13/15	Entire DS
Bodhi Day lunch	12/13/15	Truth's Disciples Grades 4,5
Holiday Food Drive	Dec, 2015	Truth's Disciples Grades 4,5
Mochitsuki	12/20/15	Satori Grades 9-12
Shelter Network Dinner Preparation	2/21/16	Grades 4 and older
Bowl-a-thon for DS and Sangha	TBD	DS Teachers
Hanamatsuri	4/10/16	Temple Board
Tentative Camping Trip	TBD	DS Teachers/Parents
Graduation Service	6/5/16	DS Teachers

CHOIR:

Dharma School Classes from Lotus Class through Satori Class participate in Choir. Lotus Class starts after January's Shinran Shonin Memorial Service. Choir practice from 11:45am – 12:00pm,

TAIKO:

Dharma School Taiko is an extracurricular activity available to registered DS student 3rd – 12th grades. We are very fortunate to have three talented, previous Stanford Taiko musicians as our instructors: Mitchell Fukumoto, Ian Berve and Ken Yuzuriha. Sign up at Registration or by contacting Amy Yoshida. NOTE: It is required that your student attend DS classes in order to participate in taiko.

Dharma School Teacher In-Service:

New this year- we will be asking for parents to volunteer to teach some lessons several times during the year, so the Dharma School teachers can have In-Services with Rev Koyama. Sign ups for specific dates will be posted at Registration and in the Classrooms.

Parent Participation:

We welcome any and all Parent involvement. If you have ideas for a group Dharma School activity, want to assist in the classroom, have an activity or lesson idea to share with your child's teacher, anything, please let us know! Contact Kathy or Denise.

For Parents: After Service Buddhism Learning/Discussion:

Rev. Koyama with assistance from the RCC (Religious Coordinating Committee) is initiating an after service program. Whether you go to learn, to listen, ask a question, or meet others - it is an opportunity to learn about basic Buddhism. Please take advantage of this opportunity. Sessions will begin in January and will occur on every Sunday except the first Sunday of each month.

Kathy Obana and Denise Montgomery, Co-Superintendents