

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



December 20, 2017

Last Issue
of the Year!

- Wed Dec 20: All students - Wear Red and Green/Christmas accessories
 Thur Dec 21: All classes who have their classroom door decorated - FREE Dress
 Fri Dec 22: Noon Dismissal and No After-care - out for Christmas break!
 Faith Families - All have FREE Dress
 Mon Jan 8: School Resumes
 December 2017 tuition payment due by 4pm.
 Wed Jan 10: African American Heritage Meeting at 6:30pm in 4th grade
 Fri Jan 12: No School / Teacher in Service Day

Prayer for the Final Week of Advent

As we approach our 4th week of Advent we hope you are able to take some time with your family to reflect on the blessings God has given you and to prepare for the gift of Jesus brought into our lives as inspiration to become more loving, more grateful, more useful, more giving and more appreciative believers as Jesus inspires us to be.



As we struggle through the demands of our daily jobs and the many things that tug on our time and hearts: our families, friends and the world around us, remember that Christ is always at our side, walking with us on our journey and carrying us when the load is too heavy to bear.

We are honored to be partners with you in the mission of Catholic education because our shared efforts reflect the bright light of Christ and by word and deed we let it shine through our students and through you. We thank you... amidst the hustle and bustle of Christmas programs and busy moments of planning and wrapping... we thank you for your faith, partnership and commitment!

This will be our last Panther's Tale for 2017. May the peace and joy of this Christmas Season fill your hearts with gladness. Enjoy your holidays and cherish the time with your family and friends! Happy Advent, Merry Christmas, and an abundance of blessings in 2018!

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW and/or TAKE ACTION

Celebrate the Holiday and dress like Christmas: On Wednesday, December 20th, the student council wants all students to Wear Red and Green and/or any clothing and accessories that visually "say Christmas", and get Free hot chocolate and a candy cane at Recess! NOTE: If it rains, we will give hot chocolate to everyone on Thursday!

Presale tickets for Father Daughter Dance: On Friday, Jan 26th, we will hold our Father (Special friend)/ Daughter dinner on Friday January 26th at 6pm. **Presale Tickets on sale until tomorrow December 21st.** Tickets are \$10 per person, but will increase in cost at the beginning of the year. A photo of the adult and child will be included per couple. You will receive PPH for helping to plan this important event. This special semi-formal event

for girls and their significant other males will include professional pictures, dinner, and dancing and fun activities. Stay tuned for more details to come.

Annual Giving is the Season for giving: In this Christmas season, we are asking each family to reach out to alumni, their friends and extended families to give. Gifts of any size make a big difference, but we ask that you consider a tax deductible donation of \$250 or more if you are able. Each dollar that is donated over the \$100 contribution required by each family will be matched by a generous donor. You can easily contribute to the school via our website at www.st-paulschool.org. Just click on the Annual Giving Fund on the home page and follow the prompts.

Spirit Gear: As a reminder, the second order of Spirit Gear will arrive just after the Christmas break. Thank you for your patience.

Reminder: Winter ELP has been canceled due to lack of interest in the program. We are very sorry if this decision has caused any inconvenience.

Regarding Hair Styles for Boys: Neat, clean, and moderate (at the discretion of the administration); no altering of the child's natural hair color; hair must be off the face. Boys' hair must be above the eyebrows, above the ears, and above the collar. No excessively long hair or pony tails for boys. Spiking hair longer than 1" is not permitted. Shaving graphics into the hair is not allowed.

Check Lost and Found before the break: If your child is missing a jacket or any other article of clothing, please take the time to look through the lost and found rack. We will be gathering the clothing and donating it to the Richmond Rescue Mission.

2018-2019 Enrollment will be open January 8, 2018: Each year all existing families will have to re-enroll their students in school for the upcoming school year. Go on to the website on the right hand side of the home page at www.st-paulschool.org

Apply for Financial Aid for the 2018-2019 school year: Any and all families seeking financial aid from outside entities such as FACE, BASIC and the school, must complete a financial aid application. The application is Due March 16th to be considered for tuition assistance. Preliminary assessments for online applications are available immediately upon submission. Final assessments are provided as soon as FACTS have received the necessary documentation for your application. The standard processing time is two-weeks once all applicable tax documents have been submitted. You can find the link on our webpage at www.st-paulschool.org
Please contact the office if you would like to schedule one-on-one system training. See flier now under the section, *Weekly Fliers* under the Parent Portal.

December 2017 Tuition payment: Merry Christmas from the office...your December 2017 tuition payment due by Monday January 8, 2018 by 4pm. After that time your payment will be considered late and late charges will be incurred.

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Save the Date for our Annual Auction for Education and Gala: The Theme is *Gala Casino Royale* at the Richmond Country Club, it will be amazing. The date is Saturday, May 19, 2018 - **19 weeks to go!** Please go to signup.com ahead of time and sign up if you need PPH hours. We want to be able to make sure that we place you in tasks for you to fulfill your hours.

FYI: The followings meetings are coming up:

- **Auction for Education:**
- **African American Heritage Committee:** Wednesday, January 10th at 6:30pm in the 4th grade classroom
- **Our next PTG Meeting:** Tuesday, January 16th at 6:00pm 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, January 23rd at 6:30pm in the 4th grade classroom.

St. Paul/ELP Family Night and Dinner: Mark your calendar on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 from 6:00 to 7:30pm. We are excited to showcase the opportunities and activities your children are learning while being in the 21st Century Expanded Day Program. We will serve spaghetti and will have a short presentation....dinner is on us! *We will ask you to sign up for the event when you sign out your child from ELP.*

GOOD TO KNOW!

LAST CHANCE: 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



Our Annual Christmas Pageant: Thank you all so very much for your support or your children. Last Friday we gathered to celebrate the gifts of our children and community at Salesian College Prep. It was the highlight of the season. I am so very proud of each and every student. Thank you to all parents who helped set up and again for Nicole and Jennifer for the "Out of this World" Dessert Bar!

Door Decorating Contest: Thanks to the collective and collaborative efforts of all parents who devoted their time and talents to share Holiday Cheer with the Celebration of Christmas in the halls of St. Paul School. Each classroom presented an outstanding Holiday Door. Certificates will be presented at assembly on Thursday.

Check out the Parent Resource Section on our Website: New information about helping your children create goals as well as other great research based articles has been uploaded under the parent resource section...be sure to check it out....Password is "pantherpride"

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.

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

Sign up for Spring Baseball through Tara Hills Baseball. We hope they will practice some days at St. Paul Field after daylight savings time in March.

See flier for the sign up information not posted in our Weekly Flier section under the Parent Portal.

Merry Christmas and may you have the Happiest of New Years!

