



September 20, 2017

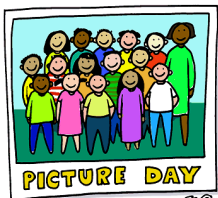
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Wed Sept 20: Picture Day!
 Fri Sept 22: Faith Families and FREE DRESS for everyone
 First Day of Autumn!
 Mon Sept 25: All Enrichment classes begin this week
 SPA/CYO Sports Information Night for Volleyball and Boys Basketball at 6:30pm
 Tues Sept 26: Volleyball practice begins
 Wed Sept 27: Fall Festival meeting at 6:30pm in 4th grade
 Fri Sept 29: Blue Mass sponsored by the scouts honoring 1st Responders
 Mon Oct 2: Xfit - Crossfit After school class begins
 Tues Oct 3: KungFu Afterschool class begins
 Wed Oct 4: Blessing of the Animals at 11:30am in the back lot
 Noon dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences
 Thur Oct 5: Noon dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences
 Fri Oct 6: Noon dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences

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

Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we embrace these autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet remind us of the brevity of this earthly life. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life. May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds remind us that you call us to follow your will. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW and/or TAKE ACTION

1.

Picture Day is tomorrow: Must wear full uniform with a blue sweater or sweatshirt. At that time the photographer will take an aerial picture of the entire school from the roof top. That picture will also be available for sale for you. Please send the form and check made out to Kurt Burton for your purchase.

2. There was a mistake in the mass calendar...this Friday we will hold our 1st Faith Family gathering. All students will receive FREE DRESS as they will each Faith Family Day. Faith families is when the 8th graders take a leadership position and teach a lesson to students from each class. The lesson is in line with our Student Learning

Expectations (SLEs). This once a month event is very powerful for the students learning from one another across grade levels. We will pass along the members of each Faith Family to create adult families. We will supply parent emails of these families to create communication and conversation across grade levels for parents.

3. 2017-18 Enrichment Classes: All Enrichment classes begin in the next two weeks. Ceramics class begins this Friday of September 22nd. 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 sign up your children.

4. CYO sports at SPS: SPA/CYO Sports Information Night is scheduled on September 25th for Volleyball and Boys Basketball at 6:30pm Basketball and Volleyball sign-ups for both boys and girls in 3rd to 8th grades. If you have any questions please phone our Athletic Director Joel Saefong at Jsaefong07@gmail.com... See fliers for details.

5. SPS Events for the Year: Please take note of the events that classes are assigned to this year:

Gala/Auction- TK and Kinder, lead = Vania

Multicultural Week- 1st grade,

Bookfaire- 2nd grade = Rachel and Henry Hussey

Fun Run-3rd grade =

Father/Daughter Dance- 4th grade = Nicole Ruiz

Fall Festival- 5th and 7th grade lead= Amber

Teacher Appreciation-6th grade lead= Angelica

Breakfast w/ Santa- 8th grade = Ibeth and Maria

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

1. Fall Festival Update: Parents we encourage you to attend the next Fall Festival meeting scheduled on Wed. Sept 27th at 6:30pm. Please take the donation letter to local businesses for donations or to see if they would like to host a booth. We can't do it without their help!! See donation letter and flyer attached. Click here to sign up to help out or donate <http://signup.com/go/cKTjeEr>

2. Calendar Change: Sept 29 is no longer a noon dismissal day, the teacher professional development training has been canceled. Thank you

3. Blessing of the Animals: Oct 4th at 11:30am the priests will bless your animal in honor of the Feast of St. Francis. See flier for details.

4. 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>

5. Parent Teacher Conferences: Wednesday Oct 4 thru Friday, Oct 6th are noon dismissal days for Parent Teacher conferences. You will be receiving a reminder note sent home with your child next week.

GOOD TO KNOW!

1. Thank you: for walking in the parade last weekend at the El Sobrante Stroll. We had a great turnout. Thanks for showing the community how wonderful St. Paul School is!

2. PTG meeting notes: Live in the Parent Portal under PTG minutes.



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

2. Recap on important information from Back to School Night:

- You can find almost everything on our Website - www.st-paulschool.org.
- Please see the flier with detailed instructions as to how to navigate our site.
- ParentPortal password is pantherpride
- Learn about how to set up and navigate Power school:
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yk9UBBJ4BP8>
- Grades TK- 2nd grades: Check your child's folder each night for homework and notes from teachers
- Students in grades 3-8th have planners that they write their homework in. Please check their planners and look over their homework each night
- Standards based report card Handbook can be found under the academic tab on the website.
- Fr. Anthony shared text about "Forgiveness" if is up on the website under Parents> Education. It is also attached as a flier to this Panther's Tale

3. Important Reminder: During drop off in the morning, please help us get all vehicles off the street and onto the lot by driving all the way up to the sign located near the middle school. Please do not stall the line by allowing your child to leave the car in the middle of the line. In the afternoon...drive all the way up so we can get as many cars in as well. Please do not leave your car. We will bring your child to the car. If you do not pick up your child, please pass this information along to those who do pick up your child. We appreciate your cooperation.

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.

5. Out of uniform: Sweats are only allowed on the day your child has PE it is not to replace uniform pants. Boys will need to wear a belt to keep their pants on their waist. Students will be issued Uniform Infractions for breaking the SPS uniform rules. Uniform changes: Adding to Shaving graphics into the hair is not allowed.

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



7. Remind your children to do a little each day and read...

8. You are encouraged to always check the **school calendar on our website - www.st-pauschool.org**. This year we are indicating all the masses, fieldtrips and days off. It will be the most up-to date changes and additions.

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. Community Opportunity and Fun: Saturday, September 23rd

join Urban Tilth and East Bay Regional Parks District for a FREE Camp 101 day at Point Pinole Regional Shoreline Park at 5551 Giant Highway in Richmond at 10am-1pm. There will be free food, music, entertainment, tent set up, camping skills, outdoor cooking skills, naturalist guide, and more!