

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



November 8, 2017

Wed Nov 8: Parent Education workshop for parents at 6:30 in 4th grade
 Thurs Nov 9: Last Day to buy Spirit Gear for the 2017-18 school year!
 Mon, Nov 13th: PTG Meeting at 6:30pm in the 4th grade classroom.
 Tues Nov 14: Board Meeting at 6:30pm in the 4th grade classroom.
 Wed, Nov 15th: Father/Daughter Dance Committee mtg at 6:30pm in the 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

Prayer

Merciful God, we come before you troubled and distraught over the violent acts in New York and in Texas. Those who died were innocent victims Lord, welcome them to YOUR eternal life. We pray for your comfort, for your guidance, and for your healing for all those who are suffering. May we remain faithful in the face of senseless violence, as your Son did; with His words and example in mind, we also pray for the attackers and all those for whom violence seems the only answer. Please help us find ways to live in YOUR peace and to receive and give gratitude. We offer our prayer through Christ our Lord, 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

Announcing Panther's Club: Flexible Afterschool Care is now available from 3pm to 6pm. If you need after school care for your child sometimes, all the time with early pick up...please take a look at the information on the new Panther's Club. In order to remain in our ELP program, you must be in compliance, picking up no later than 5:45 each day and having only 12 early release forms for the year. If this is difficult for you, you will need to switch over to the Panther's Club. We will continue to contact those families who are unable to comply with this new opportunity. Our new max for ELP is 97 students. If you are removed, you are welcome to request to be put on the wait list for ELP while your child attends the Panther Club. Information is on our website. Included is the flier and the registration form. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at nlenz-acuna@csdo.org or phone the office for an appointment.

Parent Project - Loving Solutions: The San Pablo Police Department is sponsoring FREE parenting classes beginning tonight, **November 8th** and ending February 7th. These informative workshops will be held in the 4th grade classroom each Wednesday evening. **Please come to the first meeting on Nov. 8th.** 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.

Selling Spirit Gear: Tomorrow, Nov 9 is the last day to order Spirit Gear! If you did not order a shirt or sweatshirt the first time, you can do it now! Order for your child and yourself...they make great gifts. Students can wear their shirts on Thursdays as part of the uniform.

Last Day of the 1st Trimester: Friday, November 17th is the last day of the 1st Trimester. Report cards will be distributed after vacation. Please refer to the handbook for any information involving make up work etc....

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 next Tuesday, 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.*

We need volunteers for the Scholastic book fair: We need your help! Our annual book fair is coming up in November. **We need volunteers to work for set up and during the fair.** We need Volunteers from 12-2 and for closing each evening. It's an excellent opportunity for folks who can't work during the day to get in PPH. Please see times listed for set up on Signup.com. **The Book fair runs from Mon. Nov 13th thru Thurs. Nov 17th and is open on Sun. the 19th.** You can also volunteer to go into younger classrooms to do Book Talks. Middle schoolers will once again lead the younger children around the book fair helping them find age appropriate books for their wish list. Thank you so much for supporting our kids and their love of books. It is a great opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for your entire family and support the school at the same time! *Please contact stpaulbookfair@gmail.com - 2nd grade is the lead class on this project.* Earn PPH hours for your time.

Christmas Card Contest: It is that time of the year! We hope that perhaps during vacation your child can spend some time drawing what could be picked as the school's Christmas card. *See flier for details.*

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.

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. **Presale for breakfasts will be available after the Thanksgiving Break.....tell your family and friends!**

"Taste of St. Paul School" 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 and make sure that you have some Breakfast with Santa and do some shopping in our Boutique. *Next week you will be asked to 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

November is gratitude Month: Developing and expressing gratitude is a wonderful way to keep your bucket full. 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!

The THEORY of the DIPPER and the BUCKET

Each of us has an invisible bucket. It is constantly emptied or filled,
depending on what others say or do to us.

When our bucket is full, we feel great. When it's empty, we feel awful.

Each of us also has an invisible dipper. When we use that dipper to fill other people's buckets -- by saying or doing things to increase their positive emotions -- we also fill our own bucket. But when we use that dipper to dip from others' buckets -- by saying or doing things that decrease their positive emotions -- we diminish ourselves.

Like the cup that runneth over, a full bucket gives us a positive outlook and renewed energy. Every drop in that bucket makes us stronger and more optimistic.

But an empty bucket poisons our outlook, zaps our energy, and undermines our will.

That's why every time someone dips from our bucket, it hurts us.

So we face a choice every moment of every day: We can fill one another's buckets, or we can dip from them. It's an important choice -- one that profoundly influences our relationships, productivity, health, and happiness.

So a note, an eraser, a smile....fill someone's bucket today!

See flier attached

FYI: The followings meetings are coming up:

- **Our next PTG Meeting:** Mon, Nov 13th 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:** Tues Nov 14th at 6:30pm in the 4th grade classroom.
- **Father Daughter Daance Planning committee meeting:** Wed Nov 15th at 6:30pm in the 4th grade classroom.

GOOD TO KNOW!

Congratulations to the Lady Panther Volleyball team: The girls won last week against Summit School.

Re-introduce Yesica Gomez: In October, we introduced Ms. Yesica as our office assistant relacing Ms. Chelsea who has moved on to work in her mother's business. Many parents reported they were not aware of the transition....therefore I would like to reintroduce and welcome to the office Ms. Yesica Gomez. Ms. Gomez will be our new part-time office assistant. 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.

Boy's Basketball Update: Just an FYI, the boy's basketball team will have a new basketball coach. Carlos M Larin, Davian Peon Del Valle's uncle will be taking on task. We so very much appreciate him stepping in so the boys can continue to play and develop their skills within the CYO League.

Check out this book: The Gift of Failure - How the BeSt Paernts 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.

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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 New Ordering Procedure and Software: Food4Thought is switching to their new ordering software accessible with the November menu forward. The new ordering company, (Boonli/ formally known as OrderLunches.com) will be able to assist parents before the 1st of November. They have live support as well as Customer Service Reps who answer calls and address any issues you may have. See the How to Flier for details. 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**

See the November calendar for the San Pablo Library attached. There are some wonderful activities for both kids and adults!

Citywide Veteran's Day event: Please find the attached flyer for the City of San Pablo's Veterans Day event. It will be held on Saturday, November 11th from 10am until Noon at San Pablo City Hall (13831 San Pablo Ave.). The event will start with a presentation of the colors by De Anza High School Air Force JROTC. Songs will be performed by the East Bay Singers from Cal State East Bay. The event will include speakers, giveaways and light refreshments.