



September 6, 2017

1<sup>st</sup> Day of School

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- Fri Sept 8: Breakfast with the Principal  
Mass sponsored by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
BAKE SALE sponsored by 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Sun Sept 10: All School mass at 10:30 sponsored by 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Mon Sept 11: Back to School Night at 6:30pm
- Tues Sept 12: Board Mtg at 6:30pm in 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Wed Sept 13: Fall Festival Mtg at 6:30pm in 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Sun Sept 17: El Sobrante Stroll from 10-4pm
- Wed Sept 20: Picture Day!

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

**Prayer**

Lord, you said that when two or three would gather together in your name, then you would be present with them. I am praying by myself but I am uniting myself with many individual Christians throughout the world who, though separate, are gathered together in another sense to pray to you, and I trust that you are with me now. Amen

1. **Parent Skill and Talent Survey:** Thank you to all parents who completed the survey. Those children whose parents participated will bring home a pass to receive FREE DRESS tomorrow, Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.
2. **Bake Sale on Friday:** The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is sponsoring a Bake Sale. Please support them and purchase "Homemade" items such as brownies, cupcakes and cookies will be sold for \$0.25 to \$1.00 available at both recess and lunch. *See flier for details.*
3. **ELP Update:**
  - Parents please remember the earliest you can pick up us starting at 5:45pm unless prior arrangements have been made with Ms. Victoria.  
If you need to pick up your child early from ELP please email Ms. Victoria at [vcooper@csdo.org](mailto:vcooper@csdo.org) or call her.
  - ELP is currently looking for 2 program leaders to lead two of our groups and Ms. Victoria, Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Palmer have been stepping in until the positions are filled. We are hoping within the next two weeks that the positions will be filled. Until the positions are filled please bear with us if you are in picking your child up or early or if you may have any questions or concerns.
  - Currently we have 120 students attending ELP and we have five students on the waitlist. If you have not turned in your enrollment forms or were not able to make it to the mandatory meeting your child will be placed on the waitlist and will be notified once a spot is open. We understand that this may cause a

hardship for your family and we are working towards a solution and will provide this information to you as soon as possible.

#### 4. Welcome New Staff:

- We are happy to welcome Mr. Frank Tucker who will teach our 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders Computer Science and Coding. Mr. Tucker comes to us with extensive knowledge as a computer programmer and technician owning his business as consulting and repairing systems. He will begin teaching next Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Daria Wrubel has joined our staff as our new counselor. Please see the introduction letter from Daria. Also included is a parent permission form. Students were given them to give you to sign. I have included another copy to download in case you do not have one. Please turn it into the office by Monday, September. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Breakfast with the Principal:** Join us for a light Breakfast and a prayer with the Principal held this Friday of the month from 8:00 to 8:50am. This monthly activity is a great chance to meet other parents and extended family members. We often engage in several topics of conversation ranging from academic conversation, questions about school policy, and volunteer opportunities to brainstorming, "what if" sessions and just spending time getting to know one another.

#### 6. CYO sports at SPS:

- Basketball and Volleyball sign-ups for both boys and girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades. If you have any questions please phone our Athletic Director Joel Saefong at Jsaeffong07@gmail.com... *See flier for details.*
- Cross Country: If you are interested in signing up your Kindergartner - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students please email Coach Cruz at [nacruz@comcast.net](mailto:nacruz@comcast.net) *See flier for details.*

**7. Back to School Night:** Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> is our 2017-2018 Back to School Night. Please attend so to receive an overview of class and teacher expectations to ensure your child's success. We will meet in the church first at 6:30pm for Welcome and introductions and an overview of this school year. This important information event is for parents and guardians only. There will be no childcare. *See flier for details.*

**8. Board and PTG:** Thank you to all who came to the PTG meeting last night. We are very excited to have so much enthusiasm and strong leadership. Please attend the Board meeting coming up Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We need your ideas and your passion. *See flier for details.*

**9. DACA from Bishop Barber:** Please see the letter in English and Spanish from the Bishop. *See attached.*

**10. Volunteer:** Go to [www.st-paulschool.org](http://www.st-paulschool.org) > Parents > Volunteer > click on Sign up.com and sign up!



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

**12. El Sobrante Stroll:** We need you to show some Panther Pride! Please come support the school and march in the parade for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual El Sobrante Stroll on Sun, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> - 10 am to 4 pm. Sign up on Signup.com to MARCH IN THE PARADE and/or work at the school's information table. Wear your spirit gear or SPS sports jersey, bring your friends and family, and show the crowd your St. Paul School spirit. *See flier for details.*

13. **Lunch Program at St. Paul School:** Food4Thought Lunch program offers both hot and cold lunch options daily. Please log in at [www.f4tc.com](http://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.

14. You are encouraged to always **check the school calendar on our website** - [www.st-pauschool.org](http://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.

15. Ms. Sandoval-Huff's name is in this week's Catholic Voice for her 30 years of service. We are so very proud of her dedication to Catholic Education and to St. Paul School for 16 years.

<http://www.catholicvoiceoakland.org/2017/09-04/frontpage1.htm>

16. **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.

17. **"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.

18. 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!



19.

*Upcoming*  
**COMMUNITY  
EVENTS**

**The San Pablo Library** is open! You need to go check it out!

<http://richmondstandard.com/2017/08/19/new-san-pablo-library-celebrates-grand-opening/>

**Wells Community Health and Wellness Fair:** Join Catholic Charities of the East Bay for this free event includes health screenings, a resource fair, Zumba classes, wellness workshops, food trucks, and activities for kids!

Saturday, September 9, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Sylvester Greenwood Academy, 831 Chanslor Ave., Richmond

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**Back to School Closet 2016:** The San Pablo Youth Commission hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School Closet on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at Davis Park from 10am to 1pm. The event attracted over 350 children, youth and their parents, who received free gently-used clothing, shoes, toys, books and other items. For the first time, the Back to School Closet also included a resource fair, which offered free flu shots from Walgreens, sample produce from Fresh Approach, and information on local agencies. Children ages 5 to 13 participated in a Jump Rope Contest and eight contestants won backpacks with school supplies. At the end of the event, staff raffled ten new

backpacks and three gently used bikes. Families were very appreciative, making it a heartwarming event for everyone involved.