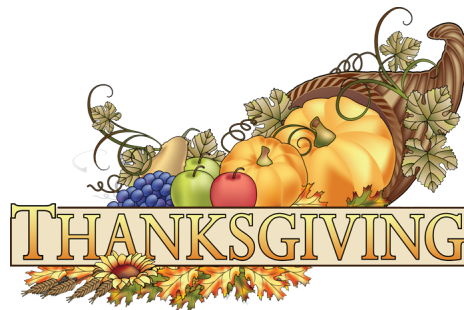




November 15, 2017

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Wed, Nov 15: Parent Education workshop for parents at 6:30 in 4th grade
 Father/Daughter Dance Committee mtg at 6:30pm in 4th grade classroom.
- Fri Nov 17: Noon Dismissal - ELP and Panther's Club Extended Care available
 Last Day of the 1st Trimester - Report cards will be distributed after vacation
- Mon Nov 27: School Resumes
- Tues Nov 28: Auction for Education meeting at 6:30pm in 4th grade classroom
- Wed Nov 29; 1st Trimester Report cards go home
- Sat Dec 2: Winner of Raffle goes to Poptopia Concert at the Tap Center in San Jose
- Sun Dec 3: Breakfast with Santa and Boutique
 Mass
 "Taste of St. Paul" in the 5th grade classroom at 11:30pm
- Mon Dec 4: 8th grade goes to Caritas in Occidental for the week
- Wed Dec 6: St. Paul's celebrates St. Nicholas Day



Thanksgiving Prayer

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:

for the breath that sustains life, for the food of this earth that nurtures life, for the love of family and friends without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation:

for the beauty that the eye can see, for the joy that the ear may hear, for the unknown that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder, for the expanse of space that draws us beyond the definitions of our selves.

We thank you for setting us in communities:

for families who nurture our becoming, for friends who love us by choice, for companions at work, who share our burdens and daily tasks, for strangers who welcome us into their midst, for people from other lands who call us to grow in understanding, for children who lighten our moments with delight, for the unborn, who offer us hope for the future.

We thank you for this day:

for life and one more day to love, for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and peace,

for neighbors and one more person to love and by whom be loved, for your grace and one more experience of your presence, for your promise:

to be with us, to be our God, and to give salvation.

For these, and all blessings, we give you thanks, eternal, loving God, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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

This "Tweeted" ISSUE includes:

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW and/or TAKE ACTION

Red Ribbon Week: Red Ribbon week continues through Friday, Nov 17th thru Friday. The Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation with the purpose of people and communities uniting to education and take a visible stand against drug abuse and a drug-free lifestyle through the symbol of the Red Ribbon. The Red Ribbon Campaign was started with drug traffickers in Mexico City were massacred in 1985. The Red Ribbon became the symbol of intolerance against drugs....We think this week is very important this year especially with the dawn of the legalization of Marijuana in the new year.

The teachers and staff at St. Paul School are coupling the education of drug use and abuse with abuse and bullying.

Your child brought home an activity sheet last Thursday. Please encourage your children to complete their daily challenges. **Each day we will put the coupons from students who have completed the daily task into a drawing. The reward will be a \$10 gift card!** If your student has done the activity each day, they will receive Free Dress on Monday, Nov 27th. We hope you can help them focus on this important event....Thank you.

Shop for Christmas at the Scholastic book fair: Give the gift of reading. It is a great opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for your entire family and support the school at the same time! Your child has visited the Book Fair and have created a list of books they have interest in. I hope you will support them and the Book Fair by purchasing some or all that are on their wish list! It is also a great opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for your entire family and friends. The Book fair runs from Mon. Nov 13th thru Thurs. Nov 17th and is open on Sun. the 19th

We still need volunteers! It's an excellent opportunity to get in PPH. Please see times listed for set up on Signup.com. Thank you so much for supporting our kids and their love of books. *Please contact stpaulbookfair@gmail.com*

St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection Drive: Please help us as an expression of gratitude to collect food items to help the needy of the parish so they can plan a feast for their Thanksgiving dinner. See the St. Vincent de Paul flier for class/food assignments. **Food is due tomorrow, Nov 16th.** The class that exceeds what we are trying to collect for the families will win Free dress and treats for their class. *See flier for details.*

Closing Parent Portal - The End of the 1st Trimester: This year we will be closing the Parent Portal on Powerschool from Grades 3 thru 8 while we are preparing grades for the 1st Trimester of the year. Since the upgrade with the system this year, as well as our transition to Standards Based Grading we want to make sure that all information accurately conveys your child's academic performance. All assignments that may have marked collected will have grades changed out in powerschool by 5pm Friday prior to the parent portal being closed at 5pm for the week.

The teachers will have the week to add anything missing or just assigned at the week's end.

The trimester ends on November 17th. We will close the portal through vacation until November 29th, reopening it to parents on November 30th.

Report cards will be sent out to you on Wednesday, November 29th.

If you have any questions, please contact the principal at nlenz-acuna@cndo.org, or call the office for an appointment. I am always happy to answer any questions you may have
Thank you for your support and partnership in your child's education.

Robotics Competition: Our middle school students have the opportunity to participate in a Robotics competition this Saturday, November 18th at St. Elizabeth High School in Oakland. The event is from 9-12pm and it is FREE. The students will learn tons.... They have been working on coding during the school day for this event.

Parent Project - Loving Solutions: The San Pablo Police Department is sponsoring FREE parenting classes. **Please come to our 2nd meeting...you can still enroll.** The classes are once a week and end February 7th. These informative workshops will be held in the 4th grade classroom each Wednesday evening. You will receive **25 PPH for attending the duration of the program.**

Take advantage of this FREE 10-week training series to:

- ✓ Learn how to address media issues and young children!
- ✓ Prevent sleep, diet and behavior issues!
- ✓ Improve home and school behavior!

We need a parent to watch children whose parents may attend. You will receive PPH if you can provide that child care.

Poptopia Concert Raffle sponsored by 8th grade: OMG....this is an opportunity of a lifetime! You can win two tickets to the upcoming Poptopia concert on Saturday, December 2nd at the Sap Center in San Jose. The Paybill is Taylor Swift, Ed Sheeran, The Chainsmokers, Fifth Harmony, Niall Horan, Khalid, Logic, and Dua Lipa!
You only have a chance if you purchase raffle tickets for \$2ea in the next 3 days! You need to have all money in by 8am on Monday, November 27th.

Christmas Card Contest: It is that time of the year! We hope that perhaps during vacation your child can spend some time designing what could be picked as the school's Christmas card. We will pick three designs. Each child picked will receive a gift card! See flier for details.

Annual Breakfast with Santa and Craft Boutique: on Sun. Dec. 3rd. As in the past, we are inviting you, family members and neighbors the opportunity to sell their crafts, homemade edibles and products in the parish hall. You may rent a table space for \$25. All of the profits from your sale you will keep! It is a great way to make additional income to spend on your holiday shopping. If you are interested, please complete the form and send it back to the office ASAP. If you want to volunteer for PPH hours please go to Signup.com.

We also encourage you to pre-purchase your breakfast. Included is an order form as well as a flier with a list of donations we need for the breakfast. We appreciate you providing donations in exchange for PPH hours.

A Taste of St. Paul School Information Event: Our enrollment season is upon us and we would like you to encourage your friends and family who want a rigorous, challenging, well-rounded, fabulous and faith based education who have Preschool to 8th grade age children to attend "Taste of St. Paul" Information Event Sunday, December 3rd after the 10:30 mass in the 5th grade room...make sure that you have some Breakfast with Santa and do some shopping in our Boutique. **Thursday your youngest student will bring home instructions and a pack of 23 post cards.** We ask you to please hand out announcement cards to your family and friends as well as place them in businesses you frequent advertising the event. We need your help to support the future of St. Paul School!

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

FYI: The followings meetings are coming up:

- **Auction for Education:** Tuesday, November 28th at 6:30pm in the 4th grade classroom
- **African American Heritage Committee:** Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30pm in the 4th grade classroom
- **Our next PTG Meeting:** Tuesday, December 12th 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>
- **Board Meeting:** Tuesday, December 19th at 6:30pm in the 4th grade classroom.
- **Father Daughter Dance Planning committee meeting:** Wed Nov 15th at 6:30pm in the 4th grade classroom.

FREE Enrichment Opportunities in December:

Lawrence Hall of Science: Saturday, December 9th

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Lunch Provided

Students will have access to all the areas of the hall to explore science in its many forms, play games and more

1 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, CA 94720

Robotics Competition: Saturday, December 16th

Robotics Competition 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m

Registration at 8:00 a.m.

Lunch Provided- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Cristo Rey - De LaSalle High School, Saint Elizabeth Campus

1530 34th Ave, Oakland, 94601

If your students are interested in participating in any of these activities, they will have to complete a "21st Century Enrollment Form." This is a temporary enrollment just for that day in order for the 21st Century program to count attendance. Please contact Ms. Victoria with questions in person or at vcooper@cndo.org

GOOD TO KNOW!

Comparison of our ELP program and the Panther's Club: Please see the important resource flier that explains the necessary compliance, similarities and differences, and criteria for the ELP program in comparison to our alternative after care program - The Panther's Club.

Update on the Lumen Christi Academy Schools: This month we write to update you about what this change means for the governance of the newly formed Lumen Christi Academy schools. Please see the attached for details. You can find all correspondence about the Lumen Christi Academy plans as they unfold each month on our school website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Natalie at nlenz-acuna@cndo.org

It is beginning to be cold outside: The weather is cooling down...please send your children with proper uniform attire for the classrooms so that non uniform jackets may only be worn properly outside.

New Basketball Coach: We are thankful to announce our new coach for the boys basketball team Mr. Carlos Larin. He is Davian Peon Del Valle's uncle. Go Panthers!

Youth Volleyball Clinic Series: FREE TO ST PAUL VBALL PLAYERS - Four Saturdays - Nov 18, Dec 2, Dec 9 Dec 16th from 8:30-9:30AM - Beginner level and 9:30-11:00AM - Intermediate level. Cost is \$20 per season per player OR \$70 for all 4 sessions per player held at Summit, 1800 Elm Street in El Cerrito.

Having trouble getting into Signup.com?: Some parents have reported that they are having a difficult time using signup.com. In order to use this tool, **YOU MUST DOWNLOAD CHROME AS YOUR BROWSER!** You must use Chrome to log in to Signup.com with no problems....thank you for your perseverance.

Check out this book: The Gift of Failure - How the Best Parents Learn to Let go so their children can Succeed by Jessica Lahey. This book talks about children's fear of failure and how it affects the children's well-being because they are not given the chance to experience failure - or the opportunity to learn to solve their own problems. The teachers have been assigned the book to read in to provide additional insight into helping their students build the skill acceptance, grit and perseverance.

November is gratitude Month: Thank you for participating in finding ways to develop different ways to express gratitude! Continue to build your resources and discuss them with your child (ren). Remember, gratitude begins when we become aware of everything that makes us happy and thankful. A smile can change a person's whole day....and it is free! Let us continue as we prepare for the season of Advent.

Support St. Paul School While Shopping

You shop. Amazon gives. Christmas is coming...

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 St. Paul School as their nonprofit of choice.

Shop for everyone on your gift list this holiday at smile.amazon.com/ch/68-0041693 and Amazon donates to St. Paul School.



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

Food4Thought Lunch Service: St. Paul School has partnered with Food4Thought as a supplement lunch program. We encourage you to prepare your child's lunch, but if you cannot we ask that you order a fresh lunch prepared daily through Food4Thought Lunch. The office will supply emergency lunches only. If your child needs a lunch and you did not supply one for them, we will bill you \$5 for a main course, water and snack. Please support our lunch program by ordering online at....Foodforthought.boonli.com michael@f4tc.com (925) 876-3150

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

"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.

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

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**

Annual Tree Lighting: It will be held on Friday, December 1st from 6pm to 7:30pm at San Pablo City Hall (13831 San Pablo Ave.). The event will include crafts, refreshments and write a letter to Santa! Songs will be performed by our very own St. Paul Choir as well as other organizations from the city.