



January 10, 2018
First Issue
of the Year!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed Jan 10: African American Heritage Meeting at 6:30pm in 4th grade
 Fri Jan 12: No School / Teacher in Service Day
 Mon Jan 15: No School / in honor of Martin Luther King
 Tues Jan 16: PTG meeting at 6:30pm in 4th grade room
 Wed Jan 17: Multi-cultural week planning committee at 6:30p
 Fri Jan 19: 2nd Trimester Progress Reports
 Tues Jan 23: Board Meeting at 6:30pm in 4th grade room
 Auction for Education meeting at 6:30pm
 Fri Jan 26: St. Paul Science Fair - grades 6th - 8th grades
 Father/ Daughter Dance

Prayer for the New Year!

It is hope, like the anchor referenced in Hebrews, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure" that steadies us in our faith and calls us to remain steadfast in our lives.

May our Heavenly Father grant us peace. United in one faith, may we begin 2018 with a renewed sense of hope in the possibilities and promises that were assured to us through our baptism and in the witness we provide for our family, our friendships, our community and our school. When challenges come our way, may us meet them with hope and joy through the grace of God.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. -Romans 12:12

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW and/or TAKE ACTION

Mandatory Survey regarding Afterschool care: Please take 3 min to complete the survey below. We would like to better serve your needs with a financially attractive Panthers club. We will use your input from the survey to implement changes. Please have the survey complete by January 19th. If you would like to be a part of this discussion, please come to this month's Board meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd at 6:30pm. We hope to implement changes for the month of February.

Please cut and paste the link below into your browser. Thank you so very much for your efforts and time.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9rNlpoC64Cxeqwgsshh0kVrIWVG2cYrmWdS8oSDwnKGHEnQ/viewform>

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 will be available until this Thursday for \$10 per attendee. Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 16th tickets will increase to \$12 per ticket (for both the male adult and the female student).** This special semi-formal event for girls and their significant other males will include professional pictures, dinner, and dancing and fun activities. Please go to SignUp.com for volunteer opportunities.

Intent to Return and Registration for 2018-2019: The Intent to Return form is being sent home to you this week with your child. Please ask them for it, if needed, it is attached for your convenience. This form is not a contract rather a way for us to gauge how many spots will be open in a class for next year so we do not over accept children. It is important for us to maintain our community that we have all grown to cherish. If you are undecided I hope that you will take the time to let me know why so I may use that information to continue to best serve you. Thank you for your time. Please send it back into the office and **go on to the website on the right hand side of the home page at www.st-paulschool.org and register your student through Infosnap for next year by Feb. 16th.**

Give a GreatSchools Review: Thank you to all parents who have provided a review in the past. We need your opinion again! We are beginning our new campaign for our 2018-2019 school year. We are very excited about the changes we have made this year to better serve our students with high academic expectations, opportunities to discover with creativity and social/emotional growth. Please go to www.greatschools.org and take a few minutes to complete a review of the school. Print the review turn it into the office and **get one PPH hour** for your time and effort. Follow the instructions attached.

"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.

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.

Annual Giving is the Season for Giving: 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.

[PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR](#)

New Xfit Afterschool enrichment class Opportunity: Xfit will switch their Lil' Ninja Warrior Training program from Mondays to Fridays at 2:15pm starting February 9th. That day, your child can check out the class for FREE open to all students that are interested in the program. The current students seem to really like the new program.

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 - **17 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:** Tuesday, January 23rd at 5:30pm
- **Multi-Cultural Week Planning Meeting:** Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30pm
- **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.

GOOD TO KNOW!

Safety: Due to the recent seismic activity, please take a look at this preparedness check list. You may want to print it out and put it on your fridge. See attached.

Spirit Gear: If you have placed a second order, Spirit Gear will be distributed through your teacher this week.

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 were presented at assembly prior to the break.

I am so thankful for the room and classroom parents who worked so hard to convey the spirit of Christmas in a decorated classroom door....We are so proud to recognize the winners of the following categories:

Preschool: "Santa Workshop with his elves"

Computer lab: "A Moose of a Christmas Party"

TK room: Santa coming down the chimney - "Have you been good girls and boys?"

Kindergarten room: "Peace, Hope, Love and Joy - this is the Christmas Spirit"

1st grade: "Elves on a Shelf, "Who is watching you?"

2nd grade: "We Shine for Jesus - Christmas lights brighten up the Holidays"

3rd grade: "Home Alone"

4th grade: "Santa in the Chimney, Watch Out"

5th grade: "Ho, Ho, Ho" - Waiting for my Hogwart's letter..."

6th grade: "The Three Kings being led by Brilliant Stars"

7th grade: "We wish you a Merry Christmas"

8th grade: "Rudolph in the Dark - Merry Christmas"

Ms. Palmer's Office: "Preparation for the birth of Christ - For unto us a child is born"

All classes will get FREE DRESS on Thursday, January 11, 2018

1st: Place: Kindergarten door

2nd: Place: 1st grade door

3rd Place: 5th grade door

These three classes will receive ice treats on January 11, 2018

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!

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.