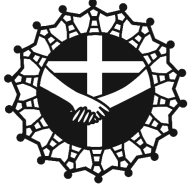


MARK YOUR CALENDAR



October 4, 2017

- Wed Oct 4: Blessing of the Animals at 11:30am in the back lot
Noon dismissal for TK-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Thur Oct 5: Noon dismissal for TK-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Fri Oct 6: Noon dismissal for TK-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Mon Oct 9: No School in celebration of Indigenous Peoples /Chris Columbus Day
- Tues Oct 10: PTG meeting at 6:30pm in the 4th grade
- Wed Oct 11: Fall Festival meeting
- Thur Oct 12: 2nd grade Pizza lunch & 1st grade Ice cream for raising money/Mexico City
- Mon Oct 16: Father/Daughter planning committee meeting at 6:30pm
- Thurs Oct 19: Diwali Festival of Lights India
- Sat Oct 21: Fall Festival** 11am to 3pm
- Oct 23-31: Red Ribbon Week
- Tues Oct 31: Halloween
Noon Dismissal - Teacher in-service

As a reminder, this week, the Panther's Tale will be short and sweet...providing information in bullets. This "Tweeted" ISSUE includes...

Prayer for Peace in this time of extreme imbalance in our natural and human world...

Lord of all compassion
We pray for all of those caught up in the midst of tragedy or disaster.
For those who have lost life and those working to save life
For those who are worried for people they love
For those who will see their loved ones no longer
Lord Have Mercy.
For those in need of the peace that passes all understanding
For all who turn to you in the midst of turmoil
For those who cry out to you in fear and in love
Lord Have Mercy.
For those in confusion and those in despair
For those whose tears are yet to dry
For those in need of your unending love
Lord Have Mercy

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW and/or TAKE ACTION

1. Blessing of the Animals: Today, Oct 4th at 11:30am the priests will bless your animal in honor of the Feast of St. Francis. If you cannot bring your animal, please encourage your child to bring a picture of his/her animal to be blessed.

2. Parent / Teacher Conferences: Today, Thursday and Friday after noon is set aside for Parent Teacher conferences. We encourage that your child attend the conference with you if they are in 4th grade thru 8th grade. We require that every parent make time to meet with your child's teacher. If you still do not have an appointment, please contact the teacher as soon as you can. You will get your child's progress report at your conference.

3. October is Holy Rosary Month: Please see the flier that explains the importance of the praying the rosary with a quick step by step how to!

4. October is National Bullying Prevention Month: Schools should be a safe haven for learning, and yet bullying and cyber bullying continue to undermine academic achievement, attendance and graduation rates. Bullying comes in many ways....attached is a flier that focuses on different aspects of Bullying and how to combat it.

5. Blessings to Ms. Chelsea: Please help me thank Ms. Chelsea Ruiz for her long standing service to St. Paul School. Ms. Chelsea is leaving St. Paul School to go work in her family's business. She has had many jobs and has worn many hats from leading Playstation after school care, assisting in Kindergarten, 2nd grade and TK, lunch duty, and in the most recent two years; office assistant. Chelsea has been an incredible asset to the office. She has been instrumental in reforming office protocols and procedures with the goal of a better and more efficient way to provided answers to your questions and customer service. Chelsea will be greatly missed.

On another note, please welcome to the office Ms. Yesica Gomez. Ms. Gomez will be our new part-time office assistant. She started last Friday training with the ladies in the office. She is fluent in Spanish and worked many years ago at St. Paul School in our after school care program. Since, she has worked as an office assistant in the medical field. She will officially take over October 16th. We are excited that she has returned to our community.

6. Bathroom help needed from parents: Please continue to remind your children to appropriately use the bathroom for their business and not a space to play around. See the informational letter that was sent home last week attached.

7. Fall Festival Update: The committee is working on the best Fall Festival yet. Please take a look at the Rent-a-Table flier and donation letter. We need parents to go out into the community and businesses to get donations such as gift cards and basket fillers and encourage extended family support. We also need donations. Turn in your receipt and every \$25 you spend will earn you PPH. **The class that provides the most volunteers will receive a Pizza party.** See fliers for details.

8. 2017-18 Enrichment Classes:

- We are happy to announce the return of Chinese Martial Arts to SPS! We welcome Shun Shifu and his instructors whole heartedly once again. We will begin classes tomorrow, October 5th. There is still time to sign up for the session.
- Xfit will also begin their classes on Monday October 2nd.
- We are also happy to announce the return of Dance Centre One to SPS! We welcome Ms Lyons back for her 6th year. There is still time to sign up for the session.
- There is still space available in our Friday Ceramics class Fridays. Those attending ELP will be brought to the classes. Those who are not participating in ELP will need to be picked up from school and brought to the class by an adult.
- Please see fliers attached to this issue as well as located at the office. Sign up your children. Send in your payments for all four classes today!

9. Kids for the Bay presentation and event: KIDS for the BAY (KftB) and the City of San Pablo organize the Wildcat Creek Clean-Up and are inviting our St. Paul School students to participate. This year's clean-up will be on Saturday, October 14th. Yesterday, the organization presented information about the event and saving the environment in each classroom. Sign up with Amanda Booth with the City of San Pablo and

you will receive PPH at St. Paul School for your participation. The class that receives the greatest student participation will receive an Ice cream party as well. I hope you can come out and support.

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

FYI: The followings meetings are coming up:

- **Fall Festival Update:** October 11th at 6:30 pm in the 4th grade classroom. Click here to sign up to help out or donate <http://signup.com/go/cKTjeEr>
- **Father/Daughter planning meeting:** Monday, October 16nd at 6:30pm
- **Scholastic Book Fair Planning meeting:** Is scheduled for Mon. October 2nd at 6:30pm. The 2nd grade class.
- **Our next PTG Meeting:** October 10th at 6:30pm in the 4th grade classroom. Click here to sign up here for meetings <http://signup.com/go/xDLCbNN> or here to volunteer for childcare <http://signup.com/go/AYyLmxh>
- **African American Heritage Committee:** Thursday, October 26th
- **We need volunteers for the Scholastic book fair:** Our annual book fair is coming up in November. We need volunteers to work for set up and during the fair the week of You will get please contact stpaulbookfair@gmail.com - 2nd grade is the lead class on this project.

GOOD TO KNOW!

1. Standards Based Grading Parent handbook: This year grades Kindergarten thru 4th grade will be graded with standards based markers 1 - 3.5. A review of the Standards Based Grading and report card is in the Parent Handbook under Parents > Parent Education. Schedules etc > Click on Parent Education.

2. Money raised for people in need: One of the charges of Catholic education is to serve others who are less fortunate. The students of St. Paul School raised \$640.00 for the victims of hurricanes Irma and Harvey. The money will be sent to Catholic Charities for distribution. Two weeks later the families raised another \$2778.00 for the victims of the earthquake in Mexico. The money will be sent to Padre Arturo Perez Cruz pastor of Jesus Nazareno e Immaculada de Concepcion church in Mexico City. The money will go to purchase resources for the parishioners and their families affected by the quake.

The 2nd grade class raised the most money and therefore will earn a **Pizza lunch**. The 1st grade earned ice cream for the most students participating. Both classes will celebrate on **Oct 12th**.

3. Support St. Paul School While Shopping

You shop. Amazon gives.

Remember when you are doing your online shopping at Amazon Smile, a portion of your purchase will be donated to St. Paul School. Feel twice as good by shopping for a cause. Thank you to those who named Salesian as their nonprofit of choice.



Curious about the program? Read more here: https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/about/ref=smi_se_dshb_aas_saas

4. Sports Practices: Girl's Volleyball practice has begun and will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45 to 5:45pm at St. Paul School. Boy's Basketball will begin Oct.11th @6-7:30 @St Johns Gym and every Wednesday thereafter. After that 10/16 Monday practices at St Paul's 3:45-5:45. Sign ups are going on. See fliers attached.

5. Lunch Program at St. Paul School: Food4Thought Lunch program offers both hot and cold lunch options daily. Please log in at www.f4tc.com and sign up for a new account for the year. Our school code for the new software is 129. Any questions or assistance, please go to <http://support.hotlunch.com/> for help.



6. Planning for Halloween: Parents have asked about costumes, parties and parades. Please see the flier attached for early information about our Halloween celebration.

7. Last week we were reminded that as the new fall season arrived, it prompts a "New Beginning" and the importance to recognize moments that we can offer "Random or Purposeful Acts of Kindness", especially to our teachers and staff members who serve you and your children. May we focus on the gift of kindness and demonstration of simple gestures that show generosity of spirit, good deeds and acts of service towards each another.

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

8. Volunteer: Go to www.st-paulschool.org > Parents > Volunteer > click on Sign up.com and sign up!

9. "Tell two Friends" It is not too late to tell your friends about the advantages of St. Paul School's wonderful loving and caring learning environment and parent community. If a family you recommend enrolls and attends the school for a year, you will receive a reduction of \$200 on your last tuition payment of the 2017-2018 school year.

10. We have been chosen Best of the Bay 2017 this year in four categories:

Gold: Best Alternative Learning Styles and Best Bilingual Middle School in Contra Costa County

Silver: Best Faith Based Middle School in Contra Costa County

Bronze: Best Small Preschool (30 or less) in Contra Costa County

Thank you so very much parents for your votes and having faith in always trying to do our best for your children....the teachers, staff and I are most honored!



Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

11. Become a member of the San Pablo Library

To get started, this is to alert you to three upcoming events:
Board Meeting - October 14, 2017, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the new San Pablo Library

Holiday Book Sale Setup - December 8, 2017, 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the library

Holiday Book Sale - December 9, 2017, 12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the library; FOTSPL members will be admitted to the sale at 11:30 am

Again, welcome and THANK YOU for your support of the San